



House of Commons

Wednesday 4 June 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Scotland
(2) the Prime Minister
- 2 Statements: (1) Regional growth (Darren Jones)
(2) Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (Mr Hamish Falconer)
- 3 Gaza (independent public inquiry): 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 for establishing an independent public inquiry into UK involvement in Israeli military operations in Gaza; to require the inquiry to consider any UK military, economic or political cooperation with Israel since October 2023, including the sale, supply or use of weapons, surveillance aircraft and Royal Air Force bases; to provide the inquiry with the power to question Ministers and officials about decisions taken in relation to UK involvement; and for connected purposes;

That Jeremy Corbyn, Ayoub Khan, Mr Adnan Hussain, Shockat Adam, Zarah Sultana, Apsana Begum, Brian Leishman, Richard Burgon, Kim Johnson, Ellie Chowns, Ann Davies and Brendan O'Hara present the Bill.

Jeremy Corbyn accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 4 July, and to be printed (Bill 254).

- 4 Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [Lords]: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC1—(*Gareth Snell*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

New Clause NC4—(*Sarah Olney*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 211

Ayes: 171 (Tellers: Susan Murray, Tessa Munt)

Noes: 274 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

Amendment 16 proposed.—(*Dame Harriett Baldwin.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 212

Ayes: 100 (Tellers: Mr Andrew Snowden, Gregory Stafford)

Noes: 339 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

As it was less than one hour before the moment of interruption, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Consideration to a conclusion (Programme Order, 1 April).

The following Question was put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83E).

That Amendment 24 be made (Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Dame Harriett Baldwin.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 213

Ayes: 164 (Tellers: Mr Andrew Snowden, Gregory Stafford)

Noes: 273 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

Consideration completed.

5 Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [Lords]: Third Reading

Motion made and Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Division No. 214

Ayes: 264 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Anna Turley)

Noes: 99 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Gregory Stafford)

Question agreed to and Bill passed with Amendments.

6 Deferred Divisions

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 41A(3)), That, at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of James Murray relating to Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill: Money.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill: Money

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) 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.—(*Rushanara Ali.*)

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Investigatory Powers (Codes of Practice, Review of Notices and Technical Advisory Board) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 31 March, be approved.—*(Christian Wakeford.)*

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Contracts for Difference (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 2 April, be approved.—*(Christian Wakeford.)*

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision on the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until Wednesday 11 June (Standing Order No. 41A).

9 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to early detection of pancreatic cancer was presented and read by Wendy Chamberlain.

10 Adjournment

Subject: Street parking on estates in Bracknell Forest (Peter Swallow)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—*(Christian Wakeford.)*

Adjourned at 7.27 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Private Business

11 Examination of Bills brought from the House of Lords (Standing Order 74)

Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable:

Norwich Livestock Market [Lords]

Bill to be read a second time.

General Committees: Reports

12 Licensing Hours Extensions Bill Committee

Sir John Hayes (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered tomorrow.

13 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

David Mundell (Chair) reported the draft Payment Services and Payment Accounts (Contract Termination) (Amendment) 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).

14 Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill Committee

Members: Rushanara Ali, Dr Scott Arthur, Irene Campbell, Wendy Chamberlain, Harriet Cross, Graeme Downie, Mark Ferguson, Peter Fortune, Tracy Gilbert, Graham Leadbitter, Charlie Maynard, Chris Murray, Joani Reid, Martin Rhodes, Greg Smith, Euan Stainbank and Kirsteen Sullivan

15 Mental Health Bill Committee

Members: Chris Bloore, Aphra Baudreth, David Burton-Sampson, Dr Danny Chambers, Jen Craft, Josh Dean, Anna Dixon, Dr Luke Evans, Zöe Franklin, Leigh Ingham, Sojan Joseph, Stephen Kinnock, Joe Morris, Taiwo Owatemi, Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst, Gregory Stafford and Rosie Wrighting

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 (Extension of Duration of Non-jury Trial Provisions) Order 2025)

Members: Fleur Anderson, Josh Babarinde, Mrs Sureena Brackenridge, Alex Burghart, Lizzi Collinge, Charlie Dewhirst, Cat Eccles, Mr Richard Holden, Taiwo Owatemi, Dr Al Pinkerton, Jo Platt, Mr Connor Rand, Martin Rhodes, Matt Rodda, Robin Swann, David Taylor and John Whitby

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers) Regulations 2025)

Members: James Asser, Catherine Atkinson, David Baines, Alex Ballinger, Sarah Bool, Jade Botterill, Graeme Downie, Tracy Gilbert, Dan Jarvis, Katie Lam, Kit Malthouse, Keir Mather, Lisa Smart, Rebecca Smith, Luke Taylor, Tony Vaughan and Jo White

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

Members: Daisy Cooper discharged and Mr Joshua Reynolds nominated in substitution.

