

Order Paper: Business Today

Summary Agenda: Chamber

11.30am	Prayers The ballot for election of the Chair of the Defence Committee will take place in the 'Aye' Lobby between 11.00am and 2.30pm Deferred Divisions will take place in the 'No' Lobby between 11.30am and 2.00pm
Afterwards	Oral Questions: Northern Ireland
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: Clean air (human rights) (Caroline Lucas)
Up to six hours	Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill: Committee (Day 2)
Up to one hour*	Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill: Third Reading *if the Bill is not amended in Committee. If the Bill is amended, Consideration and Third Reading will be on a future day.
No debate	Statutory Instruments (Motions for approval)
Until 7.30pm or for half an hour	Adjournment Debate: Hospice funding in Devon (Simon Jupp)

Westminster Hall

9.30am	Network North and the cancellation of HS2 Phase 2a
11.00am	Regulation of defined benefit pension schemes
2.30pm	Inheritance tax
4.00pm	Morecambe Town Council precepts
4.30pm	Public sector pay round for financial year 2024-25

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Item marked [R] indicates that a member has declared a relevant interest.

BUSINESS TODAY: CHAMBER**11.30am Prayers****Followed by****QUESTIONS****Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland**

- 1 Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South)
What recent discussions he has had with party leaders on the restoration of power-sharing in Northern Ireland. (900948)
- 2 Rachael Maskell** (York Central)
What progress he has made on allocating funding to help tackle the impact of flooding in Northern Ireland. (900949)
- 3 Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West)
What recent discussions he has had with the administration in Northern Ireland on the effect of increases in the cost of living on people in Northern Ireland. (900950)
- 4 Martin Docherty-Hughes** (West Dunbartonshire)
What recent discussions he has had with the administration in Northern Ireland on ensuring timely payments from the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme to eligible individuals. (900951)
- 5 Stephen Farry** (North Down)
What recent progress he has made on the restoration of political institutions in Northern Ireland. (900952)
- 6 Simon Baynes** (Clwyd South)
What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to strengthen Northern Ireland's place in the Union. (900953)
- 7 Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran)
What recent discussions he has had with the administration in Northern Ireland on the effect of increases in the cost of living on people in Northern Ireland. (900957)
- 8 Sarah Jones** (Croydon Central)
What steps his Department plans to take to help restore power-sharing in Northern Ireland. (900958)
- 9 Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire)
What recent discussions he has had with the administration in Northern Ireland on the effect of increases in the cost of living on people in Northern Ireland. (900959)
- 10 Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green)
What recent discussions he has had with party leaders on the restoration of power-sharing in Northern Ireland. (900960)

At 12 noon

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- Q1 Jason McCartney** (Colne Valley)
If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 17 January. (900998)
- Q2 Julie Elliott** (Sunderland Central) (900999)
- Q3 Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North) (901000)
- Q4 Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West) (901001)
- Q5 Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton) (901002)
- Q6 Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish) (901003)
- Q7 Dame Maria Miller** (Basingstoke) (901004)
- Q8 Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North) (901005)
- Q9 Dean Russell** (Watford) (901006)
- Q10 Martin Docherty-Hughes** (West Dunbartonshire)
When he next plans to meet the First Minister of Scotland. (901007)
- Q11 Nick Fletcher** (Don Valley) (901008)
- Q12 Peter Dowd** (Bootle) (901009)
- Q13 Daisy Cooper** (St Albans) (901010)
- Q14 Greg Smith** (Buckingham) (901011)
- Q15 Ian Mearns** (Gateshead) (901012)

URGENT QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Urgent Questions (if any)

Ministerial Statements (if any)

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

No debate ([Standing Order No. 57](#))

Outdoor Education

Tim Farron

Bill to require that every child be offered at least one outdoor education experience during primary school years and at least one such experience during secondary school years; and for connected purposes.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

1. Clean air (human rights): Ten Minute Rule Motion

Up to 20 minutes ([Standing Order No. 23](#))

Caroline Lucas

That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish the right to breathe clean air; to require the Secretary of State to achieve and maintain clean air in England; to involve the UK Health Security Agency in setting and reviewing pollutants and their limits; to enhance the powers, duties and functions of various agencies and authorities in relation to air pollution; to establish the Citizens' Commission for Clean Air with powers to institute or intervene in legal proceedings; to require the Secretary of State and the relevant national authorities to apply environmental principles in carrying out their duties under this Act and the clean air enactments; and for connected purposes.

