
WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2025**NO.215**

Order Paper: Business Today & Future Business

On 10 December 1940 Flight Lieutenant John Rathbone, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 82 Squadron, Member for Bodmin, was killed in action in Belgium

Summary Agenda: Chamber

11.30am	Prayers
Afterwards	Oral Questions: Women and Equalities
12 noon	Oral Questions: Prime Minister
12.30pm	Urgent Questions, Ministerial Statements (if any)
No debate	Presentation of Bills
Up to 20 minutes	Ten Minute Rule Motion: Data publication and quality (immigration, nationality and country of birth) (Katie Lam)

Until 7.00pm	Opposition Day (14th Allotted Day) Seasonal work Conduct of the Chancellor of the Exchequer
No debate	Statutory Instruments (Motions for approval)
No debate	Presentation of Public Petitions
Until 7.30pm or for half an hour	Adjournment Debate: Potential merits of a public inquiry into Cammell Laird workers imprisoned in 1984 (Kim Johnson)

Westminster Hall

9.30am	Government support for self-determination in Kashmir
11.00am	Potential merits of banning small-scale fracking operations (The sitting will be suspended from 11.30am to 2.30pm)
2.30pm	AI safety
4.00pm	Village schools
4.30pm	International Human Rights Day 2025

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BUSINESS TODAY: CHAMBER**11.30am Prayers****Followed by****QUESTIONS****Oral Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities****1 Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon)

If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of her timetable for bringing forward legislative proposals to ban conversion practices on affected people. (906818)

2 Rachel Hopkins (Luton South and South Bedfordshire)

What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to promote equality as part of the Government mission entitled Break Down Barriers to Opportunity. (906819)

3 Jayne Kirkham (Truro and Falmouth)

What steps she is taking to ensure the provision of safe spaces for transgender people, in the context of the draft Code of Practice issued by the Equality and Human Rights Commission. (906820)

4 Mohammad Yasin (Bedford)

What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle violence against women and girls. (906821)

5 Rachael Maskell (York Central)

If she will monitor the protected characteristics of

people judged to have been unfairly dismissed in the first six months of employment. (906822)

6 Dr Lauren Sullivan (Gravesham)

What steps she is taking to support women's economic empowerment. (906823)

7 Charlie Maynard (Witney)

What steps her Department has taken with the Secretary of State for Defence to help tackle LGBTQ+ discrimination in the armed forces. (906825)

8 Jessica Toale (Bournemouth West)

What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle violence against women and girls. (906826)

9 Chris Vince (Harlow)

What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to reduce inequalities experienced by children in poverty. (906827)

10 Bob Blackman (Harrow East)

What assessment she has made of the potential equality impacts of the PATHWAYS puberty blocker trial. (906828)

11 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park)

What steps she is taking with the Secretary of State for the Home Department to help tackle violence against women and girls. (906829)

12 Mr Alex Barros-Curtis (Cardiff West)

What steps she is taking to ban conversion practices. (906830)

13 Mike Reader (Northampton South)

What steps she is taking to support women's economic empowerment. (906831)

14 Gill Furniss (Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough)

What steps she is taking to help tackle unequal access to medical treatment. (906832)

At 11.53am

Topical Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities

T1 Manuela Perteghella (Stratford-on-Avon)

If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (906833)

T2 Andrew George (St Ives) (906834)

T3 Torcuil Crichton (Na h-Eileanan an Iar) (906835)

T4 Jerome Mayhew (Broadland and Fakenham) (906836)

T5 Sarah Russell (Congleton) (906837)

T6 Gregory Stafford (Farnham and Bordon) (906838)

T7 Rachael Maskell (York Central) (906839)

T8 Euan Stainbank (Falkirk) (906840)

At 12 noon

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

Q1 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park)

If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 10 December. (906841)

Q2 Saqib Bhatti (Meriden and Solihull East) (906842)

Q3 Rachael Maskell (York Central) (906843)

Q4 Andrew Cooper (Mid Cheshire) (906844)

Q5 Sojan Joseph (Ashford) (906845)

Q6 Wera Hobhouse (Bath) (906847)

Q7 Dr Luke Evans (Hinckley and Bosworth) (906848)

Q8 Josh Dean (Hertford and Stortford) (906849)

Q9 Jim Dickson (Dartford) (906850)

Q10 Kirsteen Sullivan (Bathgate and Linlithgow) (906851)

Q11 Chris Murray (Edinburgh East and Musselburgh)
(906852)

Q12 Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire) (906853)

