



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday 4 March 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for International Development
(2) the Prime Minister**

2 Personal Statement (Andrea Leadsom)

3 International Development (Women's Sanitary Products) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Wendy Chamberlain, supported by Christine Jardine, Wera Hobhouse, Layla Moran, Daisy Cooper, Munira Wilson, Sarah Olney, Alex Davies-Jones, Claire Hanna and Karin Smyth, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to report on the use of official development assistance to increase the availability of women's sanitary products; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 27 March, and to be printed (Bill 100).

4 June Bank Holiday (Creation): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for an annual national public holiday on the Friday nearest to 23 June; and for connected purposes;

That Mr Peter Bone, Mr John Baron, Sir Christopher Chope, Philip Davies, Dr Julian Lewis, Andrew Rosindell, Nigel Mills, Esther McVey, Graham Stringer, Henry Smith, Sammy Wilson and Mr William Wragg present the Bill.

Mr Peter Bone accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 June, and to be printed (Bill 101).

5 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (5th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))

(1) Flooding

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House notes the damage caused by Storms Ciara, Dennis and Jorge and expresses thanks to workers from the Environment Agency, emergency services, local councils and volunteers; and calls for Ministers to set up an independent review into the floods, including the Government's response, the adequacy of the funding provided for flood defences and prevention, difficulties facing homes and businesses with getting insurance and what lessons need to be learnt in light of the climate emergency and the increased likelihood of flooding in the future.—(Luke Pollard.)

Amendment proposed, in line 3, to leave out from 'volunteers' to the end of the Question and add 'acknowledges that following the Pitt Review in 2008, local and national response was significantly improved through the establishment of Local Resilience Forums which have led to partnership working and in addition, the Cross Review in 2018 which led to the publication of new guidance on multi-agency flood plans; further acknowledges that following the National Flood Resilience Review in 2016 there were further improvements through the establishment of the National Flood Response Centre and improved weather and flood forecasting capabilities, but recognises that extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and that further investment in flood defence infrastructure will be necessary in the years ahead.'—(Secretary George Eustice.)

Question proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

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

Question put, That the original words stand part of the Question (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

The House divided.

Division No. 37

Ayes: 227 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Matt Western)

Noes: 328 (Tellers: Eddie Hughes, Maria Caulfield)

Question accordingly negatived.

Question, That the proposed words be there added, put forthwith (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

Question agreed to.

Question put, That the Main Question as amended be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes the damage caused by Storms Ciara, Dennis and Jorge and expresses thanks to workers from the Environment Agency, emergency services, local councils and volunteers; acknowledges that following the Pitt Review in 2008, local and national response was significantly improved through the establishment of Local Resilience Forums which have led to partnership working and in addition, the Cross Review in 2018 which led to the publication of new guidance on multi-agency flood plans; further acknowledges that following the National Flood Resilience Review in 2016 there were further improvements through the establishment of the National Flood Response Centre and improved weather and flood forecasting capabilities, but recognises that extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and that further investment in flood defence infrastructure will be necessary in the years ahead.

(2) Health inequalities

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House notes the publication of Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 Years On; is concerned by its findings that since 2010 improvements to life expectancy have stalled for the first time in more than 100 years and declined for the poorest women in society, that the health gap between wealthy and deprived areas has grown, and that the amount of time people spend in poor health has increased across England; agrees with the review that these avoidable health inequalities have been exacerbated by cuts to public spending and can be reduced with the right policies; and calls on the Government to end austerity, invest in public health, implement the recommendations of the review, publish public health allocations for this April as a matter of urgency, and bring forward a world-leading health

inequalities strategy to take action on the social determinants of health.—(*Jonathan Ashworth.*)

Amendment proposed, in line 2, to leave out from 'On' to the end of the Question and add 'notes that Government is committed to level up outcomes to reduce the health gap between wealthy and deprived areas, and supports the Government's commitment to delivering long-term improvements for everyone no matter who they are, where they live or their social circumstances.'.—(*Jo Churchill.*)

Question put, That the original words stand part of the Question (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

The Deputy 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.