Orders relating to Select Committee Reports

19 International Development Committee

The Order (11 February) for publishing written evidence submitted by the NRC on Humanitarian access and adherence to international humanitarian law (HC 526), reported by the International Development Committee on 11 February, was read and discharged.

Select Committees: Reports

20 Business and Trade Committee

Correspondence relating to a further session on UK arms exports: Written evidence received by the Sub-Committee, to be published (Liam Byrne).

21 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

- (1) *The cost of energy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 736);
- (2) *Building support for the energy transition*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 734);
- (3) *Correspondence from the Department*: Written evidence, to be published (Bill Esterson).

22 Environmental Audit Committee

- (1) *Environmental sustainability and housing growth*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 439);
- (2) *Environmental protection policies of DEFRA*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 805);
- (3) *Governing the marine environment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 551) (Mr Toby Perkins).

23 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *The First 1000 Days: a renewed focus*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 802);
- (2) *Black maternal health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 895);
- (3) *The work of the Care Quality Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 562) (Paulette Hamilton).

24 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

- (1) *The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 586);
- (2) *The operation of the Windsor Framework*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 491) (Tonia Antoniazzi).

25 Procedure Committee

- (1) *Written parliamentary questions: Departmental performance in Session 2024–25*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 828);
- (2) *Call lists*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 536);
- (3) *Electronic voting*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 710);
- (4) *Status of independent Members of Parliament*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 534) (Cat Smith).

26 Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) *Problem drug use in Scotland follow-up: Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 630);
- (2) *Correspondence with the First Minister of Scotland relating to the invitation to give oral evidence on the state of intergovernmental relations*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Industrial transition in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 729);
- (4) *Scotland Office and the Office of the Advocate General 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published

(Patricia Ferguson).

27 Speaker's Conference

Speaker's Conference on the security of candidates, MPs and elections: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 570) (The Speaker).

28 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

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

29 Treasury Committee

Work of HM Revenue and Customs: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 416) (Dame Meg Hillier).

30 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) *Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and opportunities: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 785);*
- (2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Water and Flooding relating to the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal: Written evidence, to be published;*
- (3) *The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past: Written evidence, to be published (HC 560);*
- (4) *Wales Office 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum: Written evidence, to be published (Ruth Jones).*

31 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *Equality at work: Shared parental leave and paternity leave: Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 502);*
- (2) *Female entrepreneurship: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 711);*
- (3) *Correspondence from the Equality and Human Rights Commission relating to its code of practice: Written evidence, to be published;*
- (4) *Evidence base on the safety and effectiveness of puberty blockers: Written evidence, to be published (HC 503);*
- (5) *Misogyny in music: On repeat: Written evidence, to be published (HC 573);*
- (6) *Tackling non-consensual intimate image abuse: Written evidence, to be published (HC 336)*

(Sarah Owen).

32 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) *Pensioner poverty: challenges and mitigations: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 465);*
- (2) *Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the Pensions Investment Review: Written evidence, to be published;*
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Employment relating to Flexible Support Fund expenditure: Written evidence, to be published;*
- (4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Pensions relating to the recruitment of the Chair of the Pensions Regulator: Written evidence, to be published;*

(5) *Get Britain Working: Pathways to Work*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 837);
(6) *Get Britain Working: Reforming Jobcentres*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 653);
(7) *Pensions Dashboard*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 742)
(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 Government support for disadvantaged communities

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Government support for disadvantaged communities.—(*Mrs Sureena Brackenridge*.)

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)).

At 11 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

2 Performance of the Environment Agency in the East of England

Resolved, That this House has considered the performance of the Environment Agency in the East of England.—(*Steve Barclay*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.26 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Impact of changes to business rates relief on high street businesses

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of changes to business rates relief on high street businesses.—(*Sir Gavin Williamson*.)

4 Government support for prosecutions relating to violence against women and girls in the West Midlands

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for prosecutions relating to violence against women and girls in the West Midlands.—(*Warinder Juss*.)

5 Government support for swimming facilities

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Government support for swimming facilities.—(*Joe Robertson*.)

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 swimming facilities.

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

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Environmental Protection

Draft Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment, etc.) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Electricity

Electricity (Individual Exemption from the Requirement for a Supply Licence) (JG Pears Power Limited) (England) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 638), dated 2 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

3 Exiting the European Union

Immigration (Citizens' Rights Appeals) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 639), dated 2 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Other papers

4 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Improving local areas through developer funding (by Act), to be printed (HC 945) (Clerk of the House)

5 Planning

Initial proposal for an amended National Policy Statement for Ports (by Act) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

6 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums

Fourth Report in 2025 from the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission on the Work of the Committee for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 935) (The Speaker)