



House of Commons

Wednesday 16 July 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Speaker's Statement: Afghanistan Statement on 15 July
- 2 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Wales
(2) the Prime Minister
- 3 Urgent Question: Sudan (Catherine West)
- 4 Statement: Financial services reform (Emma Reynolds)
- 5 International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Policies and Practices of Israel (Sanctions and Other Measures) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Richard Burgon, supported by Imran Hussain, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to take steps to give effect in the United Kingdom to the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice issued on 19 July 2024 entitled "Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem", including provision for sanctions and for other measures to give effect to that advisory opinion; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 12 September, and to be printed (Bill 288).

- 6 Managing agents (regulation): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish an independent regulator of managing agents; to make provision about the powers and duties of the independent regulator; to require managing agents to comply with a code of practice and to make provision about that code of practice; to make provision for a licensing scheme for managing agents; to make further provision about the regulation of managing agents; and for connected purposes;

That Danny Beales, Joe Powell, Nesil Caliskan, Chris Bloore, Chris Curtis, Dr Rupa Huq, Sarah Russell, Rachel Blake, Andrew Cooper, James Naish, Daniel Francis and Cat Eccles present the Bill.

Danny Beales accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 12 September, and to be printed (Bill 287).

7 Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [Lords]: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

8 Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [Lords]: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [Lords]:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and on Third Reading

(2) Proceedings in Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement.

(3) Any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House.

(4) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(5) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(Christian Wakeford.)

Question agreed to.

9 Standards

Ordered, That this House approves the Third Report of the Committee on Standards, Session 2024–25, HC 943, on Register of Interests of Members’ Staff, subject to any transitional arrangements agreed by the Committee on Standards, and amends the provisions endorsed by the Resolution of the House of 28 June 1993 as follows:

Members’ staff who hold a permanent photo-identity pass or have been granted a Parliamentary network account are required to register in the Register of Interests of Members’ Staff, subject to the thresholds set out in that Register:

‘Any occupation or employment for which they receive over £470 from the same source in the course of a calendar year, if that occupation or employment is in any way advantaged by the privileged access to Parliament afforded by either a photo-identity pass or a Parliamentary Network Account;

Any gift (eg jewellery) or benefit (eg hospitality, services) they receive, if the gift or benefit in any way relates to or arises from their work in Parliament and its value exceeds £470 in the course of a calendar year; and/or

Any visit undertaken that has been paid for by a third party, if it in any way relates to or arises from their work in Parliament.’.—(Lucy Powell.)

10 Giving every child the best start in life

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of giving every child the best start in life.—(Stephen Morgan.)

11 Deferred Divisions

The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Divisions which had been deferred to this day (Standing Order No. 41A).

Competition

(1) That the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Definition of Newspaper) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 26 June, be approved.

Division No. 270

Ayes: 334

Noes: 54

Question agreed to.

(2) That the Enterprise Act 2002 (Amendment of Section 58 Considerations) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 737), dated 26 June 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26 June, be approved.

Division No. 271

Ayes: 333

Noes: 54

Question agreed to.

12 Giving every child the best start in life (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Question put and agreed to.

13 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to Horspath Outreach Post Office was presented and read by Freddie van Mierlo.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Ashford in Kent relating to Operation Brock was presented and read by Sojan Joseph.

(3) A public petition from residents of Sherston and the surrounding villages relating to Sherston Surgery was presented and read by Dr Roz Savage.

(4) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to school visits to Parliament was presented and read by Markus Campbell-Savours.

(5) A public petition from the family of Marc Spalding relating to adults at risk due to gambling addiction was presented and read by Maureen Burke.

14 Adjournment

Subject: Commemorating the women of the Matchgirls' strike in 1888 (Uma Kumaran)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gerald Jones.)

Adjourned at 6.09 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

15 Football Governance Bill [Lords]

The Lords agree without amendment to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Football Governance Bill [Lords].

*First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills***16 Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill [Lords]**

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 12 September, and to be printed (Bill 289).

*Private Business***17 Examination of bills brought from the House of Lords (Standing Order 74)**

Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That, in the case of the General Cemetery Bill [Lords], originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable.

Bill to be read a second time.

*Public petitions***18 Petitions presented informally**

A public petition from residents of Glasgow North East relating to online gambling platforms was presented by Maureen Burke.

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).