Q13 Jenny Riddell-Carpenter (Suffolk Coastal) (906854)

Q14 Sarah Bool (South Northamptonshire) (906855)

URGENT QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

12.30pm

Urgent Questions (if any)

Ministerial Statements (if any)

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

No debate (Standing Order No. 57)

Reindeer (Licensing for Exhibition)

Sarah Dyke

Bill to provide that, for the purposes of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981, domesticated reindeer are not wild animals; to make further provision about licensing in respect of the keeping or training of reindeer for exhibition; and for connected purposes.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY**1. Ten Minute Rule Motion: Data publication and quality (immigration, nationality and country of birth)**

Up to 20 minutes (Standing Order No. 23)

Katie Lam

That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the collection and publication of data on immigration status, nationality and country of birth of certain persons, including relating to users of certain public services, claimants of certain benefits, the prison population, and arrests; to require that such data is published at least once per calendar year; to require the Secretary of State to review the quality and consistency of any such data collected and published; and for connected purposes.

Notes:

The Member moving and a Member opposing this Motion may each speak for up to 10 minutes.

2. Opposition Day (14th Allotted Day)

Until 7.00pm (Standing Order No. 9(3))

■ Seasonal work

Mrs Kemi Badenoch

Nigel Huddleston

Andrew Griffith

Rebecca Harris

That this House regrets Government policies that are making seasonal, flexible and part-time work more difficult; notes that these policies particularly impact young people who are likely to start their first job in the hospitality, leisure and retail sectors, and specifically regrets Government policy to increase business rates on the hospitality, leisure and retail sectors; further regrets the Employment Rights Bill, with its provisions on guaranteed hours, and late notice cancellation of shifts, which will effectively destroy seasonal, flexible and part-time work; also regrets raising the rate of employer National Insurance contributions; regrets that 84,000 jobs in the hospitality sector have therefore been lost; and calls on the Government to cut public expenditure in order to abolish business rates for thousands of high street businesses, and not to proceed with the Employment Rights Bill so that it is easier for young people to get their first job, and easier for people to move from receiving welfare into work.

Amendment (a)

The Prime Minister

Secretary Peter Kyle**Kate Dearden****Blair McDougall****Jonathan Reynolds**

Leave out from “House” to end and insert “notes the Government’s strong support for small and medium-sized businesses, including those employing seasonal workers; further notes that the Government’s Employment Rights Bill will help seasonal workers by bringing the UK’s outdated employment laws into the 21st century; welcomes the policy paper entitled Backing your business: our plan for small and medium sized businesses, which sets out a comprehensive vision for productivity and success; further welcomes action to tackle late payments through the introduction of the toughest laws in the G7, helping SMEs maintain cash flow during peak periods; supports measures to cut energy bills for SMEs through investment in clean power and reducing levies; commends investment in high streets via the Pride in Place fund, boosting footfall for seasonal trade; also notes consultations to reduce burdens on hospitality businesses; and further commends targeted support through the Business Growth Service to help SMEs access skills, finance and growth opportunities.”

Amendment (b)**Sarah Olney****Ed Davey****Daisy Cooper**

Wendy Chamberlain

Leave out from “House” to end and insert “notes the importance of seasonal work to key sectors of the economy, including farming, agriculture and hospitality; recognises that many businesses depend on recruiting the right workers at the right time, and that obstacles to hiring seasonal staff can severely exacerbate the challenges already facing these sectors; believes that the Government has wasted the last 18 months by failing to pursue policies that promote growth, and by imposing an unfair National Insurance tax rise that has stifled business investment; condemns the previous Government for undermining farming, agriculture, hospitality and other sectors depending on seasonal work, by negotiating failed trade deals with the EU, Australia and New Zealand and breaking its promise to reform business rates; welcomes changes to the Employment Rights Bill secured in the House of Lords which help protect seasonal workers; calls on the Government to tackle the cost-of-living and cost-of-doing-business crises by cutting hospitality VAT to 15% until April 2027 and by bringing down energy bills, to save jobs, support high streets, and boost business confidence; and urges the Government to introduce a proper seasonal worker system that ensures farms, fisheries and other sectors can reliably access the workforce they need.”

