



## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday 29 April 2020

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am (Order, 22 April).

Prayers

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

**2 Statement: Repatriation of UK nationals affected by COVID-19 (Nigel Adams)**

As it was more than two hours after the commencement of hybrid scrutiny proceedings, the Speaker brought proceedings on the statement to a close (Order (Scrutiny proceedings (1)), 21 April).

**3 Business of the House (29 April)**

Motion made, That:—

(1) The following arrangements shall apply to today's business:

Business	Timings	Remote division designation
Business Statement	Up to 20 minutes	None
Fire Safety Bill: Second Reading	Up to 100 minutes; suspension; up to two hours	None
Fire Safety Bill: Programme	No debate (Standing Order No. 83A(7))	None
Fire Safety Bill: Money	No debate (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a))	None
Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993	No debate	None

(2) At the conclusion of the debate on the Fire Safety Bill, the Speaker shall put the Question, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The Speaker declared the Question agreed to (Order (Substantive proceedings (4)), 22 April).

**4 Business Statement (Leader of the House)**

As it was more than twenty minutes after the commencement of the Business Statement, the Speaker brought proceedings on the statement to a close (Order, today).

**5 Fire Safety Bill: Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Fire Safety Bill be now read a second time.

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

The Deputy Speaker suspended the House (Order, today).

Debate resumed.

Bill read a second time.

**6 Fire Safety Bill: Programme**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7) and Order, today), That the following provisions shall apply to the Fire Safety Bill:

*Committal*

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

*Proceedings in Public Bill Committee*

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 25 June 2020.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

*Proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading*

(4) Proceedings on Consideration and any proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

*Other proceedings*

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(Michael Tomlinson.)

Question agreed to.

**7 Fire Safety Bill: Money**

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a) and Order (today)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Fire Safety Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(Michael Tomlinson.)

Question agreed to.

**8 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993**

*Resolved*, That this House approves, for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993, the Government's assessment of the medium term economic and fiscal position as set out in the latest Budget document and the Office for Budget Responsibility's most recent Economic and Fiscal Outlook and Fiscal Sustainability Report, which forms the basis of the United Kingdom's Convergence Programme.—  
(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

**9 Adjournment**

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put (Order (Hybrid proceedings (5)), 22 April).

Adjourned at 6.30 pm until Monday 4 May (Order, 22 April).

## Other Proceedings

### Public petitions

**10 Public Petitions**

A public petition from residents of Erewash relating to Ladycross House Local Authority Care Home was presented by Maggie Throup.

### *Reports from Select Committees*

**11 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

*Online harms and disinformation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 234) (Julian Knight).

**12 Education Committee**

*The impact of COVID-19 on education and children's services*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 254) (Robert Halfon).

**13 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee**

(1) *COVID-19 and food supply*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 263);

(2) *Labour in the food supply chain*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 231)

(Neil Parish).

**14 Home Affairs Committee**

(1) *Home Office preparedness for Covid-19 (Coronavirus)*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 232);

(2) *Correspondence from the Home Office*: Written evidence, to be published

(Yvette Cooper).

**15 International Development Committee**

*The Independent Commission for Aid Impact's review on The Newton Fund*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 260) (Theo Clarke).

**16 Procedure Committee**

*Proxy voting: review of pilot arrangements*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 10) (Karen Bradley).

**17 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

*Support for children with special educational needs and disabilities*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the report (HC 85) (Meg Hillier).

**18 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

(1) *The Work of the Cabinet Office*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 118);

(2) *Cabinet Office Main Estimate 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Director General for Regulation, UK Statistics Authority, relating to COVID-19 statistics*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Director General for Regulation, UK Statistics Authority, relating to Universal Credit management information*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from Professor Sir Ian Diamond, National Statistician, relating to COVID-19 statistics*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence relating to constituency boundary review changes*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Comptroller & Auditor General relating to the Government's management of major projects*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 125);

(8) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary for the Cabinet Office relating to independent review into personal data handling by the Cabinet Office*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Scrutiny 2018–19*: Written evidence to be published (HC 117);

(10) *Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme Main Estimate 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(11) *The Statistics Board Main Estimate 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published (Mr William Wragg).

**19 Treasury Committee**

*Economic impact of coronavirus*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 271) (Mel Stride).

**20 Welsh Affairs Committee**

*Freeports and Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 205) (Stephen Crabb).

*Lindsay Hoyle*  
Speaker

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 1 **Dangerous Drugs**

Misuse of Drugs (Coronavirus) (Amendments Relating to the Supply of Controlled Drugs During a Pandemic etc.) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 468), dated 28 April 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

#### 2 **National Health Service**

National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 469), dated 28 April 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

### Other papers

#### 3 **Cabinet Office**

Cabinet Office Minute, dated 29 April 2020, concerning Indemnities granted to designers and manufacturers in the Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator System project (by Command) (Michael Gove)

#### 4 **Investigatory Powers**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Investigatory Powers (Temporary Judicial Commissioners and Modification of Time Limits) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 360) (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

#### 5 **Loans to Ireland**

Report under section 2 of the Loans to Ireland Act 2010: 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020 (by Act) (John Glen)

#### 6 **National Health Service**

Statement under section 6E(9) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

#### 7 **Political Parties, Elections and Referendums**

Interim Corporate Plan of the Electoral Commission for 2020–21 to 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 323) (The Speaker)

#### 8 **Statutory Instruments (Notification)**

Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation: Investigatory Powers (Temporary Judicial Commissioners and Modification of Time Limits) Regulations 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 360) (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)

**9 Supply Estimates 2020–21**

The Electoral Commission: Main Supply Estimate for 2020–21 (by Act), to be printed (HC 303) (The Speaker)

**10 UK Borders**

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: Inspection of Adults at Risk in Immigration Detention: November 2018–May 2019 (by Act) (Secretary Priti Patel)

Withdrawn papers

**11 Investigatory Powers**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Investigatory Powers (Temporary Judicial Commissioners and Modification of Time Limits) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 360) (laid 27 March)