



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday 9 September 2019

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

2 Speaker's Statement: Intention to stand down as Speaker

3 Royal Assent

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

Kew Gardens (Leases) Act 2019

European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 2) Act 2019

4 Applications for emergency debate (Standing Order No. 24)

(1) Mr Dominic Grieve proposed that the House should debate the matter of prorogation with imminence of an exit from the European Union and that an humble Address should accordingly be presented to Her Majesty.

The Speaker put the application to the House.

Leave was refused by the House, but the assent of not fewer than 40 Members standing in support was obtained.

Debate to be held as the first item of business today for a maximum of two hours.

(2) Jeremy Corbyn proposed that the House should debate the matter of the welcome completion of all Parliamentary stages of the European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 6) Bill and the matter of the importance of the rule of law and Ministers' obligation to comply with the law.

The Speaker put the application to the House.

Leave given.

Debate to be held as the second item of business today for a maximum of ninety minutes.

5 Emergency Debate (No. 1) (Standing Order No. 24)

Prorogation with the imminence of an exit from the European Union and an humble Address to be presented to Her Majesty

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of prorogation with the imminence of an exit from the European Union and accordingly resolves—

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to direct Ministers to lay before this House, not later than 11.00 pm Wednesday 11 September, all correspondence and other communications (whether formal or informal, in both written and electronic form, including but not limited to messaging services including WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal, Facebook messenger, private email accounts both encrypted and unencrypted, text messaging and iMessage and the use of both official and personal mobile phones) to, from or within the present administration, since 23 July 2019 relating to the prorogation of Parliament sent or received by one or more of the following individuals: Hugh Bennett, Simon Burton, Dominic Cummings, Nikki da Costa, Tom Irvén, Sir Roy Stone, Christopher James, Lee Cain or Beatrice Thompson; and that Ministers be further directed to lay before this House no later than 11.00 pm Wednesday 11 September all the documents prepared within Her Majesty's Government since 23 July 2019 relating to operation Yellowhammer and submitted to the Cabinet or a Cabinet Committee.—(*Mr Dominic Grieve.*)

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

Mr Nicholas Brown claimed to move the closure (Standing Order No. 36).

Question put, That the Question be now put.

Question agreed to and Main Question accordingly put.

The House divided.

Division No. 444

Ayes: 311 (Tellers: Nic Dakin, Bambos Charalambous)

Noes: 302 (Tellers: Stuart Andrew, Iain Stewart)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of prorogation with the imminence of an exit from the European Union and accordingly resolves—

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6 Emergency Debate (No. 2) (Standing Order No. 24)

The welcome completion of all Parliamentary stages of the European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 6) Bill and the matter of the importance of the rule of law and Ministers' obligation to comply with the law

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the welcome completion of all Parliamentary stages of the European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 6) Bill and the matter of the importance of the rule of law and Ministers' obligation to comply with the law.—(*Jeremy Corbyn.*)

Mr Nicholas Brown claimed to move the closure (Standing Order No. 36).

Question put, That the Question be now put.

Question agreed to and Main Question accordingly put.

Resolved, That this House has considered the welcome completion of all Parliamentary stages of the European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 6) Bill and the matter of the importance of the rule of law and Ministers' obligation to comply with the law.

7 Section 3(2) of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the Report pursuant to Sections 3(1), 3(6), 3(7), 3(8), 3(9) and 3(10) of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 - regarding Executive formation; transparency of political donations; higher education and a Derry university; presumption of non-prosecution; Troubles prosecution guidance; and abortion law review, which was laid before this House on Wednesday 4 September.—(*Secretary Julian Smith.*)

Ninety minutes after commencement of proceedings on the motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to bring proceedings to a conclusion (Standing Order No. 16).

Question agreed to.

8 Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Bill: Programme (No. 2)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 21 May 2019 (Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Bill: Programme):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

(2) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(3) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(*Iain Stewart.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Lords Amendment 1 agreed to.

Lords Amendments 2 to 12 agreed to.

10 Early parliamentary general election (No. 2) (Section 2 of the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011)

Motion made and Question proposed, That there shall be an early parliamentary general election.—(*The Prime Minister.*)

Tuesday 10 September 2019

Ninety minutes after commencement of proceedings on the motion, the Speaker put the Question necessary to bring proceedings to a conclusion (Standing Order No. 16).

The House divided.

Division No. 445.