■ Conduct of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Mrs Kemi Badenoch

Sir Mel Stride

Rebecca Harris

James Wild

That this House calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to apologise for misleading the country about the state of the public finances, rolling the pitch for raising taxes, breaking her promises and increasing welfare spending, including her claim on 4 November 2025 that the OBR would be downgrading their productivity forecast which, as the Chancellor said, had ‘consequences for the public finances too, in lower tax receipts’, when in fact on 31 October 2025 the OBR had submitted its forecast to the Chancellor that showed tax receipts would be £16 billion higher than previously thought, resulting in the Government’s current balance target being met by a margin of £4.2 billion; further calls on the Chancellor to apologise for breaching the trust of the OBR, whose forecasts are shared in strict confidence until the Chancellor has given her Budget Statement; also calls on the Chancellor to apologise for the misleading briefings and leaks from HM Treasury in advance of the Budget Statement which caused uncertainty for families, businesses and investors; and calls on the Chancellor to apologise for breaking her promise after the last Budget that the Government was not going to raise taxes again, instead raising taxes in the 2025 Budget by £26 billion.

Amendment (a)

Daisy Cooper

Charlie Maynard

Ed Davey

Wendy Chamberlain

Leave out from “House” to end and insert “notes with deep concern the chaos and confusion that surrounded the Budget from start to finish; regrets that people expecting a clean break from the previous Government’s chaos were instead presented with more dysfunction; reaffirms the importance of the OBR in providing independent scrutiny of the Government and fostering economic stability; condemns pre-Budget leaks by this Government, as well as the previous Government’s efforts to sideline the OBR, both of which were fiscally irresponsible; further notes that the current Government has failed to show a credible economic vision and has made damaging decisions such as raising employer’s National Insurance, taxing family farms and family businesses, and extending the previous Government’s freeze on Income Tax thresholds; also notes that the previous Government’s economic mismanagement, including its damaging Brexit deal, catastrophic mini-budget and failure to tackle the cost-of-living crisis left a dire economic legacy; calls on the Government to grow the economy by starting to repair the damage of Brexit through a new bespoke UK-EU customs union, that would unleash British business and raise more than £25 billion a year for the Exchequer; and urges Ministers to tackle the cost-of-living and cost-of-doing-business crises by cutting hospitality VAT to 15 per cent until April 2027 and by bringing down energy bills, to save jobs,

support high streets, and boost economic confidence.”

Notes:

The selection of the matters to be debated has been made by the Leader of the Opposition (Standing Order No. 14(2)).

3. Competition

No debate (Standing Order No. 118(6))

Ian Murray

That the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Mergers Involving Newspaper Enterprises and Foreign Powers) (No. 2) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 30 October, be approved.

Notes:

If this item is opposed after 7.00pm, the division will be deferred.

4. Environmental Protection

No debate (Standing Order No. 118(6))

Secretary Emma Reynolds

That the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 3 November, be approved.

Notes:

If this item is opposed after 7.00pm, the division will be deferred.

PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC PETITIONS

No debate or decision (Standing Order No. 153)

Pornography and violence against women: **Jess Asato**

Bank closure in Penzance: **Andrew George**

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

Until 7.30pm or for half an hour (whichever is later)

(Standing Order No. 9(7))

Potential merits of a public inquiry into Cammell Laird workers imprisoned in 1984: **Kim Johnson [R]**

BUSINESS TODAY: WESTMINSTER HALL

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Up to two hours for the first part of the sitting and up to three hours for the second part (Standing Order No. 10(1))

9.30am

That this House has considered Government support for self-determination in Kashmir: **Imran Hussain**

11.00am

That this House has considered the potential merits of banning small-scale fracking operations: **Alison Hume**

Notes:

The sitting will be suspended from 11.30am to 2.30pm.

2.30pm

That this House has considered AI safety: **Iqbal Mohamed**

4.00pm

That this House has considered village schools: **Manuela Perteghella**

4.30pm

That this House has considered International Human Rights Day 2025: **Markus Campbell-Savours**

Notes:

The debate at 4.30pm will last for up to an hour.

The sitting will be suspended and time added if divisions take place in the main Chamber (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

WRITTEN STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS TO BE MADE TODAY

Secretary of State for Business and Trade

1. British Steel

Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

2. Publication of ‘Youth Matters: Your National Youth Strategy’

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

3. Conclusion of annual negotiations for 2026 fishing opportunities

Secretary of State for Transport

4. Motor Insurance Taskforce Report

Notes:

Texts of Written Statements are available from the Vote Office and on the internet at <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/> .