Notes:

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

2. [Safety of Rwanda \(Asylum and Immigration\) Bill](#): Committee (Day 2)

Up to six hours ([Order of 12 December 2023](#))

Clauses 3 and 5 to 10; remaining new clauses and new Schedules; Clause 1; remaining proceedings on the Bill.

Notes:

For amendments, see [separate paper](#) (also available on the documents webpage for the Bill).

3. [Safety of Rwanda \(Asylum and Immigration\) Bill](#): Third Reading

Up to one hour ([Order of 12 December 2023](#))

This item cannot be proceeded with today if the Bill is amended in Committee

Notes:

If the Bill is not amended in Committee, Third Reading follows immediately after Committee stage and may be proceeded with for up to one hour. There would be a Report (Consideration) stage only if the Bill is amended in Committee. If the Bill is amended, both Report stage and Third Reading will be on a future day (Programme Order, 12 December 2023).

4. Medical Devices

No debate ([Standing Order No. 118\(6\)](#))

Helen Whately

That the draft Medical Devices (In Vitro Diagnostic Devices etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 14 November 2023, be approved.

Notes:

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

5. Employment Tribunals

No debate ([Standing Order No. 118\(6\)](#))

Alex Chalk

That the draft Employment Tribunals and Employment Appeal Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 14 November 2023, be approved.

Notes:

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

6. Family Law

No debate ([Standing Order No. 118\(6\)](#))

Mims Davies

That the draft Child Support (Management of Payments and Arrears and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 13 November 2023, be approved.

Notes:

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

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

Until 7.30pm or for half an hour (whichever is later) ([Standing Order No. 9\(7\)](#))

Hospice funding in Devon: **Simon Jupp**

BUSINESS TODAY: WESTMINSTER HALL**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The first part of the sitting will last for two hours. The second part of the sitting will last for three hours ([Standing Order No. 10\(1\)](#)).

9.30am

That this House has considered Network North and the cancellation of HS2 Phase 2a: **Jack Brereton**

Relevant Documents:

Oral evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 8 and 30 November 2023 and 10 January 2024, on HS2: progress update, [HC 85](#)

Oral evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 6 December 2023, on Rail services and infrastructure, [HC 361](#)

Oral evidence taken before the Transport Committee 15 November 2023, on Work of the Secretary of State for Transport, [HC 86](#)

Written evidence to the Transport Committee, on HS2: progress update, reported to the House on 14 November 2023 and 9 January 2024, [HC 85](#)

11.00am

That this House has considered the regulation of defined benefit pension schemes: **Mr Alistair Carmichael**

Notes:

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

2.30pm

That this House has considered inheritance tax: **Jon Trickett**

4.00pm

That this House has considered Morecambe Town Council precepts: **David Morris**

4.30pm

That this House has considered the public sector pay round for financial year 2024-25: **Beth Winter**

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\(3\)](#)).

DEFERRED DIVISIONS**DEFERRED DIVISIONS TO BE HELD TODAY**

Deferred Divisions will take place in the ‘No’ Lobby between 11.30am and 2.00pm

Immigration**Mr James Cleverly**

That the draft Immigration Act 2014 (Residential Accommodation) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 15 November 2023, be approved.

Notes:

The division on this Question was deferred from Tuesday 16 January ([Standing Order No. 41A](#)).

Immigration**Mr James Cleverly**

That the draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) (Amendment) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 15 November 2023, be approved.

Notes:

The division on this Question was deferred from Tuesday 16 January ([Standing Order No. 41A](#)).