Question put, That the original words stand part of the Question (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

The House divided.

Division No. 38

Ayes: 181 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Matt Western)

Noes: 319 (Tellers: Maggie Throup, David T C Davies)

Question accordingly negatived.

Question, That the proposed words be there added, put forthwith (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

Question agreed to.

Question put, That the Main Question as amended be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes the publication of Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 Years On; notes that Government is committed to level up outcomes to reduce the health gap between wealthy and deprived areas, and supports the Government's commitment to delivering long-term improvements for everyone no matter who they are, where they live or their social circumstances.

6 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to funding for flood defences in Prestolee, Bolton was presented and read by Yasmin Qureshi.

7 Adjournment

Subject: Sibling contact for children in the care system (Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Leo Docherty.*)

Adjourned at 7.41 pm until Thursday 5 March.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

8 Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Agreements) Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed the Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill [Lords] to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

9 Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill [Lords] to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills

10 Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time, to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed pursuant to Standing Order No. 57A (Bill 104), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 104–EN). Bill stood referred to a second reading committee (Standing Order No. 59).

11 Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 103), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 103–EN).

Private Business: Appointments

12 Standing Orders Committee (Standing Order 103, relating to Private Business)

Members: Brendan Clarke-Smith, Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Jo Gideon, Jessica Morden, Lia Nici, Andrew Percy and Liz Twist

13 Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel) (Standing Order 111, relating to Private Business)

The Committee of Selection has appointed the following additional members to the Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel): Nickie Aiken, Mark Fletcher, Alex Sobel and Tulip Siddiq.

General Committees: Appointments

14 Environment Bill Committee

(1) Chairs: Sir Roger Gale and Sir George Howarth

(2) Members: Bim Afolami, Caroline Ansell, Saqib Bhatti, Deidre Brock, Leo Docherty, Ruth Edwards, Richard Graham, Kate Griffiths, Chris Law, Kerry McCarthy, Cherilyn Mackrory, Robbie Moore, Jessica Morden, Abena Oppong-Asare, Rebecca Pow, Alex Sobel and Dr Alan Whitehead

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2020)

(1) Chair: Mr Mark Pritchard

(2) Members: Adam Afriyie, Mr Gareth Bacon, Paula Barker, Mr John Baron, Karen Bradley, Lyn Brown, Fiona Bruce, Rehman Chishti, Rosie Cooper, Claire Coutinho, Ronnie Cowan, James Daly, Jesse Norman, Kate Osamor, Jess Phillips, David Rutley and Jeff Smith

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- 16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (The Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 129))**
- (1) Chair: Sir Graham Brady
- (2) Members: Imran Khan Ahmed, Mr Richard Bacon, Simon Baynes, Paul Bristow, Ms Karen Buck, Ruth Cadbury, Andy Carter, Jo Churchill, Chris Clarkson, Tracey Crouch, Steve Double, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Kim Johnson, Edward Miliband, Ian Murray, Alex Norris and Maggie Throup
- 17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2020)**
- (1) Chair: Sir Edward Leigh
- (2) Members: Nickie Aiken, Shaun Bailey, Aaron Bell, Sara Britcliffe, Miriam Cates, Damian Collins, Claire Coutinho, Dr James Davies, Martyn Day, Peter Dowd, Steve McCabe, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Pat McFadden, Jesse Norman, David Rutley, Jeff Smith and Wes Streeting
- 18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Armed Forces Act (Continuation) Order 2020)**
- (1) Chair: Sir David Amess
- (2) Members: Peter Aldous, Duncan Baker, Scott Benton, Jack Brereton, Anthony Browne, Chris Bryant, Elliot Colburn, Gareth Davies, Martin Docherty-Hughes, Leo Docherty, Dr Luke Evans, Gerald Jones, Peter Kyle, Shabana Mahmood, Johnny Mercer, Liz Twist and Mick Whitley
- 19 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Justices of the Peace and Authorise Court and Tribunal Staff (Costs) Regulations 2020)**
- (1) Chair: James Gray
- (2) Members: Lee Anderson, Mr Steve Baker, Apsana Begum, Mr Clive Betts, Crispin Blunt, Felicity Buchan, Bambos Charalambous, Brendan Clarke-Smith, Dehenna Davison, Ben Everitt, Kate Hollern, Sir George Howarth, Liz Kendall, Neil O'Brien, Chris Philp, Tom Pursglove and Yasmin Qureshi
- 20 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Civil Liability (Information Requirements) and Risk Transformation (Amendment) Regulations 2020)**
- (1) Chair: Caroline Nokes
- (2) Members: Stuart Anderson, Tonia Antoniazzi, Harriett Baldwin, Rob Butler, Claire Coutinho, Stephen Crabb, John Cryer, Janet Daby, Geraint Davies, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Anneliese Dodds, Simon Fell, Richard Fuller, John Glen, Lucy Powell, David Rutley and Jeff Smith
- 21 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Gambling Act 2005 (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 2020)**
- (1) Chair: Siobhain McDonagh
- (2) Members: Rushanara Ali, Alun Cairns, Maria Caulfield, Neil Coyle, Stella Creasy, Richard Drax, Mark Eastwood, Mark Fletcher, Mark Garnier, James Grundy, Gordon Henderson, Nigel Huddleston, John Lamont, David Linden, Conor McGinn, Charlotte Nichols and Catherine West

