



House of Commons

Wednesday 3 September 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Minister for Women and Equalities
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 Speaker's Statement: Waiver of sub judice rule (inquests into methanol poisoning deaths overseas)**
- 3 Methanol poisoning (travel advice): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require travel advice issued by the Secretary of State and other persons to include guidance about the risks of methanol poisoning; and for connected purposes;

That Laura Trott, Gareth Bacon, Jim Dickson, Tom Morrison and Vicky Foxcroft present the Bill.

Laura Trott accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 29 May 2026, and to be printed (Bill 300).

4 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (10th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))

(1) Property taxes

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House notes recent reports that the Government is considering a wide range of increases to taxes on property; notes the Prime Minister's commitment last year not to impose Capital Gains Tax on primary residences; and calls on the Government not to introduce an annual property levy which would tax the family home, higher rates of Council Tax, or a land value tax, or to lower the thresholds or further increase liability to Inheritance Tax, for example, by changing the seven-year gift rule.—(*Sir Mel Stride*.)

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

5 Royal Assent

The Deputy Speaker reported that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Universal Credit Act 2025

Armed Forces Commissioner Act 2025

6 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (10th allotted day) (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 274

Ayes: 98 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Gregory Stafford)

Noes: 335 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Christian Wakeford)

Question negatived.

(2) Hospitality sector

Motion made and Question proposed,
That this House regrets the combination of catastrophic choices made by the Government causing the closure, downsizing and lack of hiring by pubs, restaurants, hotels and hospitality businesses across the United Kingdom, with an estimated 84,000 job losses over the last 12 months and an average of two site closures per day in the first half of 2025; further regrets the Government's policies that have led to this such as the omission of the hospitality sector from the Government's industrial strategy, increases in the cost of pavement licences, the reduction in retail, hospitality and leisure business rates relief from 75 per cent to 40 per cent for 2025–26, the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions to 15 per cent and the lowering of the secondary threshold to £5,000, and measures in the Employment Rights Bill which will make hospitality employers liable for the behaviour of customers and others; and calls on the Government to publish a dedicated strategy for the sector, to consult with hospitality employers prior to any future changes to the National Living Wage, to amend the Employment Rights Bill to protect seasonal and flexible employment

practices vital to the sectors' contribution in providing a ladder into employment for young and often excluded groups and to introduce targeted support measures to prevent further business closures, job losses and damage to local communities.—
(*Andrew Griffith.*)

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 275

Ayes: 158 (Tellers: Harriet Cross, Jerome Mayhew)

Noes: 334 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Christian Wakeford)

Question negatived.

7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing

Standards (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 1 July, be approved.—(*Martin McCluskey.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Application and Modification of Company Law) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 30 June, be approved.—(*Martin McCluskey.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Register of People with Significant Control (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 30 June, be approved.—(*Martin McCluskey.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Incidental and Miscellaneous Provisions)

Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 30 June, be approved.—
(*Martin McCluskey.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Online Safety Act 2023 (Qualifying Worldwide Revenue) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 26 June, be approved.—(*Martin McCluskey.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North relating to recognition of Palestinian statehood was presented and read by Liam Byrne.

9 Adjournment

Subject: Diabetes in sport (Chris Bloore)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(*Martin McCluskey.*)

Adjourned at 7.38 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

10 Special Education Needs and Disabilities (Training in Schools) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 12 September, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 28 November.

11 Waste Tyres Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 5 September, read and discharged.

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

12 Vehicle Registration Documents (Sale of Vehicle) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 5 September, read and discharged.

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

13 Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 5 September, read and discharged.

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

14 National Cancer Strategy Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 5 September, read and discharged.

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

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).

