



# House of Commons

Thursday 23 October 2025

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office**
- 2 **Urgent Questions: (1) Official Secrets Act case: Role of the Attorney General's Office (The Solicitor General)**  
**(2) Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund (Dame Angela Eagle)**
- 3 **Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 4 **Black History Month**  
*Resolved*, That this House has considered Black History Month.—(*Seema Malhotra*.)
- 5 **Adjournment**  
Subject: Government support for the decarbonisation of cement (John Whitby)  
*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Jade Botterill*.)

Adjourned at 3.56 pm until Monday 27 October.

## Other Proceedings

### *Changes to Notices Given*

- 6 **Employment Rights (Special Constables) Bill**  
Order for Second Reading on Friday 24 October, read and discharged.  
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 29 May 2026.
- 7 **Royal Fleet Auxiliary (Report on Remit of Commissioner) Bill**  
Order for Second Reading on Friday 24 October, read and discharged.  
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 November.
- 8 **Domestic Abuse (Aggravated Offences) Bill**  
Order for Second Reading on Friday 24 October, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 31 October.

**9 National Cancer Strategy Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 24 October, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 31 October.

*General Committees: Reports*

**10 English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Committee**

Valerie Vaz (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

*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).*

**11 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Mutual Recognition Agreement) (Switzerland) Regulations 2025)**

Chair: David Mundell

**12 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Private International Law Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (Extension of Operative Period) Regulations 2025)**

Chair: Christine Jardine

**13 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Football Governance Act 2025 (Specified Competitions) Regulations 2025)**

Chair: Emma Lewell

**14 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Broadcasting (Regional Programming and Original Productions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025) and (draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Regulations 2025)**

Chair: Sir Edward Leigh

*Select Committees: Reports*

**15 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 30 October in the Chamber and Tuesday 4 November, Tuesday 11 November and Thursday 13 November in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

**16 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *Ministry of Justice follow-up: Autumn 2025*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1240);

(2) *Water sector regulation*, Written evidence, to be published (HC 824)  
(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

## 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 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D)**

Publication of the Second Special Report from the Justice Committee, Work of the County Court: Government Response, HC 1387 (Andy Slaughter)

**2 Impact of NHS workforce levels on cancer patients**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the impact of NHS workforce levels on cancer patients.—(Clive Jones.)

*The sitting was suspended between 3 pm and 3.10 pm.*

**3 Performance of the Building Safety Regulator**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the performance of the Building Safety Regulator.—(Chris Curtis.)

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

Adjourned at 4.20 pm until Monday 27 October.

*Ms Nusrat Ghani*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**1 Pensions**

Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Collective Money Purchase Schemes) (Extension to Unconnected Multiple Employer Schemes and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Torsten Bell)

**2 Contracts**

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (Permitted Disclosures) Regulations 2025 (by Command) (Secretary David Lammy)

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## Papers subject to Negative Resolution

### 3 Bulgaria No. 1 (2025)

Agreement, done at London on 16 September 2025, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria on the Termination of the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments, done at London on 11 December 1995, dated (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

### 4 Companies

Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships (Annotations, Application and Modification of Company Law and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1116), dated 22 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Blair McDougall)

### 5 Local Government

(1) Draft Middlesbrough (Electoral Changes) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft Sandwell (Electoral Changes) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

### 6 Pensions

Occupational Pension Schemes (Collective Money Purchase Schemes) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1113), dated 22 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Torsten Bell)

### 7 Poland No. 1 (2025)

Exchange of Notes, done at Warsaw on 28 March and 10 September 2025, on the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Poland on Termination of the Continuing Legal Effects of Article 13 of the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Polish People's Republic for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

### 8 Public Service Pensions

Public Service (Civil Servants and Others) Pensions (Remediable Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1115), dated 20 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Anna Turley)

## Other papers

### 9 Air Force (Constitution)

(1) King's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Seventh Edition) (Amendment List 5) (by Act) (Al Carns)

(2) Royal Air Force Attestation Form 1047 Regulations (by Act) (Al Carns)

**10 Animals (Scientific Procedures)**

Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain for 2024, to be printed (HC 1386) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

**11 European Union (Withdrawal Agreement)**

Report and Accounts of the Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1370) (Secretary David Lammy)

**12 Food Safety**

Food Law Code of Practice (England) (by Act) (Ashley Dalton)

**13 Government Resources and Accounts**

(1) Report and Accounts of Building Digital UK for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1351) (Kanishka Narayan)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Cabinet Office for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1372) (James Murray)

(3) Report and Accounts of the National Forest Company for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 1347) (Secretary Emma Reynolds)

**14 Health and Social Care**

Care Quality Commission: The state of health care and adult social care in England for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1367) (Dr Zubir Ahmed)

**15 UK Borders**

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: An inspection of General Maritime: October 2024–February 2025 (by Act) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

**16 National Health Service**

(1) Report and Accounts of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

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

**Withdrawn papers****17 Contracts**

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (Permitted Disclosures) Regulations 2025 (laid 16 October)

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**CORRECTION**

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Item 3 (Papers Laid) should not have appeared.