*Reports from Select Committees***22 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

Correspondence with the Six Nations Council relating to listed sporting events: Written evidence, to be published (Julian Knight).

23 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) Correspondence from the Minister of State for the Pacific and the Environment relating to puppy smuggling: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the National Policy Statement for water resources infrastructure: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) Correspondence from Tesco relating to beef prices: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Supplementary Estimate 2019–20: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) Water Services Regulation Authority (OFWAT) Supplementary Estimate 2019–20: Written evidence, to be published

(Neil Parish).

24 Future Relationship with the European Union (Committee on the)

Department for Exiting the European Union Supplementary Estimate 2019–20: Written evidence, to be published (Hilary Benn).

25 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Ms Harriet Harman reported, That she had been chosen as Chair of the Committee.

26 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary for the Economy relating to Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive Voluntary Buy-Out (VBO) arrangements: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary for Education relating to education funding in Northern Ireland: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary for Health relating to health funding in Northern Ireland: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to matters raised by the previous Committee: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) Northern Ireland Office Supplementary Estimates 2019–20: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Robert Goodwill).

27 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) High Speed 2: Spring 2020 update: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 84).

(2) Correspondence relating to the Committee's 118th Report of Session 2017–19, Challenges in using data across Government: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) Correspondence relating to the Committee's 107th Report of Session 2017–19, Consumer protection: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's 114th Report of Session 2017–19, Help to Buy: Equity loan scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's 103rd Report of session 2017–19, Planning and the broken housing market*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Cabinet Office and BEIS*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the C&AG on the Post Office Horizon system*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's Eighty-second Report of session 2017–19, Windrush generation and the Home Office*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Correspondence with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office relating to contingent liabilities*: Written evidence, to be published;

(10) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's Forty-sixth Report of Session 2016–17, National Citizen Service*: Written evidence, to be published;

(11) *Correspondence with the Food Standards Agency relating to the work of the Food Standards Agency*: Written evidence, to be published;

(12) *Correspondence with HMRC relating to the Committee's Standard Report 2018–19*: Written evidence, to be published;

(13) *Correspondence with Mark Francois MP in response to the Ian Stidson payment*: Written evidence, to be published;

(14) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's Ninety-eighth Report of Session 2017–19, Apprenticeships programme: progress review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(15) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's Ninety-second Report of Session 2017–19, BBC and personal service companies*: Written evidence, to be published;

(16) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's Ninety-seventh Report of Session 2017–19, Local Government governance and accountability*: Written evidence, to be published;

(17) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the rough sleeping fund announcement*: Written evidence, to be published

(18) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's Seventy-eighth Report of Session 2017–19, Improving government planning and spending*: Written evidence, to be published;

(19) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's Seventy-fourth Report of Session 2017–19, Whole of Government Accounts*: Written evidence, to be published;

(20) *Correspondence with Sir Edward Leigh, Dame Margaret Hodge, Rt Hon David Davies, and Sir Tom Scholar relating to the Equitable Life payment scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(21) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's Sixty-second Report of Session 2017–19, Price increases for generic*: Written evidence, to be published;

(22) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's Thirty-second Report of Session 2017–19, Cyber-attack on the NHS*: Written evidence, to be published;

(23) *Correspondence with the Department for Transport*: Written evidence, to be published;

(Meg Hillier).