15 English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Committee

Members: Siân Berry, Mrs Elsie Blundell, Lewis Cocking, Andrew Cooper, Shaun Davies, Maya Ellis, Paul Holmes, Gen Kitchen, Jim McMahon, Perran Moon, Manuela Perteghella, Joe Powell, Mike Reader, David Simmonds, Vikki Slade, Harpreet Uppal and Sean Woodcock

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Markets in Financial Instruments (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025 and draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Capital Buffers and Macro-prudential Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025)

Members: Mrs Sureena Brackenridge, Julia Buckley, Daisy Cooper, Mark Garnier, Alex McIntyre, Alan Mak, James Naish, Sarah Olney, Emma Reynolds, Oliver Ryan, Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst, Alex Sobel, Gregory Stafford, Alistair Strathern, Kirsteen Sullivan, Christian Wakeford and John Whitby

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Data Protection Act 2018 (Qualifying Competent Authorities) Regulations 2025)

Members: Sadik Alhassan, Jess Asato, Paula Barker, Sarah Bool, Jade Botterill, Victoria Collins, Paul Davies, Chris Evans, Vicky Foxcroft, Paul Holmes, Dan Jarvis, Kit Malthouse, Keir Mather, Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, David Smith, Matt Vickers and Martin Wrigley

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 and the Terrorism Act 2000 (Port Examination Codes of Practice) Regulations 2025)

Members: Luke Akehurst, Sarah Bool, Jade Botterill, Maureen Burke, Dan Carden, Andrew Cooper, Maya Ellis, Damian Hinds, Dan Jarvis, Frank McNally, Keir Mather, Rebecca Paul, Dr Jeevun Sandher, Lisa Smart, Sir Julian Smith, Luke Taylor and Michelle Welsh

Select Committees: Reports

19Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

(1) *Building support for the energy transition*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 734);

(2) *Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Planning for nuclear generation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1212);

(4) *Revisiting the nuclear roadmap*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 735);

(5) *The cost of energy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 736)

(Bill Esterson).

20Environmental Audit Committee

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Thursday 4 September 2025.

(1) *Governing the marine environment: Government Response: Third Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1272);

(2) *The UK and the Antarctic Environment: Government Response: Fourth Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1273);

(3) *National Highways and environmental sustainability: Oral evidence*, to be published (HC 1284);

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

(5) *Airport expansion and climate and nature targets: Written evidence*, to be published (HC 831);

(6) *Flood resilience in England: Written evidence*, to be published (HC 550)

(Mr Toby Perkins).

21Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *The First 1000 Days: a renewed focus: Oral and written evidence*, to be published (HC 802);

(2) *Adult social care reform: the cost of inaction*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 368);

(3) *Black maternal health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 895);

(4) *Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Health and Care Professions Council relating to their 2024–25 performance review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Nursing and Midwifery Council*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Palliative care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 632);

(8) *The work of the Care Quality Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 562)

(Paulette Hamilton).

22 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *Legislative Scrutiny: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 789);
 - (2) *Universal Periodic Review*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1098);
 - (3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Security relating to Deprivation of Citizenship Orders*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Sir Desmond Swayne).

23 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

- (1) *The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 586);
- (2) *Correspondence with PSNI relating to illegal immigration*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 840);

(4) *The operation of the Windsor Framework*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 491)

(Tonia Antoniazzi).

24 Procedure Committee

(1) *Call lists*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 536);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Liaison Committee and Chair of the Backbench Business Committee relating to Estimates Day debate allocations*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Electronic voting*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 710);

(4) *Sub judice resolution in the House of Commons*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 933);

(5) *Written Parliamentary Questions: Departmental performance in Session 2024–25*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 828)

(Cat Smith).

25Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) Correspondence from the Chief Executive and First Permanent Secretary of HM Revenue and Customs relating to the update on IR35 and Off-Payroll Working reforms:

Written evidence, to be published;

(2) Correspondence from the Treasury Officer of Accounts at HM Treasury relating to the spending incurred following the Afghan data leak and expenditure on the Afghan Response Route: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

26Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) Ministerial statements and the Ministerial Code: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1036);

(2) Correspondence from the Minister for the Cabinet Office and HM Paymaster General relating to the Infected Blood Inquiry: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) Correspondence from the Minister of State at the Cabinet Office (Douglas

Alexander) relating to Common Framework programme update: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) Mission Government: Written evidence, to be published (HC 764);

(5) Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK: Written evidence, to be published (HC 899);

(6) Work of the UK Statistics Authority: Written evidence, to be published (HC 847) (Simon Hoare).

27Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

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

(2) Work of the Advanced Research and Invention Agency (ARIA): Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1292);

(3) Asteroids and planetary defence: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1071);

(4) Correspondence from the Department: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the National Clinical Director of NHS England on follow-up from 8 July session: Written evidence, to be published*

(Dame Chi Onwurah).

28Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Problem drug use in Scotland follow-up: Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility:*

(i) Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 630);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 630);

(2) *Scotland's space sector follow-up: launch:*

(i) Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 671);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 671);

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

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

(5) *The work of the department: Written evidence, to be published (HC 410)*

(Patricia Ferguson).

29 Speaker's Conference

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

(Mr Speaker).

30 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

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

31 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 294-ix) (Lewis Atkinson).

32 Transport Committee

Car clubs and car sharing: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1259) (Ruth Cadbury).

33 Treasury Committee

- (1) *Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 419);
 - (2) *Economic statistics*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 682);
 - (3) *Finfluencers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 863);
 - (4) *National Wealth Fund*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 806);
 - (5) *Reappointment of Richard Hughes as Chair of the Office for Budget Responsibility*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1214);
 - (6) *Work of the Financial Conduct Authority*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 417)
- (Dame Meg Hillier).

34 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) *Promoting Wales for inward investment*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 444);
- (2) *Correspondence relating to the Internal Market Act 2020*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and opportunities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 785)

(Ruth Jones).

35 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Female genital mutilation*: Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the report (HC 714);

(2) *Misogyny in music: on repeat*: Government Response: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1302);

(3) *Prevalence of sexually transmitted infections*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1249);

(4) *Appointment of the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 873);

(5) *Female entrepreneurship*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 711);

(6) *Gendered Islamophobia*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 571);

(7) Health impacts of breast implants and other cosmetic procedures: Written evidence, to be published (HC 869)
(Sarah Owen).

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 Use of drones in defence

Resolved, That this House has considered the use of drones in defence.—(*Peter Fortune.*)

2 Government support for people harmed following covid-19 vaccinations

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for people harmed

following covid-19 vaccinations.—
(*Sir Christopher Chope.*)

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

3 Duty of candour for public authorities and legal representation for bereaved families

Motion made and Question proposed,
That this House has considered duty of candour for public authorities and legal representation for bereaved families.—(*Ian Byrne.*)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

The sitting was suspended between 3.05 pm and 3.20 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered duty of candour for public authorities and legal representation for bereaved families.

4 Living standards in the East of England

Resolved, That this House has considered living standards in the East of England.—
(*Clive Lewis*.)

5 Pavement parking

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of pavement parking.—(*Helen Maguire*.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of pavement parking.

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

Adjourned at 5.44 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 National Health Service

National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 989), dated 1 September 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Stephen Kinnock)

2 Social Security

Housing Benefit (Habitual Residence) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 988), dated 1 September 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Sir Stephen Timms)

Other papers

3 Museums and Galleries

Report and Accounts of the Board of Trustees of the Tate Gallery for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1055) (Chris Bryant)

4 National Health Service

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

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

(3) Report and Accounts of Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(4) Report and Accounts of East London NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(5) Report and Accounts of Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(6) Report and Accounts of James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(7) Report and Accounts of Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(8) Report and Accounts of The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(9) Report and Accounts of West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

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

5 Osteopaths

Report and Accounts of the General Osteopathic Council for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Alicia Kearns	10 December	30 November	Mr Gagan Mohindra (3 and 4 September); Joy Morrissey (thereafter)
Patrick Spencer	15 May	14 December	Mr Gagan Mohindra (3 and 4 September); Joy Morrissey (thereafter)
Satvir Kaur	4 September	28 February 2026	Chris Elmore

CORRECTION

Tuesday 2 September 2025

Item 27 should have read:

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Biosecurity at the border: Britain's illegal meat crisis*: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1296);

(2) *UK-EU trade: towards a resilient border strategy*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1297);

(3) *The Government's vision for farming: Government Response*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 1255);

(4) *Animal and plant health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 611);

(5) *Preventing waste and enabling a circular economy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 929);

(6) *Reforming the water sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 588);

(7) *The future of farming*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 527);

() *Work of the Department and its arm's-length bodies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 415)

(Mr Alistair Carmichael).