COMMITTEES MEETING TODAY

Broadcasts of proceedings can be found at <https://www.parliamentlive.tv/Commons>

OTHER

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Subject: Policing and security in Northern Ireland

Room 5

9.00am (private), 9.30am (public)

Witnesses:

9.30am **Dr Jonny Byrne** (Independent Reviewer of the exercised powers under the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 and of National Security Arrangements)
Professor Marie Breen-Smyth (International Peace Education Resources)

Transport Committee

Subject: Railways Bill

The Wilson Room, Portcullis House

9.00am (private), 9.15am (public)

Witnesses:

9.15am **Ben Plowden** (Chief Executive at Campaign for Better Transport)

Emma Vogelmann (Co-Chief Executive at Transport for All)

Sue Sharp (Deputy Chair at Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee)

10.00am **John Davies** (Vice President for Industrial Relations at Trainline)

Anthony Smith (Chair at Independent Rail Retailers)

David Pitt (Vice President at SilverRail Technologies UK Ltd)

10.45am **Alex Robertson** (Chief Executive at Transport Focus)

Alex Campbell (Director of Insight and Policy at Transport Focus)

Work and Pensions Committee

Subject: Transition to State Pension age

Room 6

9.00am (private), 9.15am (public)

Witnesses:

9.15am **Jonathan Cribb** (Deputy Director at Institute for Fiscal Studies)

Chris Curry (Director, Pensions Policy Institute at Institute for Fiscal Studies)

- 10.15am **Andrea Barry** (Deputy Director for Work, Retirement and Transition at Centre for Ageing Better)
 Ben Franklin (Deputy Chief Executive at International Longevity Centre)
 Patrick Thomson (Head of Research Analysis and Policy at Standard Life Centre for the Future of Retirement)

Health and Social Care Committee

Subject: Healthy Ageing: physical activity in an ageing society

The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

9.15am (private), 9.30am (public)

Witnesses:

- 9.30am **Jeanette Bain-Burnett** (Executive Director for Policy and Integrity at Sport England)
 Huw Edwards (CEO at UKactive)
 Charlotte Osborn-Forde (CEO at National Academy for Social Prescribing)
 Graeme Sinnott (Director of Place and Strategy and Deputy CEO at Active Partnerships National Organisation)
- 10.30am **Bethany Badrock** (Ageing Well Programme Manager, Greater Manchester Ageing Hub at Greater Manchester Combined Authority)

Siobhan Farmer (Director of Public Health at Gloucestershire County Council)

Ryan Hughes (Head of Programmes and Partnerships at Active Norfolk)

Treasury Committee

Subject: Budget 2025

The Grimond Room, Portcullis House
9.45am (private), 10.00am (public)

Witnesses:

10.00am **Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP** (Chancellor of the Exchequer at HM Treasury)

James Bowler (Permanent secretary to the Treasury at HM Treasury)

Dharmesh Nayee (Directory of Strategy, Planning and Budget at HM Treasury)

Welsh Affairs Committee

Subject: Promoting Wales for inward investment, and the environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Room 16
9.45am (private), 10.15am (public)

Witnesses:

10.15am **Rebecca Evans MS** (Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning at Welsh Government)
Liz Lalley (Director of Economic Policy and Strategy at Welsh Government)
Andrew Gwatkin (Director of International Relations and Trade at Welsh Government)

Procedure Committee

Subject: Work of the Leader of the House

Room 15

10.00am (private), 10.15am (public)

Witnesses:

10.15am **Rt Hon Sir Alan Campbell MP** (Leader of the House at House of Commons)

Environmental Audit Committee

Subject: Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Room 8

2.00pm (private), 2.30pm (public)

Witnesses:

- 2.30pm **Professor Elsie Sunderland** (Fred Kavli Professor of Environmental Chemistry and Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Harvard University)
Professor Martyn Kirk (Professor of Applied Epidemiology at Australian National University)
Professor Alan Boobis OBE (Professor of Toxicology at Imperial College London)
- 3.30pm **David Henderson** (CEO at Water UK)
Dr David Megson (Reader in Chemistry and Environmental Forensics at Manchester Metropolitan University)
Vicky Robinson (Head of Sustainability at The Agricultural Industries Confederation)

Human Rights

Subject: Human Rights of Children in the Social Care System in England

Room 5

2.00pm (private), 2.15pm (public)

Witnesses:

- 2.15pm **Caroline Coady** (Deputy Director of Social Care at National Children's Bureau)
Anna Bird (CEO at Contact: for families with disabled children)

3.15pm **Alex Ruck Keene KC (Hon)** (Barrister at 39 Essex Chambers)
Professor Alison Young (Commissioner for Public Law and Law in Wales at Law Commission)
Connor Johnston (Senior Lawyer at Law Commission)