WRITTEN STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS TO BE MADE TODAY

Secretary of State for Business and Trade

1. Publication of the Critical Imports and Supply Chains Strategy

Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

2. Energy National Policy Statements

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

3. Women's Health Strategy update

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>

SELECT COMMITTEES**Home Affairs Committee****Subject: Fraud**

The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

9.00am (private), 9.30am (public)

Witnesses:

9.30am	Mike Haley (Chief Executive at Cifas) Richard Hyde (Chief Executive at Social Market Foundation) Sophie Davis (Chief Executive at Crest Advisory)
10.30am	Professor Nicholas Ryder (Professor in Financial Crime at Cardiff University) Professor Nicholas Lord (Professor in Financial Crime at The University of Manchester) James Babbage (Professor in Financial Crime at National Crime Agency)

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**Subject: Renewable Energy and Net Zero in Northern Ireland**

Room 6

9.00am (private), 9.30am (public)

Witnesses:

9.30am	Peter McClenaghan (Director at Consumer Council for Northern Ireland) Derek Scully (Director at Energia Group) Steven Agnew (Director at Renewables NI)
10.30am	John French (Chief Executive at Utility Regulator NI) Gareth Brown (Chief Executive at SONI Ltd) Roger Henderson (Chief Executive at NIE Networks)

Work and Pensions Committee

Subject: Statutory Sick Pay

Room 5

9.15am (private), 9.25am (public)

Witnesses:

9.25am	Dr Gareth Millward (Assistant Professor at University of Southern Denmark) Professor Matt Padley (Assistant Professor at Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University) Professor Chris Rauh (Assistant Professor at University of Cambridge)
10.25am	Nicola Smith (Head of Rights at Social and Economics, Trades Union Congress) Amanda Walters (Head of Rights at Centre for Progressive Change) Thomas Hamilton-Shaw (Head of Rights at Scope)

Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

Room 7

9.20am (private)

Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

Subject: A flexible grid for the future

The Wilson Room, Portcullis House

9.30am (private), 10.00am (public)

Witnesses:

10.00am	Kevin O'Donovan (Senior Vice President Europe and Managing Director of UK and Ireland at Statkraft) Ian Lawrie (Senior Vice President Europe and Managing Director of UK and Ireland at Island Green Power) Mike Parr (Senior Vice President Europe and Managing Director of UK and Ireland at Challoch Energy Limited)
11.00am	Keith Anderson (Chief Executive at ScottishPower) Professor Keith Bell (Chief Executive at UK Energy Research Centre) Barney Wharton (Chief Executive at RenewableUK)

Welsh Affairs Committee

Subject: Prisons in Wales

Room 8

9.30am (private), 10.00am (public)

Witnesses:

- 10.00am **Dr Robert Jones** (Lecturer in the Welsh Criminal Justice System at Cardiff University School of Law and Politics)
- Terry McCarthy** (Lecturer in the Welsh Criminal Justice System at Prison Officers Association)
- 11.00am **Bryn Hall** (Senior Development Officer for Wales at Clinks)
- Katie Fraser** (Senior Development Officer for Wales at Women in Prison)

Women and Equalities Committee

Subject: The escalation of violence against women and girls

The Grimond Room, Portcullis House

9.30am (private), 10.00am (public)

Witnesses:

- 10.00am **Jo Todd CBE** (Chief Executive at Respect)
- Suzanne Jacob OBE** (Chief Executive at SafeLives)
- Nicky Park** (Chief Executive at St Giles Trust)
- 11.00am **Kim Thornden-Edwards** (Chief Probation Officer for England and Wales at HM Prison and Probation Service)
- Alice Adamson** (Chief Probation Officer for England and Wales at HM Prison and Probation Service)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

Subject: Fire Safety

Room 16

10.00am (private), 10.30am (public)

Witnesses:

- 10.30am **Lee Rowley** (Minister of State for Housing, Planning and Building Safety at Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)

