



House of Commons

Wednesday 9 July 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 Urgent Question: Changes to Crown Court proceedings: Trial by jury (Sarah Sackman)**
- 3 Schools (allergy safety): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require schools to maintain an allergy management policy; to require schools to hold a supply of adrenaline auto-injectors for treating allergic reactions and anaphylaxis; to require allergy training for staff in schools; and for connected purposes;

That Chris Bloore, Tahir Ali, Sarah Coombes, Cat Eccles, Sarah Edwards, Amanda Hack, Becky Gittins, Jodie Gosling, Leigh Ingham, Alicia Kearns, Dave Robertson and Gareth Snell present the Bill.

Chris Bloore accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 12 September, and to be printed (Bill 282).

4 Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [Lords]

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 59(2)), That the Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [Lords] shall no longer stand referred to a second reading committee.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

5 Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill: Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 1 July).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 (Standard allowance for tax years 2026–27 to 2029–30)

Amendment 39 proposed.—(*Siân Berry*.)

As it was one hour before the moment of interruption, the debate was interrupted (Programme Order, 1 July).

The Chair put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings in Committee of the whole House to a conclusion (Programme Order, 1 July).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83D).

(1) That Amendment 39 be made (Question already proposed from the Chair).

The Committee divided.

Division No. 258

Ayes: 35 (Tellers: Ben Lake, Ayoub Khan)

Noes: 469 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Martin McCluskey)

Question negatived.

(2) That Amendment 1 be made (Question on any amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Sir Stephen Timms.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) That Amendment 50 be made (Question on any amendment selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Helen Whately.*)

The Committee divided.

Division No. 259

Ayes: 103 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Rebecca Smith)

Noes: 416 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Martin McCluskey)

Question negatived.

(4) That Clause 1, as amended, stand part of the Bill (Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

Question agreed to.

(5) That Amendment 2 be made (Question on any amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Sir Stephen Timms.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) That Amendment 12 be made (Question on any amendment selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Steve Darling.*)

The Committee divided.

Division No. 260

Ayes: 105 (Tellers: Charlie Maynard, Bobby Dean)

Noes: 370 (Tellers: Martin McCluskey, Gen Kitchen)

Question negatived.

(7) That Clause 2, as amended, and Clause 3 stand part of the Bill (single Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

The Committee divided.

Division No. 261

Ayes: 335 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Martin McCluskey)

Noes: 135 (Tellers: Ellie Chowns, Iqbal Mohamed)

Question agreed to.

(8) That Amendment 3 be made (Question on any amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Sir Stephen Timms.*)

Question agreed to.

(9) That Clause 4, as amended, stand part of the Bill (Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

Question agreed to.

(10) That Amendment 45 be made (Question on any amendment selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Helen Whately.*)

The Committee divided.

Division No. 262

Ayes: 175 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Rebecca Smith)

Noes: 401 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Anna McMorrin)

Question negatived.

(11) That Clause 5 stand part of the Bill (Question on any clause which a Minister of the Crown has signified an intention to leave out).

Question negatived.

(12) That Clause 6 stand part of the Bill (Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

Question agreed to.

(13) That Amendment 5 be made (Question on any amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Secretary Liz Kendall.*)

Question agreed to.

(14) That Clause 7, as amended, stand part of the Bill (Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

Question agreed to.

(15) That New Clause NC1 be added to the Bill (Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).—(*Secretary Liz Kendall.*)

Question agreed to.

(16) That New Clause NC8 be added to the Bill (Question on any new clause selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*John McDonnell.*)

The Committee divided.

Division No. 263

Ayes: 130 (Tellers: Ellie Chowns, Iqbal Mohamed)

Noes: 443 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Anna McMorris)

Question negatived.

(17) That Amendment 38 be made (Question on any amendment selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Rachael Maskell.*)

The Committee divided.

Division No. 264

Ayes: 149 (Tellers: Ellie Chowns, Iqbal Mohamed)

Noes: 334 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Anna McMorris)

Question negatived.