28 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

The work of the Commissioner for Public Appointments: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 119) (Mr William Wragg).

29 Regulatory Reform Committee

Stephen McPartland reported, That he had been chosen as Chair of the Committee.

30 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Fourth Report, to be printed (HC 75-iv) (Jessica Morden).

31 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 75-iv) (Jessica Morden).

32 Transport Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State relating to the Department for Transport code of practice on vehicle safety defects and recalls*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State relating to the Inclusive Transport Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to Thomas Cook*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Department for Transport Supplementary Estimate 2019–20*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Office of Rail and Road Supplementary Estimate 2019–20*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Priorities of the new Secretary of State for Transport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 139);

(7) *The work of Highways England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 141) (Huw Merriman).

33 Treasury Committee

(1) *Appointment of Andrew Bailey as Governor of the Bank of England*:

(i) First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 122);

(ii) Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 122);

(2) *Correspondence relating to the Spending Review 2020*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mel Stride).

34 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *The work of the Health and Safety Executive*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 39);

(2) *Correspondence from the Economic Secretary of State to the Treasury relating to Access to Banking Services in Post Offices*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Welfare Delivery relating to Universal Credit payments and childcare costs*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(5) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive of the Pensions Regulator relating to Norton Motorcycles pension schemes*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Personal Independence Payment*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Minister for Welfare Delivery relating to first payments of Universal Credit*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Department for Work and Pensions Supplementary Estimate 2019–20*: Written evidence, to be published

(Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 Security implications of including Huawei in 5G

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

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the security implications of including Huawei 5G.—(*Sir Iain Duncan Smith*.)

At 11.00 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

2 Positions of trust and sports coaches

Resolved, That this House has considered positions of trust and sports coaches.—(*Tracey Crouch*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.25 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Support for refugees after receiving an asylum decision

Resolved, That this House has considered support for refugees after receiving an asylum decision.—(*Thangam Debbonaire*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.59 pm and 4.15 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

4 Future of Mount Vernon Cancer Centre

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of Mount Vernon Cancer Centre.—(*Gareth Thomas*.)

5 VAT on listed properties

Resolved, That this House has considered VAT on listed properties.—(*Craig Mackinlay*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.44 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Environmental Protection

Oil and Gas Authority (Levy and Fees) and Pollution Prevention and Control (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 208), dated 2 March 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

2 Magistrates' Courts

Magistrates' Courts (Knife Crime Prevention Orders) Rules 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 210), dated 25 February 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

3 Pensions

Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General Levy) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 195), dated 27 February 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

4 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 209), dated 3 March 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

5 Water

Isles of Scilly (Application of Water Legislation) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 214), dated 4 March 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

Other papers

6 Climate Change

A Charging Scheme for Offshore Installations Made Under Regulation 18 of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2012 (by Statutory Instrument) (Kwasi Kwarteng)

7 National Audit

(1) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Health and Social Care: The NHS nursing workforce (by Act), to be printed (HC 109) (Clerk of the House)

(2) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Exiting the European Union: The cost of EU Exit preparations (by Act), to be printed (HC 102) (Clerk of the House)

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEE

The Speaker has nominated the following Members to serve on the Ecclesiastical Committee during this Parliament pursuant to section 2(2) of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919:

Fleur Anderson, Sir Peter Bottomley, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Fiona Bruce, Dr Lisa Cameron, Miriam Cates, Sir Roger Gale, Mr David Lammy, Rachael Maskell, Gary Sambrook, Andrew Selous, Jim Shannon, Sir Desmond Swayne, Stephen Timms and Martin Vickers.