Women and Equalities Committee

Subject: Work of the Social Mobility Commission (SMC) (2024-26 session)

Room 6

2.00pm (private), 2.20pm (public)

Witnesses:

2.20pm **Alun Francis OBE** (Chair at Social Mobility Commission)
Summer Nisar (Director at Social Mobility Commission)

3.20pm **Victoria Howard** (Senior Social Mobility Inclusion Manager at Browne Jacobson)
Paul Gerrard (Campaigns, Public Affairs and Policy Director at The Co-op Group)
Sarah Atkinson (Chief Executive Officer at The Social Mobility Foundation)

Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House
2.30pm (private), 3.00pm (public)

3.00pm **Susie Elks** (Senior Policy Advisor at E3G)
Tom Edwards (Principal Modeller at Cornwall
Insight)
Professor Michael Grubb (Professor of
Energy and Climate Change and Director of
UCL Centre for Net Zero Market Design at
UCL)

4.00pm **Ana Musat** (Executive Director, Policy and
Engagement at RenewableUK)
Tom Glover (UK Country Chair at RWE)
Adam Bell (Director of Policy at Stonehaven)

Virtual meeting
3.40pm (private)

Room 13
4.30pm (private)

Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

**Subject: The draft Building Safety Regulator
(Establishment of New Body and Transfer of Functions
etc.) Regulations 2026**

Room 12

4.30pm (public)

COMMITTEE REPORTS PUBLISHED TODAY

Public Accounts

57th Report: Government services: Generating income

HC 890

Time of publication: **00.01am**

ANNOUNCEMENTS**FORTHCOMING END OF DAY ADJOURNMENT DEBATES**

Applications for 30-minute end of day adjournment debates should be made to the Table Office by 7.00pm or rise of the House, whichever is the earlier, on the Wednesdays listed below. Members can submit their application via MemberHub. The ballot takes place the day after the deadline. Members who are successful will be contacted by the Speaker's Office.

Tuesday 16 December to Monday 5 January (deadline Wednesday 10 December 7.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

Tuesday 6 to Monday 12 January (deadline Wednesday 17 December 7.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

FORTHCOMING WESTMINSTER HALL DEBATES

The rota for answering Departments is listed below. Applications for 90, 60 and 30-minute debates should be made to the Table Office by 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is the earlier, on the Mondays listed below. Members can submit their application via MemberHub. The ballot takes place the day after the deadline. Members who are successful will be contacted by the Speaker's Office.

Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 January (deadline Monday 15 December 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Attorney General; Business and Trade; Culture, Media and Sport; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Health and Social Care; Housing, Communities and Local Government; Justice; Scotland; Treasury; Women and Equalities; Work and Pensions

Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 January (deadline Monday 5 January 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Cabinet Office; Defence; Education; Energy Security and Net Zero; Foreign, Commonwealth and Development; Home Office; Northern Ireland; Science, Innovation and Technology; Transport; Wales

Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 January (deadline Monday 12 January 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Attorney General; Business and Trade; Culture, Media and Sport; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Health and Social Care; Housing, Communities and Local Government; Justice; Scotland; Treasury; Women and Equalities; Work and Pensions

Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 January (deadline Monday 19 January 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Cabinet Office; Defence; Education; Energy Security and Net Zero; Foreign, Commonwealth and Development; Home Office; Northern Ireland; Science, Innovation and Technology; Transport; Wales

CHRISTMAS ADJOURNMENT - TABLING OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

The following arrangements will apply for the tabling of Questions during the Christmas Adjournment. Please note that the Table Office will be closed from Wednesday 24 December 2025 to Thursday 1 January 2026 inclusive. Questions can still be submitted in the usual way during this period.

Questions for oral answer

Under Standing Order No. 22(6), the Speaker has made the following arrangements for tabling Questions for oral answer when the House returns. The list also includes future tabling arrangements up to Thursday 8 January 2026.

Last date of tabling*	Date for answer	Departments etc.**
Thursday 18 December	Monday 5 January	Home Office (T)

Last date of tabling*	Date for answer	Departments etc.**
Thursday 18 December	Tuesday 6 January	Energy Security and Net Zero (T)
Thursday 18 December	Wednesday 7 January	Northern Ireland
Thursday 18 December	Wednesday 7 January	Prime Minister
Thursday 18 December	Thursday 8 January	Transport (T)
Tuesday 6 January	Monday 12 January	Housing, Communities and Local Government (T)
Tuesday 6 January	Wednesday 14 January	Scotland
Wednesday 7 January	Tuesday 13 January	Health and Social Care (T)
Thursday 8 January	Wednesday 14 January	Prime Minister
Thursday 8 January	Thursday 15 January	Culture, Media and Sport (T)

Last date of tabling*	Date for answer	Departments etc.**
Thursday 8 January	Thursday 15 January	Church Commissioners, House of Commons Commission, Public Accounts Commission, Restoration and Renewal Client Board and Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission

For further details of last tabling days for other Departments and answering bodies, see the Order of Questions rota available from the Vote Office and at <https://commonsbusiness.parliament.uk>

Notes:

* The latest time for tabling is 12.30pm on each of these days.