Chandru Dissanayeke (Minister of State for Housing, Planning and Building Safety at Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)

Public Accounts Committee

Subject: Lessons for government: monitoring and responding to companies in distress

The Grimond Room, Portcullis House

1.00pm (private), 1.30pm (public)

Witnesses:

1.30pm **Jess Glover** (DG Growth and Productivity at HM Treasury)
 Hannah Gray (DG Growth and Productivity at UK Government Investments)
 Sir Gareth Rhys Williams CB (DG Growth and Productivity at Cabinet Office)
 Neil Johnson (DG Growth and Productivity at Department for Business and Trade)

Environmental Audit Committee

Subject: Enabling sustainable electrification of the UK economy

Room 6

2.00pm (private), 2.15pm (public)

Witnesses:

2.15pm **Rachel Fletcher** (Director for Regulations and Economics at Octopus Energy)
 Tom Glover (Director for Regulations and Economics at RWE)
 Craig Dolan (Director for Regulations and Economics at Heat Pump Association)

3.15pm **Councillor Bridget Smith** (Vice Chair, District Councils Network, Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council at)
 Barbara Hammond MBE (Vice Chair, District Councils Network, Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council at Low Carbon Hub IPS Ltd)
 Dan Stone (Vice Chair, District Councils Network, Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council at Centre for Sustainable Energy)
 Dr Rebecca Windemer (Vice Chair, District Councils Network, Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council at Regen)

Health and Social Care Committee

Room 5
2.00pm (private)

Treasury Committee

Subject: Sexism in the City

The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House
2.00pm (private), 2.15pm (public)

Witnesses:

2.15pm	Nikhil Rathi (Chief Executive at Financial Conduct Authority) Sarah Pritchard (Chief Executive at Financial Conduct Authority) Sam Woods (Chief Executive at Prudential Regulation Authority) Vicky Saporta (Chief Executive at Prudential Regulation Authority)
3.15pm	Maria Caulfield MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Women) at) The Baroness Vere of Norbiton (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Women) at HM Treasury)

Procedure Committee

Room 7
2.30pm (private)

Committee of Selection

Room 13
4.30pm (private)

JOINT COMMITTEES

Human Rights

Subject: Safety of Rwanda (Asylum & Immigration) Bill

Room 16
2.45pm (private), 3.00pm (public)

Witnesses:

3.00pm	Zoe Bantleman (Legal Director at Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA)) Tyrone Steele (Legal Director at JUSTICE) Enver Solomon (Legal Director at Refugee Council) Dr Mike Jones (Legal Director at Migration Watch UK)
4.00pm	Rashmin Sagoo (International Law Programme Lead at Chatham House) Professor Sarah Singer (International Law Programme Lead at University of London) Professor Tom Hickman (International Law Programme Lead at)

Statutory Instruments

Virtual meeting
3.40pm (private)

DELEGATED LEGISLATION COMMITTEES**Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee**

To consider the draft Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024

Room 9
2.30pm (public)

Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee

To consider the draft Public Offers and Admissions to Trading Regulations 2023, the draft Securitisation Regulations 2023, the draft Financial Services Act 2021 (Overseas Funds Regime and Recognition of Parts of Schemes) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2024, and the draft Data Reporting Services Regulations 2023

Room 10
2.30pm (public)

Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee

To consider the draft Wine (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024

Room 12
4.30pm (public)

OTHER

Holocaust Memorial Bill Select Committee

Subject: Petitioning against the Holocaust Memorial Bill

Room 15

9.30am (private), 9.45am (public)

Witnesses:

9.45am

Sir Peter Bottomley MP (at)**Professor Emerita Christine Stevenson** (at)**Nickie Aiken** (at)**Councillor Louise Hyams** (at)**Philip Smith** (at)**Dorian Gerhold** (at)**Christopher Katkowski KC** (at Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC))**Richard Turney** (at Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC))

Holocaust Memorial Bill Select Committee

Subject: Petitioning against the Holocaust Memorial Bill

Room 15

2.00pm (private), 2.15pm (public)