Ayes: 293 (Tellers: Iain Stewart, Stuart Andrew)

Noes: 46 (Tellers: Tom Brake, Ben Lake)

Question accordingly agreed to, the number of Members voting in favour of the motion being fewer than two thirds of the number of seats in the House (including vacant seats).

11 Suspension of sitting

The Speaker suspended the sitting.

12 Message to attend the Lords Commissioners

A Message from the Lords Commissioners was delivered by the Lady Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly the Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the following Act, and for proroguing this present Parliament.

Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019

And afterwards Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Leader of the House of Lords and Lord Privy Seal (in pursuance of Her Majesty's Command), as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons.

My Government's legislative programme has laid the foundations for the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union while pursuing wide-ranging domestic reform.

Landmark legislation was passed, and has now been commenced, to repeal the European Communities Act. Other laws are in place to enable the United Kingdom's smooth exit from the European Union, establishing new arrangements on international sanctions, nuclear safeguards, customs, and reciprocal healthcare arrangements. Close to 600 Statutory Instruments have been made to ensure a functioning statute book following the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union.

The stability and strength of the union that joins England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland has been at the forefront of my Government's agenda. Preserving and promoting the social, economic and cultural bonds that unite this nation remains of the utmost importance to my Government.

My Government continues to work to ensure that locally-accountable politicians can take decisions in Northern Ireland at the earliest opportunity.

It has been an enduring focus of my Government to strengthen the economy to support the creation of jobs and to generate the tax revenues needed to invest in the National Health Service, schools and other public services. Improving public finances, while keeping taxes low, has been a priority for my Government. Legislation passed this session has provided one hundred per cent relief from business rates for agricultural nurseries and, for a period of five years from April 2017, properties used for the purpose of new fibre infrastructure.

My Government has set out a programme of work to improve productivity and help businesses create high quality, well paid jobs across the United Kingdom. In 2019, more than a million workers benefited from the largest increase to the National Living Wage since it was first introduced. My ministers have worked to attract investment in infrastructure to support economic growth.

Legislation has been passed to ensure that the United Kingdom remains a world leader in new industries, including electric cars and commercial satellites.

My Government has continued to support international action against climate change, including implementation of the Paris Agreement. Recognising the need for bold steps to protect the planet, a commitment to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050 was enshrined in law, making the United Kingdom the first major economy to do so.

Draft legislation was published which will establish a new body to ensure the United Kingdom's high environmental standards are maintained and to protect and improve the environment for future generations. My Government has legislated to protect animals, including bans on the sale of ivory, puppies and kittens by commercial third parties and the use of wild animals in travelling circuses in England.

Voyeurism offences have been recognised as the crimes that they are and legislation has been passed to ensure the courts have powers to take swift action to protect children who are identified as at risk of female genital mutilation.

In presenting the long-term plan for the National Health Service in England, my Government strengthened its commitment to ensuring there is a world-class health system that supports everyone from birth, through the challenges that life brings, and into old age. My Government is committed to ensuring mental health support is available to all who need it and to protecting the fundamental human rights of the most vulnerable in society. Legislation enacted this session will increase access to protections and put in place robust safeguards for those who are deprived of their liberty.

In recognition of the need to make renting fairer and more affordable, and to promote fairness and transparency in the housing market, legislation has been enacted to reduce costs at the outset of, and throughout a tenancy, by banning most letting fees paid by tenants in England.

My Government has taken steps to ensure fairer markets and to protect consumers from unfair practices and financial losses. Legislation has been passed to ensure people have access to free and impartial financial guidance and debt advice and to introduce a ban on nuisance calls in relation to pensions. Measures have been enacted to reduce insurance costs for motorists by tackling the high number and cost of whiplash claims.

The security of the nation and its citizens remains of the highest importance to my Government. In this session, legislation has been passed to ensure the police and security services have the powers they need to keep the population safe in the face of evolving threats of terrorism.

Legislation passed this session marks a significant step towards my Government's commitment to tackle serious violence on the streets of the United Kingdom. Laws are now in place to prevent young people from purchasing dangerous weapons and to prosecute those who possess such items, or sell them without imposing rigorous age verification.

The defence of the Realm remains an utmost priority for my Government, which it has supported through investment in our gallant Armed Forces.

As a leading member of the international coalition against Daesh, the United Kingdom played a critical role in the military defeat of Daesh's so-called caliphate in March of this year. While the Middle East continues to suffer from serious conflict, my Government has played a leading role in de-escalating regional tensions. My Government has also played a key role in international efforts to protect the United Kingdom and its allies from hostile threats, including in response to the chemical weapon attack in Salisbury.