** (T) indicates that there are also Topical questions for that Department.

Questions for written answer on a named day

The latest time for tabling a Question for written answer on a named day before the Christmas Adjournment is Monday 15 December.

Time of tabling	Earliest date for named day answer
Monday 15 December	Thursday 18 December
Tuesday 16 December	Monday 5 January
Wednesday 17 December	Monday 5 January
Thursday 18 December	Tuesday 6 January
From 5.30pm or rise of the House, whichever is earlier, on Thursday 18 December to 2.30pm on Friday 2 January	Wednesday 7 January

Each Member may table up to five named day questions during the Christmas Adjournment.

FURTHER INFORMATION

MPs' GUIDE TO PROCEDURE

The MPs' Guide to Procedure is available on the Parliamentary website and also in hard copy from the Vote Office

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

Documents and reports relating to the business being held in the Chamber are available on the Commons Business Briefings webpage: www.parliament.uk/business/publications/research/commons-business-briefings/

WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Text of today's Written Statements: <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/>

SELECT COMMITTEES

Select Committees Webpage: <https://committees.parliament.uk/>

STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO PUBLIC BUSINESS

Text of Standing Orders relating to public business: https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5901/cmstords/so_829_05072024/so-2024i.pdf

CHAMBER ENGAGEMENT

Information about engaging the public with debates is available on the parliamentary website: <https://www.parliament.uk/get-involved/have-your-say-on-laws/chamber-engagement/>.

All business papers are available via the HousePapers app on mobile devices

Order Paper: Future Business

A. Calendar of Business

Business in either Chamber may be changed, and further business added, up to the rising of the House on the day before it is to be taken, and is therefore provisional.

Government items of business in this section have nominally been set down for today, but are expected to be taken on the dates stated.

B. Remaining Orders and Notices

Business in this section has not yet been scheduled for a specific date. It has been nominally set down for today but is not expected to be taken today.

A. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS**THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER****Chamber****Questions**

9.30am Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

10.15am Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

Backbench Business**St Andrew's Day and Scottish affairs****Graeme Downie**

That this House has considered St Andrew's Day and Scottish affairs.

Impact of foreign interference on security, trade and democracy**James MacCleary**

That this House has considered the impact of foreign interference on security, trade and democracy.

Relevant Documents:

Seventh Report of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Transnational repression in the UK, HC 681, and the Government response, HC 1405

Correspondence from the Chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the Government response to the Committee's report on Transnational Repression, reported to the House on 29 October

Notes:

The subjects for these debates were determined by the Backbench Business Committee.

Adjournment Debate

Historic interim development orders: **Claire Young**

Westminster Hall

1.30pm That this House has considered the role of Fairtrade certification in UK business and trade: **Martin Rhodes [R]**

3.00pm That this House has considered the future of the oil refining sector: **Martin Vickers**

Relevant Documents:

Fourth Report of the Scottish Affairs Committee, The future of Scotland's oil and gas industry, HC 459

Notes:

The subjects for these debates were determined by the Backbench Business Committee. The sitting will be suspended and time added if divisions take place in the main Chamber (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER**Chamber****Questions**

2.30pm Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

3.15pm Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

Industry and Exports (Financial Assistance) Bill: Second Reading**Notes:**

The Bill is expected to be certified as a Money Bill.

Industry and Exports (Financial Assistance) Bill: Programme**Secretary Peter Kyle**

That the following provisions shall apply to the Industry and Exports (Financial Assistance) Bill:

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.

Industry and Exports (Financial Assistance) Bill: Money

Dan Tomlinson

That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Industry and Exports (Financial Assistance) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under or by virtue of the Industrial Development Act 1982 or the Export and Investment Guarantees Act 1991 out of money so provided.

Notes:

King's Recommendation signified.

