



House of Commons

Wednesday 25 June 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology
(2) the Prime Minister**

- 2 Urgent Question: Nuclear certified aircraft procurement (Maria Eagle)**

- 3 Armed Forces (Deployment Outside the UK) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Calum Miller presented a Bill to require parliamentary approval for the deployment of UK armed forces outside the UK; to provide for exemptions from that requirement in cases of emergency or in respect of compliance with treaty obligations; to make provision for retrospective parliamentary approval in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 July, and to be printed (Bill 276).

- 4 Festivals Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Max Wilkinson presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to enter into negotiations with the European Union for the purpose of agreeing a visa waiver for UK artists and musicians performing at festivals in EU member states; to make provision to facilitate the movement of artists and musicians, and of their equipment, between the EU and the UK to perform at festivals; to require the Secretary of State to publish a Festivals Strategy; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 July, and to be printed (Bill 277).

- 5 Criminal cases review (public petition): 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 the general public to petition the Criminal Cases Review Commission to review sentences that the petitioners believe to be either too harsh or too lenient; to make provision about the review of such sentences; to make provision about the referral of such cases to the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court; and for connected purposes;

That Richard Tice, Nigel Farage, Lee Anderson, Sarah Pochin and James McMurdock present the Bill.

Richard Tice accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 July, and to be printed (Bill 275).

6 Estimates Day (Standing Order No. 54 and Resolution, 18 June) (3rd allotted day)**(1) Main Estimates 2025–26: Ministry of Justice**

Subject for debate: Spending of the Ministry of Justice on criminal justice

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2026, for expenditure by the Ministry of Justice:

- (1) further resources, not exceeding £8,221,872,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 871 of Session 2024–25,
- (2) further resources, not exceeding £1,367,223,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and
- (3) a further sum, not exceeding £8,813,378,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Sir Nicholas Dakin.*)

Debate concluded and Question deferred until 7 pm (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

(2) Main Estimates 2025–26: Ministry of Defence

Subject for debate: Spending of the Ministry of Defence on the remit of the National Armaments Director

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2026, for expenditure by the Ministry of Defence:

- (1) further resources, not exceeding £28,705,830,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 871 of Session 2024–25,
- (2) further resources, not exceeding £13,278,878,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and
- (3) a further sum, not exceeding £36,416,759,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Maria Eagle.*)

Debate concluded and Question deferred until 7 pm (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

(3) Main Estimates 2025–26: Department for Transport

Subject for debate: Spending of the Department for Transport

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2026, for expenditure by the Department for Transport:

- (1) further resources, not exceeding £13,913,148,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 871 of Session 2024–25,
- (2) further resources, not exceeding £12,296,785,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and
- (3) a further sum, not exceeding £20,121,455,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Debate concluded and Question deferred until 7 pm (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

7 Suspension of sitting

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting until 7 pm.

8 Estimates (Questions deferred)

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 54(6)).

(1) Main Estimate 2025–26: Department for Education

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2026, for expenditure by the Department for Education:

- (1) further resources, not exceeding £50,874,837,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 871 of Session 2024–25,
- (2) further resources, not exceeding £17,317,202,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and
- (3) a further sum, not exceeding £66,974,384,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.

Question agreed to.

(2) Main Estimate 2025–26: Department of Health and Social Care

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2026, for expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Care:

- (1) further resources, not exceeding £102,988,518,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 871 of Session 2024–25,
- (2) further resources, not exceeding £7,761,339,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and
- (3) a further sum, not exceeding £116,089,479,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.

Question agreed to.

(3) Main Estimate 2025–26: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2026, for expenditure by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government:

- (1) further resources, not exceeding £22,916,388,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 871 of Session 2024–25,
- (2) further resources, not exceeding £5,004,997,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and
- (3) a further sum, not exceeding £19,023,317,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.

Question agreed to.

(4) Main Estimate 2025–26: Ministry of Justice

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2026, for expenditure by the Ministry of Justice:

- (1) further resources, not exceeding £8,221,872,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 871 of Session 2024–25,
- (2) further resources, not exceeding £1,367,223,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and
- (3) a further sum, not exceeding £8,813,378,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.

Question agreed to.

(5) Main Estimate 2025–26: Ministry of Defence

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2026, for expenditure by the Ministry of Defence:

- (1) further resources, not exceeding £28,705,830,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 871 of Session 2024–25,
- (2) further resources, not exceeding £13,278,878,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and
- (3) a further sum, not exceeding £36,416,759,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.

Question agreed to.

