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House of Commons

Thursday 10 July 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Privilege

The Speaker announced his decision to give precedence to a matter raised by the honourable Member for Gower and the honourable Member for North Dorset relating to the petition from the Solicitor to the Omagh Bombing Inquiry, seeking access to unreported evidence taken by the Northern Ireland Affairs Select Committee in 2009.

Motion to be given precedence at the commencement of public business on Monday 14 July.

2 Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office

3 Urgent Question: UK-France nuclear partnership (Maria Eagle)

4 Business Question (Leader of the House)

5 Statements: (1) Resident doctors: Industrial action (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(2) Electricity market: Review (Secretary Ed Miliband)

6 Select Committee Statements (Standing Order No. 22D)

(1) Publication of the Second Report of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee, Gridlock or growth? Avoiding energy planning chaos, HC 868 (Bill Esterson)

(2) Publication of the Fourth Report of the Education Committee, Children's Social Care, HC 430 (Helen Hayes)

7 English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Angela Rayner, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Pat McFadden, Secretary Wes Streeting, Secretary Bridget Phillipson, Secretary Liz Kendall and Secretary Heidi Alexander, presented a Bill to make provision about combined authorities, combined county authorities, the Greater London Authority, local councils, police and crime commissioners and fire and rescue authorities, local audit and terms in business tenancies about rent.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 283) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 283–EN).

8 Backbench Business

(1) Attainment and engagement of boys in education

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the attainment and engagement of boys in education.—
(*Sam Rushworth.*)

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Children's health

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered children's health.—(*Dr Simon Opher.*)

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put and agreed to.

9 Adjournment

Subject: Disabled bus passes (Tom Gordon)

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

At 5 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

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

Adjourned at 5.20 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

10 Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) (No. 2) Bill

The Lords agree to the Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) (No. 2) Bill without amendment.

11 Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [Lords]

The Lords agree without amendment to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [Lords].

12 Private Bills: General Cemetery Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to make new provision for the regulation and management of the General Cemetery Company upon its registration under the Companies Act 2006; to permit the transfer of the ownership and management of Kensal Green Cemetery and West London

Crematorium to a charity; and to confer powers upon the General Cemetery Company to extinguish rights of burial and disturb human remains in Kensal Green Cemetery for the purpose of increasing the space for interments; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills

13 General Cemetery Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Changes to Notices Given

14 Women, Peace and Security Bill [Lords]

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

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

15Public Procurement (British Goods and Services) Bill

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

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

16Political Donations Bill

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

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

17Outdoor Education Bill

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

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

18Bullying and Respect at Work Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 November.

19 Short-term Let Accommodation Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 November.

20 Climate Finance Fund (Fossil Fuels and Pollution) Bill

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

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

21 Microplastic Filters (Washing Machines) Bill

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

22 Poly and Perfluorinated Alkyl Substances (Guidance) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 29 May 2026.

23E-scooters (Review and Awareness) Bill

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

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

24Devolution (Immigration) (Scotland) Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 11 July the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 25 April, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 5 December.

25Elections (Accessibility for Blind Voters) Bill

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

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

26Gambling Act 2005 (Monetary Limits for Lotteries) Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 11 July the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24 January, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 29 May 2026.

27Football (Gender Inequality) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 October.

28Youth Mobility Scheme (EU Countries) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 October.

29Carers and Care Workers Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 29 May 2026.

30Bus Services Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 29 May 2026.

31 Access to Telecommunications Networks Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 29 May 2026.

32 Chalk Streams (Protection) Bill

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

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

33 Domestic Abuse (Safe Leave) Bill

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

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

34 Employment Rights (Special Constables) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 24 October.

35 Quantitative Easing (Prohibition) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 15 May 2026.

36A34 Slip Road Safety (East Ilsley and Beedon) Bill

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

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

37 Protection of Children (Digital Safety and Data Protection) Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 11 July the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 7 March, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 29 May 2026.

38 Assets of Community Value (Sports Facilities) Bill

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

39 Roadworks (Regulation) Bill

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

40 Community Energy (Review) Bill

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

41 Off-road Bikes (Police Powers) Bill

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

42 Consular Assistance (Journalists) Bill

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

43 Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme (Report) Bill

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

44Groceries Labelling (Size Reduction) Bill

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

45Energy (Social Tariff) Bill

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

46Financial Education Bill

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

47UK–USA Trade Agreements (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill

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

48Victims of Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (Free Access to Sentencing Remarks) Bill

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

49Road Traffic (Unlicensed Drivers) Bill

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

50Co-operative Housing Tenure Bill

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

51Armed Forces (Deployment Outside the UK) Bill

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

52Reasonable Adjustments (Duty on Employers to Respond) Bill

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

53Water Safety Bill

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

54Child Criminal Exploitation Bill

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

55Free School Meals (Automatic Registration of Eligible Children) Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 11 July the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 14 March, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

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).

56Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Sentencing Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedule 21) Regulations 2025)

Members: John Cooper discharged and Harriet Cross nominated in substitution.

57Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Warm Home Discount (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: John Lamont discharged and
Lewis Cocking nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

58Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on
Thursday 17 July and Tuesday 22 July in the
Chamber and Tuesday 2 September and
Thursday 4 September in Westminster Hall
(Bob Blackman).

59Business and Trade Committee

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:
Written evidence, to be published (HC 370)
(Liam Byrne).

60Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Collecting the right tax from wealthy
individuals*: Fortieth Report, to be printed,
with the formal minutes relating to the
Report (HC 827);

(2) *UK Research and Innovation: Forty-first Report*, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 826);

(3) *Cost of maintaining the FCDO's overseas estate*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 884);

(4) *Jobcentres*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 823)

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

61 Procedure Committee

Status of independent Members of Parliament: Written evidence, to be published (HC 534) (Cat Smith).

62 Standards (Committee on)

Register of Interests of Members' Staff: Government Response: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 1176) (Alberto Costa).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 State support for victims of terrorism

Resolved, That this House has considered state support for victims of terrorism.—
(*Andy MacNae.*)

2 London's contribution to the national economy

Resolved, That this House has considered London's contribution to the national economy.—(*Joe Powell.*)

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

Adjourned at 4.29 pm until Monday 14 July.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Building and Buildings

Draft Building Safety Levy (England) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Alex Norris)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Public Service Pensions

National Health Service Pension Scheme (Member Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 821), dated 9 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Karin Smyth)

3 Social Security

Child Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 818), dated 8 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory

Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

Other papers

4 Advanced Research and Invention Agency

Report and Accounts of the Advanced Research and Invention Agency for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1021) (Feryal Clark)

5 Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board

Report and Accounts of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 944) (Secretary Steve Reed)

6 Communications

Accounts of the Office of Communications Section 400 Licence Fees and Penalties for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1113) (Clerk of the House)

7 Constitutional Reform

Report of the Judicial Appointments and Conduct Ombudsman for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

8 Defence

Report of the Service Police Complaints Commissioner for 2024 (by Statutory Instrument) (Secretary John Healey)

9 Environment

Office for Environmental Protection:
Environmental Inspections in England:
Case studies on selected laws and their
implementation (by Act) (Clerk of the House)

10 Financial Services and Markets

(1) Financial Conduct Authority Report for 2024–25 on the Secondary International Competitiveness and Growth Objective (by Act) (Emma Reynolds)

(2) Financial Conduct Authority's response to the Treasury remit letter 2025 (by Act) (Emma Reynolds)

(3) Report and Accounts of the Financial Conduct Authority for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 963) (Emma Reynolds)

11 Financial Services (Banking Reform)

Report and Accounts of the Payment Systems Regulator Limited for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1025) (Emma Reynolds)

12 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of Forest Research for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1056) (Secretary Steve Reed)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Government Legal Department for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 901) (The Solicitor General)

(3) Report and Accounts of HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and

Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 904) (James Murray)

(4) Report and Accounts of the Competition and Markets Authority for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1007) (James Murray)

(5) Report and Accounts of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1046) (James Murray)

(6) Report and Accounts of the Department for Work and Pensions for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 995) (James Murray)

(7) Report and Accounts of the Judicial Pension Scheme for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1085) (James Murray)

(8) Report and Accounts of the Serious Fraud Office for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1165) (James Murray)

(9) Report and Accounts of the Standards and Testing Agency for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 965) (Catherine McKinnell)

(10) Report and Accounts of the Teaching Regulation Agency for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 966) (Catherine McKinnell)

(11) Report and Accounts of Westminster Foundation for Democracy Limited for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 1114) (Catherine West)

13 Government Trading Funds

Report and Accounts of The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1173) (Clerk of the House)

14Inquiries

Report of the Inquiry into the Death of
Jalal Uddin (by Act), to be printed (HC 1040)
(Secretary Yvette Cooper)

15Justice

Report of the Prisons and Probation
Ombudsman for 2024–25 (by Command)
(CP 1332) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

16Justice and Security

Report of the Intelligence and Security
Committee of Parliament on Iran (by Act), to
be printed (HC 1116) (Clerk of the House)

17National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor
General on Ministry of Defence: The UK's
F-35 capability (by Act), to be printed
(HC 989) (Clerk of the House)

18National Citizen Service

Report and Accounts of the National Citizen
Service Trust for 2024–25, with the Report
of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by

Act), to be printed (HC 1026) (Stephanie Peacock)

19 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(2) Report and Accounts of Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(3) Report and Accounts of the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

20 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions

(1) Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Business Plan 2025–26 (by Act) (Karin Smyth)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 999) (Karin Smyth)

21Northern Ireland

(1) Report and Accounts of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1109) (Secretary Hilary Benn)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1027) (Secretary Hilary Benn)

22Northern Ireland (Sentences)

Report of the Sentence Review Commissioners for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 985) (Secretary Hilary Benn)

23Office of Communications

Report and Accounts of the Office of Communications for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1022) (Chris Bryant)

24Pensions

(1) Report and Accounts of the National Employment Savings Trust Corporation for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 928) (Secretary Liz Kendall)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Pension Protection Fund for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1194) (Secretary Liz Kendall)

25Public Service Pensions

National Health Service Pension Schemes (Member Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025: Report detailing the uplifts to the member contribution tier thresholds from 1 April 2025 (by Act) (Karin Smyth)

26Social Security Administration

Report and Accounts of the National Insurance Fund Investment Account for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1145) (Emma Reynolds)

27Treasury

Report and Accounts of UK Government Investments Limited (by Command) (CP 1346) (Emma Reynolds)

28UK Borders

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: Inspection of Home Office country of origin information on Turkey and Vietnam (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

MONEY BILL

Universal Credit Bill (changed from Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill)

The Speaker has certified that the Universal Credit Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.