Adjournment Debate

Sudden cardiac death in young people: **Chris Vince**

Westminster Hall

4.30pm That this House has considered e-petition 722903 relating to the Online Safety Act:
Lewis Atkinson, on behalf of the Petitions Committee

Notes:

The subject for this debate was determined by the Petitions Committee. The sitting will last for up to three hours. The sitting will be suspended and time added if divisions take place in the main Chamber (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

Chamber

Questions

11.30am Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

12.15pm Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

Ten Minute Rule Motion

Luke Akehurst

That leave be given to bring in a Bill under SO No. 23 [details to be provided].

Notes:

The Member moving and a Member opposing this Motion may each speak for up to 10 minutes.

Finance (No. 2) Bill: Second Reading

Westminster Hall

9.30am That this House has considered planning policy for quarries: **Alberto Costa, Matt Western**

Notes:

The subject for this debate was determined by the Backbench Business Committee.

11.00am That this House has considered No Recourse to Public Funds and homelessness: **Olivia Blake**

Notes:

The sitting will be suspended from 11.30am to 2.30pm.

2.30pm That this House has considered Government support for grassroots cricket clubs: **Andrew Lewin**

4.00pm That this House has considered the impact of the Autumn Budget 2025 on graduates: **Jack Rankin**

4.30pm That this House has considered the provision of healthcare for transgender people: **Rachel Taylor**

Notes:

The debate at 4.30pm will last for up to an hour.

The sitting will be suspended and time added if divisions take place in the main Chamber (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

Chamber

Questions

11.30am Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

11.53am Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

12 noon Questions to the Prime Minister

Ten Minute Rule Motion

Natasha Irons

That leave be given to bring in a Bill under SO No. 23 [details to be provided].

Notes:

The Member moving and a Member opposing this Motion may each speak for up to 10 minutes.

National Insurance Contributions (Employer Pensions Contributions) Bill: Second Reading

Westminster Hall

9.30am That this House has considered the potential impact of proposed asylum reforms on people with protected characteristics seeking asylum:
Kirsty Blackman

11.00am That this House has considered Ashgate Hospice and palliative care in north Derbyshire: **Mr Toby Perkins**

Notes:

The sitting will be suspended from 11.30am to 2.30pm.

2.30pm That this House has considered the cumulative impacts of housing development: **Damian Hinds**

4.00pm That this House has considered neurodiversity in the workplace: **Sarah Hall**

4.30pm That this House has considered Government support for membership-based charity organisations: **Dame Caroline Dinenage**

Notes:

The debate at 4.30pm will last for up to an hour.

The sitting will be suspended and time added if divisions take place in the main Chamber (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER**Chamber****Questions**

9.30am Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

10.00am Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

10.10am Questions to the Solicitor General

Backbench Business

Matters to be raised before the Christmas adjournment

Bob Blackman

That this House has considered matters to be raised before the Christmas adjournment.

Notes:

The subject for this debate was determined by the Backbench Business Committee.

Westminster Hall

1.30pm That this House has considered the cultural contribution of Jane Austen: **Luke Murphy**

3.00pm That this House has considered community audiology: **Danny Beales**

Notes:

The subjects for these debates were determined by the Backbench Business Committee. The sitting will be suspended and time added if divisions take place in the main Chamber (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

MONDAY 5 JANUARY

Westminster Hall

4.30pm That this House has considered e-petition 702845 relating to free bus travel for people over 60: **Tony Vaughan, on behalf of the Petitions Committee**

6.00pm That this House has considered e-petition 727514 relating to the length of the school week:
Dave Robertson, on behalf of the Petitions Committee

Notes:

The subjects for these debates were determined by the Petitions Committee. The sitting will last for up to three hours. The sitting will be suspended and time added if divisions take place in the main Chamber (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

TUESDAY 6 JANUARY

Chamber

Ten Minute Rule Motion

Jodie Gosling

That leave be given to bring in a Bill under SO No. 23 [details to be provided].

Notes:

The Member moving and a Member opposing this Motion may each speak for up to 10 minutes.

WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY

Chamber

Ten Minute Rule Motion

Mr Luke Charters

That leave be given to bring in a Bill under SO No. 23 [details to be provided].

Notes:

The Member moving and a Member opposing this Motion may each speak for up to 10 minutes.

THURSDAY 8 JANUARY

Westminster Hall

1.30pm That this House has considered the Third Report of the Scottish Affairs Committee, Problem drug use in Scotland follow-up: Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility, HC 630, and the Government response, HC 1485: **Patricia Ferguson**

Notes:

The subject for this debate was determined by the Liaison Committee.