As a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, my Government has provided political and diplomatic support to peace efforts in Yemen, Libya and Syria, as well as mitigating the human cost of these tragedies through the provision of substantial humanitarian assistance.

Prince Philip and I were pleased to welcome Their Majesties King Felipe and Queen Letizia of Spain and we also welcomed King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the President and First Lady of the United States of America, on State Visits.

Prince Charles and I were delighted to attend a national commemorative event to honour and remember the heroism, courage and sacrifice of the many servicemen and women who participated in the D-Day Landings.

Members of the House of Commons, I thank you for the provisions which you have made for the work and dignity of the Crown and for the public services.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons, I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

After which the Leader of the House of Lords and Lord Privy Seal said:

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission which has now been read, we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her Majesty's commands, prorogue this Parliament to Monday the fourteenth day of October, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Monday the fourteenth day of October.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

13 European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 6) Bill

The Lords agree to the European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 6) Bill without amendment.

14 High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill (Carry over)

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following resolution:

If a Bill in the same terms as those in which the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill stood when it was brought to the Lords in this Session is brought to the Lords from the House of Commons in the next Session—

(a) the proceedings on the bill in the next Session shall be pro forma in regard to every stage through which the Bill has passed in this Session;

(b) any petition deposited against the Bill in this Session shall be taken to be deposited against the bill in the next Session; and

(c) the Standing Orders of the House of Lords applicable to the Bill, so far as complied with or dispensed with in this Session, shall be deemed to have been complied with or (as the case may be) dispensed with in the next Session.

Public petitions

15 Public Petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of York relating to Proroguing Parliament was presented by Rachael Maskell.

(2) A public petition from residents of Tadros Court, Ercolani Avenue and Roperies in the Windsor Gate Development relating to the Windsor Gate Development, High Wycombe was presented by Mr Steve Baker.

General Committees: Reports

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Virendra Sharma (Chair) reported the draft Statutory Auditors, Third Country Auditors and International Accounting Standards (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Edward Leigh (Chair) reported the draft Financial Services (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 3) Regulations 2019.

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 Selection Committee nominates Members to serve on General Committees (and certain Members to serve on Grand Committees).

18 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Statutory Auditors, Third Country Auditors and International Accounting Standards (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019)

Members: Sir Henry Bellingham and Henry Smith discharged and Andrew Selous and Sir Oliver Heald nominated in substitution.

19 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 3) Regulations 2019)

Members: David T C Davies discharged and Sir Robert Syms nominated in substitution.

20 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Waste and Environmental Protection (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019)

Members: Dr Thérèse Coffey discharged and George Eustice nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

21 Home Affairs Committee

Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary relating to association of the police with political activity: Written evidence, to be published (6 September) (Clerk of the House).

Reports from Select Committees

22 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Automation and the future of work:*

(i) Twenty-third report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1093);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 1093)

(2) *Carbon Capture Usage and Storage: third time lucky?: Government Response to the Committee's Twentieth Report: Twenty-first Special Report, to be printed (HC 2644);*

(3) *Correspondence with the Chair of the External Affairs Committee, National Assembly for Wales relating to the Shared Prosperity Fund: Written evidence, to be published;*

(4) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive, Financial Reporting Council: Written evidence, to be published;*

(5) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive, GKN relating to the GKN restructuring: Written evidence, to be published;*

(6) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive, National Grid relating to the August power disruption: Written evidence, to be published;*

(7) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive, SMMT relating to Non-Disclosure Agreements: Written evidence, to be published;*

(8) *Correspondence with the Official Receiver, The Insolvency Service relating to Carillion: Written evidence, to be published;*

(9) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and Minister for Climate Change, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to the Clean Steel Fund: Written evidence, to be published;*

(10) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State: Written evidence, to be published;*

(11) *Carbon Capture Usage and Storage: third time lucky?: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1094);*

(12) *Clean Growth Strategy and climate change targets: Written evidence, to be published (HC 871);*

(13) *Gender pay gap reporting: Written evidence, to be published (HC 928);*

(14) *Post Office Network: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2130);*

(15) *Pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for Chair of the Financial Reporting Council: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2531);*

(16) *The safety of electrical goods in the UK: follow-up: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2468)*

(Rachel Reeves).