19 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) (Amendment) (Extension to the Social Rented Sector) Regulations 2025 and the draft Hazards in Social Housing (Prescribed Requirements) (England) Regulations 2025)

Members: Mr Gideon Amos, Mr Jonathan Brash, Lewis Cocking, Tim Farron, Fabian Hamilton, Terry Jermy, Gen Kitchen, Katie Lam, Samantha Niblett, Matthew Pennycook, Jake Richards, Joe Robertson, Baggy Shanker, David Simmonds, Harpreet Uppal, Steve Witherden and Yuan Yang

20 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Removal of Prisoners for Deportation) Order 2025)

Members: Josh Babarinde, Chris Bloore, Chris Curtis, Sir Nicholas Dakin, Bobby Dean, Kate Dearden, Lauren Edwards, Mr James Frith, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Sally Jameson, Adam Jogee, Dr Kieran Mullan, Steve Race, Jack Rankin, Neil Shastri-Hurst, David Williams and Mike Wood

21 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Local Audit (Amendment of Definition of Smaller Authority) Regulations 2025

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Thursday 17 July 2025."

Members: Mr Bayo Alaba, Sarah Bool, Lewis Cocking, Jacob Collier, Neil Coyle, Tim Farron, Louise Haigh, Gen Kitchen, Jim McMahon, Kate Osamor, Michael Payne, Dave Robertson, Tulip Siddiq, David Simmonds, Vikki Slade, Nick Timothy and Harpreet Uppal

22 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 2025)

Members: Gareth Bacon, Bambos Charalambous, John Cooper, Neil Coyle, Kate Dearden, Pippa Heylings, Mike Kane, Mr Paul Kohler, Ms Julie Minns, Jo Platt, Martin Rhodes, Tom Rutland, Tulip Siddiq, Mr Andrew Snowden, Blake Stephenson, David Taylor and Dan Tomlinson

23 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2025)

Members: James Asser, Catherine Atkinson, Richard Burgon, Harriet Cross, Sarah Dyke, Tim Farron, Jodie Gosling, Lincoln Jopp, Peter Lamb, Robbie Moore, Kanishka Narayan, Jeff Smith, Peter Swallow, Bradley Thomas, John Whitby, Jo White and Daniel Zeichner

24 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Application and Modification of Company Law) Regulations 2025 and the draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Incidental and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2025 and the draft Register of People with Significant Control (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Dame Harriett Baldwin, Mr Alex Barros-Curtis, Mr Luke Charters, Daisy Cooper, Alison Griffiths, Claire Hughes, Alison Hume, Jayne Kirkham, Anna McMorrin, Justin Madders, Ben Obese-Jecty, Sarah Olney, Tim Roca, Naz Shah, Jon Trickett, Nadia Whittome and James Wild

25 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Online Safety Act 2023 (Qualifying Worldwide Revenue) Regulations 2025)

Members: Callum Anderson, Paula Barker, Lorraine Beavers, Feryal Clark, Ben Coleman, Victoria Collins, Pam Cox, Peter Fortune, Barry Gardiner, Sir John Hayes, Paul Holmes, Warinder Juss, Yasmin Qureshi, Dr Ben Spencer, Anna Turley, Michael Wheeler and Munira Wilson

Select Committees: Reports

26 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Game on: Community and school sport: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 593) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

27 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

(1) Pre-appointment hearing for the Chair of the Climate Change Committee:

(i) Third Report, with Appendices, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1186);

(ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1186);

- (2) *Correspondence from the Department*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Revisiting the nuclear roadmap*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 735) (Bill Esterson).

28 Environmental Audit Committee

- Airport expansion and climate and nature targets*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 831) (Mr Toby Perkins).

29 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

- (1) *The Funding and Sustainability of Local Government Finances*: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 514);
- (2) *Housing for older people*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 982) (Florence Eshalomi).

30 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *Forced Labour in the UK's Supply Chains*:
 - (i) Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 633);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 633);
- (2) *Transnational Repression in the UK*:
 - (i) Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 681);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 681);
- (3) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to aid spending and human rights*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Women and Equalities relating to the pre-appointment hearing for the Government's proposed candidate for Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Victims and Violence Against Women and Girls relating to the Victims and Prisoners Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Legislative Scrutiny: Mental Health Bill [Lords]*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 601)
(Sir Desmond Swayne).

31 International Development Committee

- (1) *The development work of the FCDO*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 531);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for International Development, Latin America and the Caribbean relating to the UK's provision of a loan guarantee for World Bank lending to Egypt*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Women, peace and security*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 782)
(Sarah Champion).