Witnesses:

2.15pm

The Rt Hon the Lord Blencathra PC (at)**Lord Carlile of Berriew CBE KC** (at)**Richard Turney** (at Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC))

Speaker's Advisory Committee on Works of Art

Room 8

4.30pm (private)

COMMITTEE REPORTS PUBLISHED TODAY

Public Accounts

7th Report: Resilience to flooding HC 71

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, from their own email account or in hard copy. Application forms are available on the Table Office page on ParliNet. The ballot takes place on the day following the deadline. Members who are successful will be contacted by the Speaker's Office.

Tuesday 23 to Monday 29 January (deadline Wednesday 17 January 7.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

Tuesday 30 January to Monday 5 February (deadline Wednesday 24 January 7.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

Tuesday 6 to Thursday 8 February (deadline Wednesday 31 January 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, from their own email account or in hard copy. Application forms are available on the Table Office page on ParliNet. The ballot takes place on the day following the deadline. Members who are successful will be contacted by the Speaker's Office.

Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 January (deadline Monday 22 January 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Business and Trade; Culture, Media and Sport; Defence; Health and Social Care; Justice; Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; Scotland; Transport; Treasury; Women and Equalities; Work and Pensions

Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 February (deadline Monday 29 January 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Attorney General; Cabinet Office; Education; Energy Security and Net Zero; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Foreign, Commonwealth and Development; Home Office; Northern Ireland; Science, Innovation and Technology; Wales

ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE DEFENCE COMMITTEE

Ballot

The ballot will take place between 11.00am and 2.30pm today in the Aye division lobby.

As soon as practicable after the votes have been counted the Speaker will announce to the House the results of the ballot.

Final list of Members nominated for election as Chair of the Defence Committee

Candidate: **Rehman Chishti**

Nominated by (own party): James Morris, Jonathan Gullis, Kelly Tolhurst, Royston Smith, Ian Levy, Giles Watling, Dr Matthew Offord, Henry Smith, Tom Hunt, Mark Logan, Paul Bristow, Kwasi Kwarteng, Daniel Kawczynski, Jack Brereton, Martin Vickers

Nominated by (other parties or no party): Debbie Abrahams, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Sammy Wilson, Ms Anum Qaisar, Yasmin Qureshi

Relevant interests declared: British Army Reservist (2020–2022) as per Register of Members' Financial Interests. I have been asked to speak at a conference in Germany organised in partnership by RFI (Religious Freedom Institute) USA. I previously served as their Senior Fellow on International Religious Freedom. RFI are co-hosting the conference with USA European Command. The topic is international religious freedom and the work of military chaplains. Travel and accommodation will be covered and there is an honorarium for the speaking at the conference. I have agreed in principle to speak, but it will be subject to election and parliamentary commitments.

Candidate: **Jeremy Quin**

Nominated by (own party): Harriett Baldwin, Sir Robert Goodwill, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Mr Ben Wallace, Mr Robin Walker, Angela Richardson, Dame Karen Bradley, Greg Clark, Philip Dunne, Simon Jupp, Nickie Aiken, Steve Brine, Iain Stewart, Tim Loughton, Mrs Heather Wheeler

Nominated by (other parties or no party): John Spellar, Valerie Vaz, Dave Doogan, Mr Kevan Jones, Sir Stephen Timms

Relevant interests declared: I served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence from February 2020 to September 2022. I am Honorary President of the Air Cadet Squadron in my Horsham constituency. Defence manufacturers Thales and Boeing are employers in a neighbouring constituency and Chess Dynamics, a subsidiary of defence manufacturer Cohort PLC, is based in Horsham.

FURTHER INFORMATION

MEMBERS' GUIDE TO CHAMBER PROCEEDINGS

The [Members' Guide](#) to Chamber proceedings is available on the Parliamentary website

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/cm5803/cmstords/so-1932-23102023/so-2023i.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/>.

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WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2024NO.31

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.