23 Defence Committee

- (1) *Armed Forces Covenant Annual Report 2018*: Eighteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1899);
 - (2) *UK Defence and the Strait of Hormuz*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 2627);
 - (3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Defence People and Veterans relating to Royal Auxiliary pay*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Defence Procurement*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (5) *Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, providing the third six-monthly update relating to the Ministry of Defence's progress in implementing the recommendations of the Committee's Second Report, Unclear for Take-off – F-35 Procurement*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (6) *Defence Industrial Policy: Procurement and Prosperity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2583)
- (Dr Julian Lewis).

24 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- (1) *Immersive and addictive technologies*: Fifteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1846);
 - (2) *Reality TV*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2203);
 - (3) *The future of the National Lottery*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2598)
- (Damian Collins).

25 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Plastic food and drink packaging*:
 - (i) Sixteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2080);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 2080);
 - (2) *An update on rural connectivity*:
 - (i) Seventeenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2223);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 2223);
 - (3) *Brand Britain: Promoting and marketing British food and drink: Government Response to the Committee's Fifteenth Report*: Seventeenth Special Report, to be printed (HC 2645);
 - (4) *Is Defra ready for Brexit?*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1669);
 - (5) *Agriculture, achieving net-zero emissions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2604);
 - (6) *Coastal flooding and adaptation to climate change*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2079);
 - (7) *General licenses for controlling wild birds*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2190);
 - (8) *Peatland*: Written evidence, to be published (2606);
 - (9) *Puppy Smuggling*: Written evidence, to be published (2605)
- (Neil Parish).

26 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade relating to UK Export Finance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1804);

(2) *Toxic chemicals*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1805)
(Mary Creagh).

27 European Statutory Instruments Committee

(1) Twenty-ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2266), and including the following recommendation:

That the affirmative procedure should apply to the instrument titled *The Import of and Trade in Animals and Animal Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019*, the proposal for which was laid before this House on 5 August;

(2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published
(Sir Patrick McLoughlin).

28 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Autocracies and UK foreign policy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1948);

(2) *Beyond Aid: The UK's strategic engagement in Africa*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2515);

(3) *Finding a diplomatic route: European responses to irregular migration*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1903);

(4) *Human rights: Freedom of religion and belief and human rights defenders*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2609);

(5) *The Caucasus*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2608)
(Tom Tugendhat).

29 Health and Social Care Committee

1) *Budget and NHS Long-term Plan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1712);

2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

3) *Prison health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 963);

4) *Work of the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 523)

(Dr Sarah Wollaston).

30 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Hate crime and its violent consequences*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 683);

(2) *Home Office preparations for Brexit*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2612);

(3) *The Macpherson Report: twenty years on*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1829)
(Yvette Cooper).

31 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *Long-term delivery of social and affordable rented housing*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 2314);

(2) *Brexit and local government*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 493);

(3) *Correspondence from the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee, National Assembly for Wales, relating to the Shared Prosperity Fund*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Implications of the Waste Strategy for local authorities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2071);

(6) *Independent review of Building Regulations and fire safety*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 555);

(7) *Progress on devolution in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2545)
(Mr Clive Betts).

32 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Democracy, free speech and freedom of association*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1890);

(2) *The detention of young people with learning disabilities and autism*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1861);

(3) *The Right to Privacy (Article 8) and the Digital Revolution*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1810)

(Ms Harriet Harman).

33 International Development Committee

Correspondence from the Department for International Development: Written evidence, to be published (Stephen Twigg).

34 Liaison Committee

(1) *The effectiveness and influence of the select committee system*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1860);

(2) *Correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to accountability to Parliament*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dr Sarah Wollaston).

35 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Biosecurity and human health: preparing for emerging infectious diseases and bioweapons*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2564);

(2) *Ensuring access to safe technology: the UK's 5G infrastructure and national security*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2553)

(Margaret Beckett).

36 Procedure Committee

(1) *Authorising Government expenditure: steps to more effective scrutiny: further Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2016-17*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 2649);

(2) *The House's power to call for papers: procedure and practice: Government Response to the Committee's Ninth Report*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 2650);

(3) *Exiting the European Union: scrutiny of delegated legislation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 386)

(Mr Charles Walker).