MONDAY 12 JANUARY

Westminster Hall

4.30pm That this House has considered e-petition 727309 relating to a general election: **John Lamont, on behalf of the Petitions Committee**

Notes:

The subject for this debate was determined by the Petitions Committee. The sitting will last for up to three hours. The sitting will be suspended and time added if divisions take place in the main Chamber (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

TUESDAY 13 JANUARY

Chamber

Ten Minute Rule Motion

Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst

That leave be given to bring in a Bill under SO No. 23 [details to be provided].

Notes:

The Member moving and a Member opposing this Motion may each speak for up to 10 minutes.

WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY

Chamber

Ten Minute Rule Motion

Gareth Thomas

That leave be given to bring in a Bill under SO No. 23 [details to be provided].

Notes:

The Member moving and a Member opposing this Motion may each speak for up to 10 minutes.

B. REMAINING ORDERS AND NOTICES

Business in this section has not yet been scheduled for a specific date. It has therefore been set down formally to be taken in the Chamber today but is not expected to be taken today.

1. Holocaust Memorial Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments**Notes:**

The Lords Amendment does not engage financial privilege.

2. Retained EU Law Reform**Secretary Heidi Alexander**

That the draft Aviation Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 16 July, be approved.

3. Extradition**Secretary Shabana Mahmood**

That the draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 17 July, be approved.

4. Northern Ireland**Secretary Hilary Benn**

That the draft Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 (Remedial) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 14 October, be approved.

5. Building and Buildings

Samantha Dixon

That the draft Building Safety Regulator (Establishment of New Body and Transfer of Functions etc.) Regulations 2026, which were laid before this House on 11 November, be approved.

6. Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill: Second Reading

Notes:

King's Consent to be signified on Third Reading.

7. Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill: Money

Dan Tomlinson

That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

- (1) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State or another public authority, and
- (2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under or by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided.

Notes:

King's Recommendation signified.

8. Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and

Information Systems) Bill: Ways and Means

Dan Tomlinson

That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) the imposition of charges under or by virtue of the Act; and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.

9. Northern Ireland Troubles Bill: Committee**Notes:**

Proceedings must, if they have not already ended, end at the moment of interruption (Order of 18 November).

For amendments, see separate paper (also available on the publications webpage for the Bill).

10. Rehabilitation of Offenders**Secretary David Lammy**

That the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 20 November, be approved.

11. Energy**Michael Shanks**

That the draft Oil and Gas Authority (Carbon Storage and Offshore Petroleum) (Specified Periods for Disclosure of Protected Material) Regulations 2026, which were laid before this House on 24 November, be approved.

12. Public Order

Secretary Shabana Mahmood

That the draft Public Order Act 2023 (Interference With Use or Operation of Key National Infrastructure) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 27 November, be approved.

Notes:

The instrument has not yet been considered by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

13. United Kingdom Internal Market

Secretary Emma Reynolds

That the draft United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Exclusions from Market Access Principles: Glue Traps) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 1 December, be approved.

Notes:

The instrument has not yet been considered by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

14. Climate Change

Chris McDonald

That the draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026, which was laid before this House on 1 December, be approved.

Notes:

The instrument has not yet been considered by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

15. Corporation Tax**Dan Tomlinson**

That the Corporation Tax Act 2010 (Part 8C) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1253), dated 1 December 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1 December, be approved.

16. Local Government**Alison McGovern**

That the draft Local Government (Exclusion of Non-commercial Considerations) (England) Order 2026, which was laid before this House on 2 December, be approved.

Notes:

The instrument has not yet been considered by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

17. Voting by proxy (serious long-term illness or injury extension)**Sir Alan Campbell**

That the following amendment to Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy) made by the Order of 23 October 2024 (Voting by Proxy (Serious long-term illness or injury))—

“In paragraph (2), insert “(d) serious long-term illness or injury;”

shall continue to have effect for the remainder of this Parliament.

18. Public Office (Accountability) Bill: Remaining Stages

As amended in Public Bill Committee, to be considered.

Notes:

King's Consent to be signified on Third Reading.

19. Immigration**Secretary Shabana Mahmood**

That the draft Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (Application to Immigration Officers and Designated Customs Officials in Northern Ireland) and Consequential Amendments Regulations 2026, which were laid before this House on 4 December, be approved.

Notes:

The instrument has not yet been considered by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

20. Constitutional Law**Secretary Douglas Alexander**

That the draft Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Carer's Assistance) (Consequential Modifications) Order 2026, which was laid before this House on 8 December, be approved.

Notes:

The instrument has not yet been considered by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.