(18) That Schedule 1 be the first Schedule to the Bill (Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

Question agreed to.

(19) That Amendments 6 to 10 be made (single Question on any amendments moved

by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Sir Stephen Timms.*)

Question agreed to.

(20) That Schedule 2, as amended, be the second Schedule to the Bill (Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

Question agreed to.

(21) That Amendment 11 be made (Question on any amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Sir Stephen Timms.*)

Question agreed to.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Programme Order, 1 July).

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Gen Kitchen reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made amendments and had amended the title.

Title accordingly amended as follows: A Bill to make provision to alter the rates of the standard allowance, limited capability for work element and limited capability for

work and work-related activity element of universal credit and the rates of income-related employment and support allowance.

6 Universal Credit Bill (changed from Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill): Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Committee

No amendments on consideration.

7 Universal Credit Bill: Third Reading

As it was after the moment of interruption, the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to bring proceedings on Third Reading to a conclusion (Programme Order, 1 July).

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

The House divided.

Division No. 265

Ayes: 336 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Anna McMorrin)

Noes: 242 (Tellers: Sir Ashley Fox, David Simmonds)

Question agreed to and Bill read the third time and passed.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 11 June, be approved.—(*Gen Kitchen.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Business of the House (14 July)

Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 14 July, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 20 (Time for taking private business), the private business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means may be entered upon at any hour (whether before, at or after 7 pm), and may then be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours, after which the Speaker shall interrupt the business; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Gen Kitchen.*)

10Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Ealing Central and Acton relating to Clarion Housing management services was presented and read by Dr Rupa Huq.

(2) A public petition from the Solicitor to the Omagh Bombing Inquiry, Tim Suter, relating to the Omagh Bombing Inquiry was presented and read by Tonia Antoniazzi:

To the House of Commons.

The petition of the Solicitor to the Omagh Bombing Inquiry, Tim Suter

Declares that the independent statutory inquiry into the Omagh Bombing includes within its scope "The allegation made by Norman Baxter (former Senior Investigating Officer in the investigation into the Omagh Bombing) in the course of his evidence to the Northern Ireland Select Committee on 11 November 2009, that police investigators into previous attacks in Moira (20 February 1998), Portadown (9 May 1998), Banbridge (1 August 1998) and Lisburn (30 April 1998) did not have access to intelligence materials which may reasonably enabled

them to disrupt the activities of dissident republican terrorists prior to the Omagh Bombing"; and further that evidence was taken from Mr Baxter in private session which was not reported to the House, and that the inquiry has taken advice on the application of Article 9 of the Bill of Rights to its proceedings and will be mindful of the privileges of the House.

The petitioner therefore requests that the House makes arrangements to supply the transcript of unreported oral evidence taken from Mr Norman Baxter by the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee in private session on 11 November 2009 to the Omagh Bombing Inquiry.

And the petitioner remains, etc.

11Adjournment

Subject: Potential merits of a public inquiry into the Birmingham pub bombings in 1974 (Liam Byrne)

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

Adjourned at 8.22 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

12Firearms (3D Printing) Bill

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

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

13Public Body Ethnicity Data (Inclusion of Jewish and Sikh Categories) Bill

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

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

14Registration of Death (Religion) Bill

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

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

15 Pension (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill

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

Bill withdrawn.

16 Arms Trade (Inquiry and Suspension) Bill

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

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

17 Agricultural Land (Planning) 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

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Martin Vickers (Chair) reported the draft Electricity Capacity (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025.

19Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Jeremy Wright (Chair) reported the draft Transport Act 2000 (Air Traffic Services) (Prescribed Terms) Regulations 2025.

20Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Edward Leigh (Chair) reported the draft Buckinghamshire Council, Surrey County Council and Warwickshire County Council (Housing and Regeneration Functions) 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).