37 Public Accounts (Committee of)**(1) *Brexit consultancy costs:***

(i) 112th Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2342);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 2342);

(2) *Network Rail's sale of railways arches:*

(i) 113th Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2230);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 2230);

(3) *Help to Buy: Equity loan scheme:* 114th Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2046);

(4) *Penalty charge notices in healthcare:*

(i) 115th Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2038);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 2038);

(5) *English language tests for overseas students:*

(i) 116th Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2039);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 2039);

(6) *The effectiveness of Official Development Assistance expenditure:*

(i) 117th Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2048);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 2048);

(7) *Challenges in using data across government:* 118th Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2492);

(8) *Serious and Organised Crime:*

(i) 119th Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2049);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 2049);

(9) *NHS Property Services:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 2043);

(10) *Academy accounts and performance:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1597);

(11) *Accessing public services through the Government's verify digital system:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1748);

(12) *Auditing local Government:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1738);

(13) *Capita's contracts with the Ministry of Defence:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1736);

(14) *Correspondence with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to the administration of the Greenwich School of Management:* Written evidence, to be published;

(15) *Correspondence with the Home Office relating to the contingent liability to indemnify members of the Daniel Morgan independent panel:* Written evidence, to be published;

- (16) *Correspondence with the Department for Transport*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (17) *Correspondence with the Ministry of Defence relating to the Defence Fire and Rescue Project*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (18) *Correspondence with Homerton University Hospital relating to breast cancer appointments*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (19) *Correspondence with Tom Pursglove relating to breast screening in Northamptonshire*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (20) *Crossrail*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2127);
- (21) *Defence Equipment Plan 2018–2028*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1519);
- (22) *Disclosure and Barring Service: progress review*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2006);
- (23) *High Speed 2 Annual Report and Accounts*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 454);
- (24) *HMRC Standard Report 2018–19*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2053);
- (25) *Homeless households: progress review*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1035);
- (26) *Nuclear Decommissioning Authority*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1375);
- (27) *Public cost of decommissioning oil and gas infrastructure*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1742);
- (28) *Rail management and timetabling*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1793);
- (29) *Renewing the EastEnders set*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1737);
- (30) *Sale of public land*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2040);
- (31) *Sale of student loans*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1527);
- (32) *Transforming Courts and Tribunals*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 976);
- (33) *Whole of Government Accounts 2017–18*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2045);
- (34) *Windrush generation and the Home Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1518)
- (Meg Hillier).

38 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) *Work of the Cabinet Secretary*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1250);
- (2) *Correspondence relating to the review of intergovernmental relations and devolution*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Follow up to the Report of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman: Missed Opportunities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2622)
- (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

39 Science and Technology Committee

- (1) *Balance and effectiveness of research and innovation spending*: Twenty-first Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1453);
- (2) *Clinical trials transparency*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1480);

(3) *Commercial and recreational drone use in the UK*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2021);

(4) *Correspondence with Professor Sir Mark Walport, Chief Executive, UK Research and Innovation, relating to the impact of science funding policy on equality, diversity, inclusion and accessibility*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, relating to replacing income from EU Structural and Investment funds*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Flu vaccination programme*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 853);

(7) *Impact of social media and screen-use on young people's health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 822);

(8) *Japanese knotweed and the built environment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1702);

(9) *Technologies for meeting Clean Growth emissions reduction targets*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1454);

(10) *UK telecommunications infrastructure*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2200);

(11) *Work of the Science Minister and the Chief Scientific Adviser*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1826)

(Norman Lamb).

40 Scottish Affairs Committee

Welfare policy in Scotland: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2269) (Pete Wishart).

41 Standards (Committee on)

(1) *Correspondence from Mr Geoffrey Cox*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the Leader of the House, Shadow Leader of the House and party whips relating to re-establishing the Committee on Standards in the next Parliament*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards*: Written evidence, to be published

(Kate Green).

42 Transport Committee

(1) *Road safety*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1980);

(2) *Road safety: Young and novice drivers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2548);

(3) *Trains fit for the future?*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1981)

(Lilian Greenwood).

43 Treasury Committee

(1) *Spending Round 2019*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 2643);

(2) *Economic crime*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 940);

(3) *The work of the Financial Conduct Authority*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 475)

(John Mann).

44 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) *Brexit, trade and customs: implications for Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1444);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Chair of the HS2 independent review*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *The proposed closure of Ford's Bridgend plant*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2365);
- (4) *Wales and the Armed Forces*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2031) (David T C Davies).

45 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) *Defined benefit pension schemes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 579);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Joint Administrator of WDFC UK relating to the sale of the Wonga loan book*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Employment relating to the draft Jobseekers (Back to Work Schemes) Act 2013 (Remedial) Order*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *School holiday poverty*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2459);
- (4) *Spending review*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 2169);
- (5) *Universal Credit*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 336) (Frank Field).