32 Procedure Committee

(1) *Proxy Voting: Review of arrangements introduced in Session 2024–25*: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 489);

(2) *Status of independent Members of Parliament*: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 534);

(3) *Electronic voting*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 710)
(Cat Smith).

33 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Ministerial Statements and the Ministerial Code: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1036) (Simon Hoare).

34 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to higher education: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Chi Onwurah).

35 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Industrial transition in Scotland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 729);

(2) *GB Energy and the net zero transition*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 459);

(3) *Problem drug use in Scotland follow-up: Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 630);

(4) *Universal postal service: Impact on remote, rural and island communities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 938)
(Patricia Ferguson).

36 Speaker's Conference

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

37 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

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

38 Transport Committee

Rail investment pipelines: ending boom and bust: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 575) (Ruth Cadbury).

39 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and opportunities*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 785);

(2) *Cross-border healthcare*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 606)
(Ruth Jones).

40 Women and Equalities Committee

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

(2) Correspondence with the Minister for Women and Equalities and Secretary of State for Education relating to the appointment of the Chair of the Equalities and Human Rights Commission: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) Correspondence from the Minister for Women and Equalities and Secretary of State for Education relating to the publication of revised RSHE guidance: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) Health barriers for women and girls in sport: Written evidence, to be published (HC 130);

(5) Misogyny: The manosphere and online content: Written evidence, to be published (HC 867)

(Sarah Owen).

41 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) Get Britain Working: Pathways to Work: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 837);

(2) Safeguarding Vulnerable Claimants: Government Response: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 1248);

(3) The work of the Department for Work and Pensions: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 344)

(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 and future of credit unions

Resolved, That this House has considered the role and future of credit unions.—(Katrina Murray.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.38 am and 11 am.

2 Impact of the relocation of the Information Commissioner's Office on Tatton constituency

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the impact of the relocation of the Information Commissioner's Office on Tatton constituency.—(Esther McVey.)

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 RAF E-7 Wedgetail programme

Resolved, That this House has considered the RAF E-7 Wedgetail programme.—(John Cooper.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.53 pm and 3.59 pm.

4 Government support for further education institutions

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Government support for further education institutions.—(Anna Dixon.)

At 4.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

5 Blue badge eligibility for cancer patients and people with life-altering illnesses

Resolved, That this House has considered blue badge eligibility for cancer patients and people with life-altering illnesses.—(Helen Grant.)

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

Adjourned at 5.22 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Retained EU Law Reform

Draft Aviation Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Capital Gains Tax

Horizon Convictions Redress Scheme (Amendment) and Grenfell Support (Restorative Justice) Programme (Income Tax Exemption) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 867), dated 15 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

3 Civil Aviation

(1) Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 850), dated 9 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

(2) Aviation Safety (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 878), dated 14 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

4 Social Security

Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 865), dated 15 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

5 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events

(1) Football (Offences) (Designation of Football Matches) (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 876), dated 15 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(2) Football Spectators (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 871), dated 15 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Other papers**6 Administration of Justice**

Report and Accounts of Funds in Court in England and Wales for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1170) (Clerk of the House)

7 Coroners and Justice

Report of the Sentencing Council for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

8 Dentists

Report and Accounts of the General Dental Council for 2024, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1125) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

9 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of Defence Science and Technology Laboratory for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 959) (Clerk of the House)

10 Government Trading Funds

Report and Accounts of the Met Office for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 976) (Clerk of the House)

11 Health and Social Care

Department for Health and Social Care Minute, dated 16 July 2025, concerning notification of a contingent liability relating to the Covid-19 autumn 2025 vaccination programme (by Command) (Ashley Dalton)

12 Health Service Commissioner

Report and Accounts of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 998) (Clerk of the House)

13 Museums and Galleries

Report and Accounts of The British Museum for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 994) (Secretary Lisa Nandy)

14 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

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

(3) Report and Accounts of The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act)
(Secretary Wes Streeting)

(4) Report and Accounts of York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation
Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

15 Science, Innovation and Technology

Report and Financial Statements of Ordnance Survey Limited for 2024–25 (by Command)
(CP 1347) (Feryal Clark)

16 Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration

Statement of Accounts of the Office of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists for 2024–25,
with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1166)
(Clerk of the House)

CORRECTION

Tuesday 15 July 2025

The following item should have appeared before item 28 (*Select Committees: Reports*):

Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

(1) *Innovation showcase*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 523);

(2) *Science diplomacy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 838);

(3) *Correspondence with the Department*: Written evidence, to be published
(Dame Chi Onwurah).