21 Pension Schemes Bill Committee

Members: Callum Anderson, Olivia Bailey, Torsten Bell, Kirsty Blackman, Rachel Blake, Steve Darling, Sarah Edwards, Damien Egan, Mark Garnier, John Glen, John Grady, Gerald Jones, Alice Macdonald, John Milne, Luke Murphy, David Pinto-Duschinsky and Rebecca Smith

22 Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill Committee

Members: Lewis Atkinson, Julia Buckley, Tom Collins, Kate Dearden, Graeme Downie, Amanda Hack, Mike Kane, Mr Paul Kohler, Alice Macdonald, Jerome Mayhew, Ms Julie Minns, Dr Andrew Murrison, Joe Robertson, Greg Smith, Euan Stainbank, Luke Taylor and Chris Vince

23 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Definition of Newspaper) Order 2025 and draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Amendment of Section 58 Considerations) Order 2025)

Members: Saqib Bhatti, Lewis Cocking, Anna Dixon, Damien Egan, Mr Louie French, Tom Hayes, Kim Leadbeater, Kevin McKenna, Edward Morello, Connor Naismith, Josh

Newbury, Stephanie Peacock, Joe Robertson, Sarah Smith, Christian Wakeford, Chris Webb and Max Wilkinson

**24Second Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Sentencing Act 2020 (Amendment of
Schedule 21) Regulations 2025)**

Members: Antonia Bance, Alex Brewer, Irene Campbell, John Cooper, Sir Nicholas Dakin, Josh Dean, Sally Jameson, Kim Johnson, Keir Mather, Dr Kieran Mullan, Luke Myer, Andrew Pakes, Jon Pearce, Jack Rankin, Lisa Smart, Kenneth Stevenson and Mike Wood

**25Third Delegated Legislation Committee
(Motion in the name of Sarah Jones relating
to Financial Assistance to Industry)**

Members: Dame Harriett Baldwin, Jacob Collier, Daisy Cooper, Neil Duncan-Jordan, Daniel Francis, Alison Griffiths, Mr Richard Holden, Preet Kaur Gill, Afzal Khan, Anna McMorris, Justin Madders, Kit Malthouse, Anneliese Midgley, Sarah Olney, Dr Lauren Sullivan, Fred Thomas and Sean Woodcock

26Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Transport Act 2000 (Air Traffic Services) (Prescribed Terms) Regulations 2025)

Members: Olivia Blake discharged and Chris Hinchliff nominated in substitution.

27Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Warm Home Discount (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Dr Scott Arthur, Alex Baker, Emily Darlington, Miatta Fahnbulleh, Tim Farron, Catherine Fookes, Pippa Heylings, Naushabah Khan, John Lamont, Andrew Lewin, Chris McDonald, Sam Rushworth, Mark Sowards, Mr Andrew Snowden, Bradley Thomas, Nick Timothy and Anna Turley

28Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Buckinghamshire Council, Surrey County Council and Warwickshire County Council (Housing and Regeneration Functions) Regulations 2025)

Members: Mrs Sharon Hodgson discharged and Luke Myer nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

29 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *UK economic security*: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 835);

(2) *Correspondence with Boston Consulting Group relating to activities concerning Gaza*: Written evidence received by the Sub-Committee, to be published

(Liam Byrne).

30 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).

31 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Flood resilience in England*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 550);

(2) *Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 852)

(Mr Toby Perkins).

32 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *NHS Dentistry: Follow-up*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1179);

(2) *The 10 Year Health Plan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 386)

(Paulette Hamilton).

33 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Legislative Scrutiny: Crime and Policing Bill*:

(i) Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report;

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 830);

- (2) *Accountability For Daesh Crimes: Government Response: Second Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1211);
- (3) *Legislative scrutiny: Mental Health Bill: Government Response: Third Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1217);
- (4) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Security at the Home Office relating to the Deprivation of Citizenship Orders (Effect During Appeal) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Forced labour in UK supply chains*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 633)
- (Sir Desmond Swayne).

