



House of Commons

Monday 20 October 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education
- 2 Urgent Questions: (1) Official Secrets Act case: Home Office involvement
(2) Aston Villa — Maccabi Tel Aviv: Away fans ban (Secretary Lisa Nandy)
- 3 Statement: Post-16 Education and Skills Strategy (Secretary Bridget Phillipson)
- 4 Diego Garcia Military Base and British Indian Ocean Territory Bill: Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 9 September).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 (Commencement of Treaty and main provisions of this Act)

Amendment 1 proposed.—(*Wendy Morton.*)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment 7 proposed.—(*Priti Patel.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 314

Ayes: 174 (Tellers: David Reed, Jerome Mayhew)

Noes: 321 (Tellers: Deirdre Costigan, Stephen Morgan)

Question negatived.

Amendment 9 proposed.—(*Dr Al Pinkerton.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 315

Ayes: 83 (Tellers: Zöe Franklin, Susan Murray)

Noes: 319 (Tellers: Deirdre Costigan, Stephen Morgan)

Question negatived.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 (Dissolution of the British Indian Ocean Territory)

Question put, That Clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 316

Ayes: 318 (Tellers: Deirdre Costigan, Stephen Morgan)

Noes: 174 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, David Reed)

Question agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 6 agreed to.

New Clause NC1—(*Priti Patel*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 317

Ayes: 172 (Tellers: David Reed, Jerome Mayhew)

Noes: 322 (Tellers: Deirdre Costigan, Stephen Morgan)

Question negatived.

As it was more than four hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Programme Order, 9 September and Standing Order No. 83D).

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Christian Wakeford reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

5 Diego Garcia Military Base and British Indian Ocean Territory Bill: Third Reading

Sir Mark Tami signified King's consent, as far as His Majesty's prerogative is concerned.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 318

Ayes: 320 (Tellers: Deirdre Costigan, Stephen Morgan)

Noes: 171 (Tellers: David Reed, Jerome Mayhew)

Question agreed to and Bill passed.

6 Public petitions

A public petition from users of Grove Park station relating to Grove Park station was presented and read by Janet Daby.

7 Adjournment

Subject: A50/A500 corridor (Jacob Collier)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gregor Poynton*.)

Adjourned at 11.28 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

8 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Martin Vickers (Chair) reported the draft Compensation for Miscarriages of Justice (Alteration of Overall Compensation Limits) Order 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).

9 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Compensation for Miscarriages of Justice (Alteration of Overall Compensation Limits) Order 2025)

Members: Rachel Taylor discharged and Graeme Downie nominated in substitution.

10 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Companies (Directors' Report) (Payment Reporting) Regulations 2025)

Members: Gen Kitchen discharged and Nesil Caliskan nominated in substitution.

11 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Definition of Relevant Land) (Amendment) Order 2025)

Chair: Sir Jeremy Wright in place of Dr Rosena Allin-Khan.

12 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services (Overseas Recognition Regime Designations) Regulations 2025)

Members: John Lamont discharged and John Cooper nominated in substitution.

13 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Control of Mercury (Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Ms Polly Billington discharged and Cat Eccles nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports relating to orders for printing made during the

adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

Friday 17 October

14 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Correspondence with the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).

15 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

Espionage cases and the Official Secrets Acts: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1414) (Clerk of the House).

Select Committees: Reports made on Monday 20 October

16 Home Affairs Committee

Correspondence from the Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls relating to the National Inquiry into Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Karen Bradley).

17 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *The National Security Strategy:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1045);
- (2) *Defending Democracy:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 720);
- (3) *Espionage cases and the Official Secrets Acts:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1414) (Bill Esterson).

18 Privileges (Committee of)

Matter referred on 14 July 2025 (Omagh Bombing Inquiry): First Report, with an Appendix, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1393) (Alberto Costa).

19 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) *Local bus services in England:* Fiftieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 892);
- (2) *The UK's F-35 stealth fighter capability:* Fifty-first Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1232);
- (3) *Resilience to threats from animal disease:*
 - (i) Fifty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 885);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 885);
- (4) *Government services: Identifying costs:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1421);
- (5) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of HM Treasury relating to UK Asset Resolution's Annual Report and Accounts:* Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (CSC)*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

20 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

Correspondence from the Department relating to information security standards: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Chi Onwurah).

21 Scottish Affairs Committee

Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1308) (Patricia Ferguson).

22 Treasury Committee

AI in financial services: Written evidence, to be published (HC 684) (Dame Meg Hillier).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on e-petitions (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 Support and accommodation for asylum seekers

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petitions 705383 and 718406 relating to support and accommodation for asylum seekers.—(Tony Vaughan.)

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

Adjourned at 7.21 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 17 October under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Climate Change

Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1101), dated 15 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 20 October

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

2 Financial Services and Markets

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Prudential Regulation of Credit Institutions) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Rigby)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Merchant Shipping

Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1103), dated 16 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

4 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism

Proscribed Organisations (Name Change) (Revocation) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1104), dated 17 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

5 Road Traffic

M32 Motorway (Junctions 1 to 3) (40 and 60 Miles Per Hour Speed Limits) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1102), dated 15 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Other papers

6 Education

Post-16 Education and Skills (by Command) (CP 1412) (Secretary Bridget Phillipson)

7 Environment

Government Response to the Report from January 2025 by the Office for Environmental Protection on progress in improving the natural environment in England (by Act) (Secretary Emma Reynolds)

8 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Work and Pensions: Tackling benefit overpayments due to fraud and error (by Act), to be printed (HC 1336) (Clerk of the House)

9 National Health Service

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft National Health Service (Procurement, Slavery and Human Trafficking) Regulations 2025 (by Command) (Karin Smyth)

Withdrawn papers

10 National Health Service

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft National Health Service (Procurement, Slavery and Human Trafficking) Regulations 2025 (laid 9 September)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Sir Mark Hendrick	13 October	30 November	Sir Nicholas Dakin
Ashley Dalton	20 October	19 May 2026	Sir Nicholas Dakin
Alicia Kearns	10 December 2024	30 November	Mr Gagan Mohindra
Patrick Spencer	15 May	14 December	Mr Gagan Mohindra

CORRECTION

Wednesday 15 October 2025

Item 34 should have read:

Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Get Britain Working: Pathways to Work: Government Response:*

(i) Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1385);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 837);

(2) *Pensioner Poverty: challenges and mitigations: Government Response:* Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1384);

(3) *Social Security Advisory Committee*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1337);

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Social Security and Disability relating to the Timms Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to a change in the Department's responsibilities*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Local Housing Allowance and other benefit-related matters*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1009)

(Debbie Abrahams).