



House of Commons

Monday 7 July 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Speaker's Statement: Twentieth anniversary of the bombings on London's transport services

2 Questions to the Home Secretary

**3 Urgent Questions: (1) Government's performance against fiscal rules (Darren Jones)
(2) Actions of the Iranian regime: UK response (Mr Hamish Falconer)**

4 Statement: Giving every child the best start in life (Secretary Bridget Phillipson)

5 Water Regulation Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Tim Farron presented a Bill to abolish the Water Services Regulation Authority; to establish a Clean Water Authority and to make provision about its powers and duties; to make further provision about the regulation of water; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 12 September, and to be printed (Bill 278).

6 Pension Schemes Bill: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

7 Pension Schemes Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Pension Schemes 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 23 October 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.—(*Andrew Western.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Pension Schemes 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 Pension Schemes Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State, and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under or by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Andrew Western.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Pension Schemes Bill: Ways and Means

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Pension Schemes Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the levying of charges under the Pension Schemes Act 1993 for the purpose of meeting any increase in the expenditure of the Pensions Regulator attributable to the Act;

(b) the amendment of section 177(5) of the Pensions Act 2004 so as to increase the limit in that provision on the amount that may be raised by pension protection levies imposed by the Board of the Pension Protection Fund.—(*Andrew Western.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment, etc.) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 4 June, be approved.—(*Anna McMorris.*)

Question agreed to.

11 Delegated Legislation (Financial Assistance to Industry)

Ordered, That the Motion in the name of Sarah Jones relating to Financial Assistance to Industry shall be treated as if it related to an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees) in respect of which notice has been given that the instrument be approved.—(*Anna McMorris.*)

12 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of Harrogate relating to Harrogate Spring Water money for Harrogate was presented and read by Tom Gordon.

13 Adjournment

Subject: SEND provision in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (Margaret Mullane)

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

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Anna McMorris*.)

Adjourned at 10.30 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

14 Mortgage Prisoners Inquiry Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to establish an inquiry into the events surrounding the creation of mortgage prisoners, their consequences and any other relevant matters; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Changes to Notices Given

15 Registration of Births (Inclusion of Deceased Parents) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 11 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 September.

16 Housing Estates Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 11 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 September.

17 Dentists (Indemnity Arrangements) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 11 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 September.

18 Vehicle Registration Offences (Review) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 11 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 September.

19 Animals in Medical Research (Prohibition) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 11 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 September.

20 Street Works (Penalties for Utility Companies) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 11 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 September.

21 Chalk Streams (Sewerage Investment) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 11 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 September.

22 Right to Manage and Leasehold Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 11 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 September.

General Committees: Reports

23 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir John Hayes (Chair) reported the draft Online Safety Super-Complaints (Eligibility and Procedural Matters) 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).

24 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Online Safety Super-Complaints (Eligibility and Procedural Matters) Regulations 2025)

Members: Tom Hayes discharged and Sarah Edwards nominated in substitution.

25 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment) Order 2025)

Members: Antonia Bance, Tim Farron, Mr James Frith, Anna Dixon, Jack Rankin and Katie White discharged and Johanna Baxter, Mr Peter Bedford, Kevin Bonavia, Katrina Murray, Laurence Turner and Claire Young nominated in substitution.

26 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electricity Capacity (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025)

Members: Sarah Edwards and Andrew Pakes discharged and Sarah Hall and John Slinger nominated in substitution.

27 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Transport Act 2000 (Air Traffic Services) (Prescribed Terms) Regulations 2025)

Members: Mr Peter Bedford and Samantha Niblett discharged and Amanda Hack and Jack Rankin nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***28 Foreign Affairs Committee**

The UK Government's China Audit: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1174) (Emily Thornberry).

29 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Civil service pensions:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 888);

(2) *Collecting the right tax from wealthy individuals:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 827);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services, Ministry of Justice:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Energy at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to Prax Lindsey Oil Refinery:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Permanent Under-Secretary of State of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to the new deal for Total Not Spots element of the Share Rural Network:* Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive and First Permanent Secretary of HM Revenue and Customs relating to updated Accounting Officer Assessment for Making Tax Digital Programme:* Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Health and Social Care relating to the cost of NHS care for overseas patients:* Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice relating to Crown Court backlogs and Prison estate capacity:* Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to the gaps in Parliamentary scrutiny of sensitive Government expenditure:* Written evidence, to be published;

(10) *Local government financial sustainability:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 647);

(11) *MoD's oversight of the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 893);

(12) *Tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG):* Written evidence, to be published (HC 644)

(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 Fossil fuel advertising and sponsorship

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 700024 relating to fossil fuel advertising and sponsorship.—(*Jacob Collier*.)

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 Capital Gains Tax

(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Romania) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

(2) Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Peru) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

2 Data Protection

Draft Data Protection Act 2018 (Qualifying Competent Authorities) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Electricity

Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment, Saving and Transitional Provisions) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 802), dated 3 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

4 Road Traffic

(1) New Heavy-Duty Vehicles (Carbon Dioxide Emission Performance Standards) (Vocational Vehicles) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 794), dated 2 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

(2) Road Vehicles (Type-Approval) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 796), dated 2 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Other papers**5 Education**

Giving every child the best start in life (by Command) (CP 1362) (Secretary Bridget Phillipson)

6 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of the College of Policing Limited for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 1215) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

7 Health and Social Care

Report and Accounts of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1049) (Karin Smyth)

8 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Cross-government: Using data analytics to tackle fraud and error (by Act), to be printed (HC 988) (Clerk of the House)

9 Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal)

Report and Accounts of Restoration and Renewal Delivery Authority Limited for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1068) (Clerk of the House)

10 Prison

Report of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1030) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

11 Public Processions (Northern Ireland)

Report and Accounts of the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1053) (Secretary Hilary Benn)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Apsana Begum	23 April	1 August	Ian Byrne