(6) Main Estimate 2025–26: Department for Transport

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2026, for expenditure by the Department for Transport:

- (1) further resources, not exceeding £13,913,148,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 871 of Session 2024–25,
- (2) further resources, not exceeding £12,296,785,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and
- (3) a further sum, not exceeding £20,121,455,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.

Question agreed to.

9 Remaining Estimates

The following Question was put forthwith (Standing Order No. 55).

Main Estimates 2025–26

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2026:

- (1) further resources, not exceeding £284,938,022,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 604, HC 808, HC 839, HC 858, HC 859, HC 871, and HC 909 of Session 2024–25,
- (2) further resources, not exceeding £38,184,196,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and
- (3) a further sum, not exceeding £219,497,947,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) (No. 2) Bill: Motion to introduce a Bill

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions;

That the Chairman of Ways and Means, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Darren Jones, Emma Reynolds, Torsten Bell, and James Murray introduce the Bill.

James Murray accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the year ending with 31 March 2026; to authorise both the issue of sums out of the Consolidated Fund and the application of income for that year; and to appropriate the supply authorised for that year by this Act and by the Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Act 2025.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed (Bill 274).

11 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Mergers Involving Newspaper Enterprises and Foreign Powers) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 15 May, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

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

Division deferred until Wednesday 2 July (Standing Order No. 41A).

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Combined Authorities (Adult Education Functions) (Amendment) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 19 May, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Protection and Disclosure of Personal Information (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 14 May, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Nuclear Installations (Compensation for Nuclear Damage) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 19 May, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Haemochromatosis screening (Torcuil Crichton)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Adjourned at 7.24 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Private Business

13 Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel) (Standing Order 111, relating to Private Business)

Jessica Morden (Chair) reported, That the Committee of Selection had appointed the following panel of Members from which to select Members to serve on any Committee on Unopposed Bills:

Amanda Martin, Euan Stainbank, Peter Swallow and Chris Vince.

Changes to Notices Given

14 Space Industry (Indemnities) Bill

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 4 July.

*General Committees: Reports***15 Unauthorised Entry to Football Matches Bill Committee**

Martin Vickers (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 11 July.

16 Controlled Drugs (Procedure for Specification) Bill Committee

Dr Andrew Murrison (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered tomorrow.

17 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stuart (Chair) reported the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities etc.) (Amendment) 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).

18 Courts (Remote Hearings) Bill Committee

Members: Dame Karen Bradley, Jacob Collier, Dame Caroline Dinenage, Tom Gordon, Carolyn Harris, Simon Hoare, Peter Lamb, Tom Morrison, Connor Naismith, Andrew Pakes, Mike Reader, Tim Roca, Oliver Ryan, Sarah Sackman, Jim Shannon, Josh Simons and Chris Webb

19 Rare Cancers Bill Committee

Members: Dr Scott Arthur, Phil Brickell, Deirdre Costigan, Ashley Dalton, Josh Fenton-Glynn, Tracy Gilbert, Monica Harding, Paul Holmes, Patrick Hurley, Dr Caroline Johnson, Clive Jones, Chris Kane, Dame Siobhain McDonagh, Katrina Murray, Euan Stainbank, Robin Swann and Mike Wood

20 Secure 16 to 19 Academies Bill Committee

Members: Chris Bloore, Dr Danny Chambers, Sir Nicholas Dakin, Kirith Entwistle, Emma Foody, Leigh Ingham, Sally Jameson, Lincoln Jopp, Mike Martin, Anneliese Midgley, Jim Shannon, Gareth Snell, Sir Desmond Swayne, Adam Thompson, Chris Vince, Mike Wood and Sean Woodcock

21 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Suitability for Fixed Term Recall) Order 2025)

Members: Josh Babarinde, Markus Campbell-Savours, Dr Beccy Cooper, Sir Nicholas Dakin, Zöe Franklin, Gill German, John Glen, Frank McNally, Perran Moon, Dr Kieran Mullan, Taiwo Owatemi, Jack Rankin, Joani Reid, Ms Marie Rimmer, Josh Simons, Mike Wood and Steve Yemm

22 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Contracts for Difference (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.3) Regulations 2025)

Members: Lee Barron, Ms Polly Billington, Irene Campbell, Dan Carden, Harriet Cross, Tim Farron, George Freeman, Pippa Heylings, Chris McDonald, Michael Shanks, Bradley Thomas, Dr Marie Tidball, Nick Timothy, Anna Turley, Chris Webb, Michelle Welsh and Mohammad Yasin

23 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (England) Regulations 2025)