34 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

- (1) *Economic growth in Northern Ireland: New and emerging sectors*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1193);
- (2) *Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 840)
- (Tonia Antoniazzi).

35Public Accounts (Committee of)

HS2: Update following the northern leg cancellation: Written evidence, to be published (HC 357) (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

36Scottish Affairs Committee

The financing of the Scottish Government: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 456) (Patricia Ferguson).

37Speaker's Conference

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

38Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Thirty-first Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 291-xxxi) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

39Transport Committee

Delivering major infrastructure: Learning from HS2: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1139) (Ruth Cadbury).

40Welsh Affairs Committee

The work of the Secretary of State for Wales: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 597) (Ruth Jones).

41Women and Equalities Committee

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

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Education and Minister for Women and Equalities relating to the Wales EHRC Commissioner:* Written evidence, to be published;

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

(4) *Misogyny in music:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 573)

(Sarah Owen).

42 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) Pensioner poverty: challenges and mitigations:

(i) Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 465);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 465);

(2) Correspondence from the Minister for Pensions relating to the Chair of The Pensions Regulator: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) Correspondence from the Minister of State, Baroness Sherlock, relating to the review of the parental leave and pay system: Written evidence, to be published

(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 Role of Neighbourhood Plans in planning decisions

Resolved, That this House has considered the role of Neighbourhood Plans in planning decisions.—(*Dr Luke Evans.*)

The sitting was suspended between 10.55 am and 11 am.

2 Role of Sport England in tackling racism in sport

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the role of Sport England in tackling racism in sport.—(*Naz Shah.*)

At 11.30 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Government support for early years providers

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for early years providers.—(Michelle Welsh.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.50 pm and 4 pm.

4 LGBT Financial Recognition Scheme

Resolved, That this House has considered the LGBT Financial Recognition Scheme.—(Jess Brown-Fuller.)

5 Glaucoma awareness

Resolved, That this House has considered glaucoma awareness.—(Shockat Adam.)

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

Adjourned at 5.27 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 National Security

Draft Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 and the Terrorism Act 2000 (Port Examination Codes of Practice) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Climate Change Levy

Climate Change Agreements (Administration and Eligible Facilities) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 813), dated

7 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Sarah Jones)

3 Iraq No. 1 (2025)

Agreement, done at London on 14 January 2025, on Partnership and Cooperation between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Iraq (by Command) (CP 1356), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary David Lammy)

4 Kazakhstan No. 1 (2025)

Strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, done at Astana on 24 April 2024, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Kazakhstan (by Command) (CP 1365), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary David Lammy)

Other papers

5 Business and Trade

Report and Accounts of Financial Reporting Council Limited 2024–25 (by Command)
(Secretary Jonathan Reynolds)

6 Counter-Terrorism and Border Security

Draft Revised Code of Practice for Examining Officers and Review Officers under Schedule 3 to the Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

7 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of the Architects Registration Board for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1209) (Alex Norris)

8 Inquiries

Additional Report of the Infected Blood Inquiry on Compensation (by Act), to be printed (HC 1167) (Nick Thomas-Symonds)

9 Local Government

Local Government Financial Statistics
England (No. 35) (by Act) (Jim McMahon)

10 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Kent Community
Health NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25
(by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(2) Report and Accounts of King's College
Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25
(by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(3) Report and Accounts of Leeds and York
Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–
25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(4) Report and Accounts of South Western
Ambulance Service NHS Foundation
Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes
Streeting)

(5) Report and Accounts of West Midlands
Ambulance Service University NHS
Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act)
(Secretary Wes Streeting)

11 National Lottery etc.

Report and Accounts of the Big Lottery Fund (The National Lottery Community Fund) for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1183) (Secretary Lisa Nandy)

12 Terrorism

Draft Revised Code of Practice for Examining Officers and Review Officers under Schedule 7 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

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| Member | From | To | Proxy |
| Ms Diane Abbott | 9 July | 9 August | Bell Ribeiro-Addy |