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House of Commons

Monday 16 June 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Contingencies Fund Account 2024–25

Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Contingencies Fund 2024–25, showing:

1. A Statement of Financial Position
2. A Statement of Cash Flows and
3. Notes to the Accounts; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(*Vicky Foxcroft*.)

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

3 Statements: (1) Group-based child sexual exploitation: Casey Report

(2) Iran and Israel conflict (Secretary David Lammy)

(3) Government response to the Air India crash (Mr Hamish Falconer)

4 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting,

(i) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion in the name of Lucy Powell relating to Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme (Policy Framework and Assurance Board) not later than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings on that Motion may be entered upon and may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply; and

(ii) the business determined by the Backbench Business Committee may be proceeded with for up to two hours, or until 10.00pm, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of; those proceedings may be entered upon and may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Lucy Powell.*)

5 Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme (Policy Framework and Assurance Board)

Resolved, That this House notes the report of the House of Commons Commission entitled Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme: Policy Framework and ICGS Assurance Board (HC 579), further notes the Decisions of the Commission on 12 May, and agrees:

(1) That the ICGS Policy Framework in respect of bullying, harassment and sexual misconduct annexed to the Commission report shall have effect from 14 July 2025.

(2) There shall be a body called the ICGS Assurance Board.

(3) The ICGS Assurance Board shall conduct assurance of the Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme on behalf of the parliamentary community, in accordance with terms of reference published by the House of Commons Commission on 17 December 2024.

(4) The terms of reference of the Assurance Board may be varied by agreement between the House of Commons Commission and the House of Lords Commission.

(5) The ICGS Assurance Board shall consist of:

(a) the Clerk Assistant,

(b) the Clerk Assistant of the House of Lords,

(c) the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards,

(d) the Chair of the Independent Expert Panel,

(e) a Member of the House of Commons who is a member of the House of Commons Commission, appointed by the Commission,

(f) a Member of the House of Lords who is a member of the House of Lords Commission,

(g) a representative of the House of Lords Conduct Committee, and

(h) a representative of the human resources department from each House Administration.

(6) The ICGS Assurance Board shall have authority to approve ICGS Procedures, in accordance with the ICGS Policy Framework, provided that:

(a) nothing in the ICGS Procedures document may amend or override provisions in the Policy Framework;

(b) procedures cannot create new obligations for individuals' conduct.

(7) The policies and procedures relating to bullying and harassment and sexual misconduct endorsed by the House on 19 July 2018 and amended on 17 July 2019, 28 April 2021 and 26 April 2022 shall cease to have effect on 14 July 2025, save that they shall continue to apply to any complaints

received on or before 13 July 2025.—(*Lucy Powell.*)

6 Backbench Business (Unallotted day)

Windrush Day 2025

Resolved, That this House has considered Windrush Day 2025.—(*Helen Hayes.*)

7 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Stephen Flynn be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Dave Doogan be added.—(*Chris Elmore, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

8 Adjournment

Subject: Phasing out of animal experiments in medical research (*Irene Campbell*)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gen Kitchen.*)

At 10 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gen Kitchen.*)

Adjourned at 10.07 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

9 Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Statutory Instruments Act 1946; to make provision for the conditional amendment of statutory instruments; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Changes to Notices Given

10 Access to Telecommunications Networks Bill

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

General Committees: Reports

11 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Wera Hobhouse (Chair) reported the draft Casinos (Gaming Machines and Mandatory Conditions) 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 Casinos (Gaming Machines and Mandatory Conditions) Regulations 2025)

Members: Harriet Cross and Mr Lee Dillon discharged and Liz Jarvis and Jerome Mayhew nominated in substitution.

13Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) (Threshold Amount) (Amendment) Order 2025)

Members: Mr Connor Rand discharged and Alison Hume nominated in substitution.

14Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Mergers Involving Newspaper Enterprises and Foreign Powers) Regulations 2025)

Members: Liz Jarvis discharged and Mr Lee Dillon nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

15Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

Correspondence with Ofgem relating to the Radio Teleswitch Service: Written evidence, to be published (Bill Esterson).

16Foreign Affairs Committee

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 488) (Emily Thornberry).

17Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) *The Future of the Equipment Plan*: Thirty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 716);
- (2) *Supporting the UK's priority industry sectors*: Thirty-third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1070);
- (3) *Department for Business and Trade Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24*: Thirty-fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 818);
- (4) *MoD's oversight of Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 893);
- (5) *Condition and maintenance of local roads in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 349);
- (6) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive and First Permanent Secretary of HM Revenue and Customs relating to the updated Making Tax Digital Accounting*

Officer Assessment: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) Correspondence from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury relating to the launch of a permanent UK-wide Mortgage Guarantee Scheme: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) Water sector regulation: Written evidence, to be published (HC 824)

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

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 Use of cages and crates for farmed animals

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 706302 relating to the use of

cages and crates for farmed animals.—(*Irene Campbell.*)

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

Adjourned at 6.19 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Local Government

Draft Local Audit (Amendment of Definition of Smaller Authority) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jim McMahon)

Other papers

2 Animal Welfare (Sentience)

Government Response to the Report of the Animal Sentience Committee on the due regard to animal welfare: Legislative compliance and enforcement (by Act) (Secretary Steve Reed)

3 Contingencies Fund

Account of the Contingencies Fund for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (pursuant to Order, today), to be printed (HC 921) (James Murray)

4 Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency

Second progress report on the implementation and operation of Parts 1 to 3 of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (by Act) (Justin Madders)

5 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Operational Delivery Profession: Lessons learned: Smarter delivery – improving operational capability to provide better public services (by Act), to be printed (HC 952) (Clerk of the House)

6 National Lottery etc.

Report and Accounts of the National Lottery Distribution Fund Investment Account for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1031) (Clerk of the House)

7 Treasury

Treasury Minutes on Government Responses to the Eighteenth to the Twenty-second Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2024–25 (by Command) (CP 1341) (James Murray)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

(Variations to existing arrangements appear in
bold.)

Member	From	To	Proxy
Kate Osborne	25 April	16 June	Kim Johnson
Patrick Spencer	15 May	14 December	Danny Kruger (17 June and 20 June), Joy Morrissey (18 and 19 June, and from 21 June thereafter)

Member	From	To	Proxy
Claire Coutinho	8 January	3 August	Danny Kruger (17 June and 20 June), Joy Morrissey (18 and 19 June, and from 21 June thereafter)