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on e-petitions (Standing Order No. 10(1)(a))

1 Prorogation of Parliament

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petitions 269157 and 237487 relating to the prorogation of Parliament.—(*Paul Scully*.)

The Chair's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Question not decided (Standing Order No. 10(13)).

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

Adjourned at 6.33 pm.

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 6 September 2019 under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Fisheries

North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation (Amendment) Order 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 1239), dated 4 September 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Theresa Villiers)

2 Tonnage Tax

Tonnage Tax (Training Requirement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 1227), dated 4 September 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

3 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Section 55A) (Specified Services and Excepted Supplies) (Change of Commencement Day) Order 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 1240), dated 5 September 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

Other papers

4 Health and Social Care

Government Response to the 16th Report of the Health and Social Care Committee, Session 2017–19, on Drugs Policy: Medicinal Cannabis (by Command) (CP 171) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 9 September 2019

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

5 Electricity

Draft Electricity Supplier Obligations (Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Andrea Leadsom)

6 Exiting the European Union (Competition)

Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 1245), dated 9 September 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kelly Tolhurst)

7 Exiting the European Union (Consumer Protection)

Product Safety, Metrology and Mutual Recognition Agreement (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 1246), dated 9 September 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kelly Tolhurst)

8 Exiting the European Union (Agriculture)

Specific Food Hygiene (Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 1247), dated 9 September 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jo Churchill)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution**9 Animal Welfare**

Draft Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Theresa Villiers)

10 British Nationality

British Nationality (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 1242), dated 6 September 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

11 Capital Gains Tax

Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, Schedule 8B (Substitution of Dates) Regulations 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 1237), dated 5 September 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

12 Customs

Export Control (Sanctions) (Amendment) Order 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 1236), dated 5 September 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Graham Stuart)

13 Immigration

Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (HC 2631) (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

14 Korea No.1 (2019)

Free Trade Agreement, done at London on 22 August 2019, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Korea (CP 167) and accompanying report (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Dominic Raab)

15 Social Security

(1) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 1241), dated 5 September 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Tomlinson)

(2) Universal Credit (Childcare Costs and Minimum Income Floor) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 1249), dated 9 September 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mims Davies)

(3) Universal Credit (Childcare Costs and Minimum Income Floor) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019 (S.R. (N.I.), 2019, No. 173), dated 9 September 2019 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mims Davies)

Other papers

16 Commonwealth Games

Report and Financial Statements of Birmingham Organising Committee for the 2022 Commonwealth Games Limited for December 2017—31 March 2019 (by Command), with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 2610) (Secretary Nicky Morgan)

17 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of National Forest Company for 2018–19, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 2616) (Secretary Theresa Villiers)

(2) Report and Accounts of Sir John Soane's Museum for 2018–19, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 2620) (Secretary Nicky Morgan)

18 Medical

Report of Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

19 National Audit

(1) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Education: Support for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities in England (by Act), to be printed (HC 2636) (Clerk of the House)

(2) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Courts and Tribunals Service: Transforming courts and tribunals—a progress update (by Act), to be printed (HC 2638) (Clerk of the House)

20 National Lottery etc.

Account of Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution for 2018–19, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 2519) (Clerk of the House)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

Proxy Voting for Parental Absence

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the temporary Standing Order on voting by proxy for parental absence and the Resolution of the House of 28 January, that Neil O'Brien is eligible to have a proxy vote cast on his behalf, starting from 14 October and finishing on 27 October. The nominated proxy is Bim Afolami.

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the temporary Standing Order on voting by proxy for parental absence and the Resolution of the House of 28 January, that Neil Gray is eligible to have a proxy vote cast on his behalf, starting from 14 October and finishing on 27 October. The nominated proxy is Patrick Grady.

Proxy Voting for Parental Absence (Variation of Proxy Vote)

The Speaker has certified, further to the certificate of 3 September 2019, that Mrs Kemi Badenoch has given notice that she wishes to change the start date of her proxy vote from Wednesday 10 September to Monday 14 October. The proxy voting period will finish on Monday 13 April 2020. The nominated proxy is Leo Docherty.

Correction

Wednesday 4 September 2019

The first entry in item 29, Northern Ireland Affairs Committee should have read:

(1) *Changes to the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive scheme payments: Government Response to the Committee's Eight Report: Ninth Special Report, to be printed (HC 2646);*