Members: Dan Aldridge, Matt Bishop, Aphra Brandreth, Phil Brickell, Nesil Caliskan, Sarah Dyke, Tim Farron, Sir Ashley Fox, Anna Gelderd, Emma Hardy, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Lillian Jones, Robbie Moore, Kanishka Narayan, Jeff Smith, Graham Stuart and Mike Tapp

24 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Subsidy Control (Subsidies and Schemes of Interest or Particular Interest) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Richard Baker, Dawn Butler, Mr James Cleverly, Daisy Cooper, Alison Griffiths, Paulette Hamilton, Lloyd Hatton, Mr Richard Holden, Claire Hughes, Louise Jones, Anna McMorris, Justin Madders, Charlotte Nichols, Sarah Olney, Gregor Poynton, Greg Smith and Fred Thomas

25 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment, etc.) Regulations 2025)

Members: Aphra Brandreth, Mary Creagh, Sir Ashley Fox, Dr Neil Hudson, Patrick Hurley, Chris Kane, Uma Kumaran, Laura Kyrke-Smith, Dr Andrew Murrison, Darren Paffey, Manuela Perteghella, Michelle Scrogam, Jeff Smith, Nick Smith, Will Stone, Matt Turmaine and Martin Wrigley

Select Committees: Reports

26 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 Minister for Energy Consumers relating to the retail energy automatic compensation framework and further consumer redress measures*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Smart meters*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 752)
- (Bill Esterson).

27 Environmental Audit Committee

- (1) *Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 852);
 - (2) *Environmental sustainability and housing growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 439);
 - (3) *Governing the marine environment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 551)
- (Mr Toby Perkins).

28 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *Autism and ADHD Diagnostic Pathways for Children and Young People*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1090);
- (2) *Community Mental Health Services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 566);
- (3) *The First 1000 Days: a renewed focus*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 802) (Paulette Hamilton).

29 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *Universal Periodic Review*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC1098);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Security relating to Deprivation of Citizenship Orders*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Crime and Policing Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 830) (Sir Desmond Swayne).

30 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

- (1) *Social media, misinformation and harmful algorithms*: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 441);
- (2) *The science and risks of nuclear monitoring and enrichment*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1134) (Dame Chi Onwurah).

31 Scottish Affairs Committee

The work of the Department: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 410) (Patricia Ferguson).

32 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Twenty-ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 291-xxix) (Gareth Snell).

33 Treasury Committee

Spending Review 2025: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1023) (Dame Meg Hillier).

34 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) *Universities in Wales*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 896);
- (2) *Promoting Wales for inward investment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 444) (Ruth Jones).

35 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *Health impacts of breast implants and other cosmetic procedures*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 869);
- (2) *The rights of older people*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 414) (Sarah Owen).

36 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) *Get Britain Working: Pathways to Work*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 837);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Energy Consumers, relating to the Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) switch-off*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Pensioner poverty: Challenges and mitigations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 465)

(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 GP funding in the South West

Resolved, That this House has considered GP funding in the South West.—(*Martin Wrigley*.)

2 English wine production

Resolved, That this House has considered English wine production.—(*Katie Lam*.)

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

3 Armed forces recruitment in the North East

Resolved, That this House has considered armed forces recruitment in the North East.—(*Alan Strickland*.)

4 Flying of flags from public buildings

Resolved, That this House has considered the flying of flags from public buildings.—(*Andrew Rosindell*.)

5 Access to banking hubs in Hertfordshire

Resolved, That this House has considered access to banking hubs in Hertfordshire.—(*Mr Gagan Mohindra*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani
Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Housing

(1) Draft Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) (Amendment) (Extension to the Social Rented Sector) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Matthew Pennycook)

(2) Draft Hazards in Social Housing (Prescribed Requirements) (England) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Matthew Pennycook)

2 Prisons

Draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Removal of Prisoners for Deportation) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Customs

Customs (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 745), dated 24 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

4 Local Government

Local Authorities (Referendums and Election of Mayors) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 746), dated 24 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jim McMahon)

5 Taxes

(1) International Tax Compliance (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 740), dated 24 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

(2) Reporting Cryptoasset Service Providers (Due Diligence and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 744), dated 24 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

Other papers

6 Climate Change

Report by the Climate Change Committee on progress in reducing emissions for 2025 (by Act) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

7 Commissioner for Patient Safety

Report of the Patient Safety Commissioner for 2024–25 (by Statutory Instrument) (Ashley Dalton)

8 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Transport: Local Bus Services in England (by Act), to be printed (HC 949) (Clerk of the House)

9 Sports Grounds Safety Authority

Report and Accounts of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 975) (Stephanie Peacock)