
MONDAY 13 MAY 2024NO.91

Order Paper: Business Today

Summary Agenda: Chamber

2.30pm	Prayers
Afterwards	Oral Questions: Work and Pensions
3.30pm	Urgent Questions, Ministerial Statements (if any)
Up to 90 minutes	Public Procurement (Motion for approval)
Up to 90 minutes	Agriculture (Motion for approval)
Up to two hours	Risk-based exclusion (Motion)
Until 10.30pm or for half an hour	Adjournment Debate: Tackling substandard housing (George Galloway)

Westminster Hall

4.30pm	Debate on e-petition 648577 relating to a visa scheme for Palestinians
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BUSINESS TODAY: CHAMBER**2.30pm Prayers****Followed by****QUESTIONS****■ Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions****1 Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire)

What assessment he has made of the adequacy of the average time taken to decide the outcome of Personal Independence Payment applications. (902750)

2 Steve Double (St Austell and Newquay)

What steps he is taking to help fill job vacancies in St Austell and Newquay constituency. (902751)

3 Sarah Green (Chesham and Amersham)

What recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Child Maintenance Service in securing funds from paying parents. (902752)

4 Mrs Sheryll Murray (South East Cornwall)

What steps his Department is taking to increase the support available in Jobcentres in South East Cornwall constituency. (902753)

5 James Morris (Halesowen and Rowley Regis)

What plans he has to increase levels of employment. (902754)

6 Neale Hanvey (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath)

What recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of providing compensation to women born in the 1950s affected by changes to the State Pension age. (902755)

7 Paula Barker (Liverpool, Wavertree)

If he will make an estimate of the number of in-work Universal Credit claimants that have had payments stopped due to errors made by his Department in the last 12 months. (902757)

8 Christian Wakeford (Bury South)

What recent estimate he has made of the number of pensioners in poverty. (902758)

9 Neil Coyle (Bermondsey and Old Southwark)

What steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for Access to Work assessments. (902760)

10 Gordon Henderson (Sittingbourne and Sheppey)

What steps he is taking to help fill job vacancies in Sittingbourne and Sheppey constituency. (902761)

11 Peter Aldous (Waveney)

What steps he is taking to reform the welfare system. (902763)

12 Peter Gibson (Darlington)

What steps his Department is taking to support people with autism into employment. (902764)

13 Craig Tracey (North Warwickshire)

What steps his Department is taking to help reduce unemployment. (902765)

14 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley)

What steps his Department is taking to support pensioners. (902766)

15 Richard Burgon (Leeds East)

What steps his Department is taking to support pensioners with increases in the cost of living. (902767)

16 Deidre Brock (Edinburgh North and Leith)

What recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of support for pensioners with increases in the cost of living. (902768)

17 Graham Stuart (Beverley and Holderness)

What steps his Department is taking to reform the welfare system. (902769)

18 Dr Jamie Wallis (Bridgend)

What steps his Department is taking to help reduce unemployment. (902770)

At 3.15pm

■ **Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**

T1 Chris Clarkson (Heywood and Middleton)

If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902775)

T2 Sir Desmond Swayne (New Forest West) (902776)**T3 Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath) (902777)**T4 Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South) (902778)**T5 Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood) (902779)**T6 Sir David Evennett** (Bexleyheath and Crayford) (902781)**T7 Jack Brereton** (Stoke-on-Trent South) (902782)**T8 Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham) (902783)**T9 Steve Tuckwell** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip) (902784)

URGENT QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**3.30pm****Urgent Questions (if any)****Ministerial Statements (if any)****BUSINESS OF THE DAY****1. Public Procurement****Up to 90 minutes** ([Standing Order No. 16\(1\)](#))**Alex Burghart**

That the draft Procurement Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 25 March, be approved.

2. Agriculture**Up to 90 minutes** ([Standing Order No. 16\(1\)](#))**Steve Barclay**

That the draft Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 16 April, be approved.

BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN AT 10.00PM**DEFERRED DIVISIONS****No debate.** ([Standing Order No. 41A\(3\)](#))**Rishi Sunak**

That, at this day's sitting, [Standing Order No. 41A](#) (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to (a) the Motion in the name of Alex Burghart relating to Public Procurement and (b) the Motion in the name of Secretary Steve Barclay relating to Agriculture.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY**3. RISK-BASED EXCLUSION**

Up to two hours ((Order of 8 May))

Penny Mordaunt

That

- (1) this House approves the Report from the House of Commons Commission, A risk-based exclusion policy for the House of Commons – updated proposals, HC 386, save that the threshold for risk-based exclusion should be when a Member has been charged with a relevant offence;
- (2) the following Standing Order be made:
“Risk-based exclusion policy
 - (1) When the Clerk of the House is informed by the police that a Member is charged with a violent or sexual offence a risk assessment will take place.
 - (2) The risk assessment will be carried out by a Risk Assessment Panel, appointed by Mr Speaker.
 - (3) In carrying out a risk assessment the Panel will have regard to-
 - (a) the nature of the alleged misconduct;
 - (b) whether there is any safeguarding concern;
 - (c) the risk to the Parliamentary community, or a particular individual, group or groups within it;
 - (d) information from the police; and
 - (e) any undertaking that the Member in question is subject to an existing voluntary agreement not to attend the Estate.
 - (4) The Panel shall have the assistance of the Counsel to the Speaker, the Director of Parliamentary Security and such other members of the House administration as it thinks fit.
 - (5) The Panel will decide on appropriate measures to mitigate any risk, and such mitigation may include one or more of the following-
 - (a) exclusion from the Parliamentary estate;
 - (b) exclusion from domestic travel funded in whole or in part through the House of Commons Estimate; and
 - (c) exclusion from foreign travel funded in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, through the House of Commons Estimate.
 - (6) Members must not lobby the Panel in a manner calculated to influence the outcome of a risk assessment process.
 - (7) A Member subject to exclusion from the Parliamentary estate may apply for a proxy vote.

(8) If the Panel considers a Member should be subject to exclusion it shall inform the Speaker, and the Speaker shall authorise the House administration to take such measures as are necessary to ensure the Panel's decision is implemented.

(9) The Panel may review its risk assessment in the light of new information, and as a consequence of that review may recommend ending any exclusion, varying any existing risk mitigation measures, or introducing further measures as a result of its review.

(10) The decisions of the Panel in relation to a particular case and actions taken thereafter shall not be made public and shall be kept confidential (except insofar as is reasonably necessary to ensure the decision is effected).

(11) A Member's exclusion will end if-

(a) the Panel so decides and informs the Speaker accordingly;

(b) the Speaker and the Panel are informed by the police or another competent person that the police have concluded their investigations and the charge has been withdrawn; or

(c) a criminal trial has been concluded."

(3) the operation of Standing Order (Risk-based exclusion policy) be reviewed by a panel appointed by Mr Speaker, and the report of that panel shall be laid before the House no later than six months after the date of this Order; and

(4) [Standing Order No. 39A](#) (Voting by Proxy) be amended as follows:

(1) In paragraph (2)(d) after "injury" insert

"() risk-based exclusion from the Parliamentary estate"; and

(2) After paragraph 5(b) insert

"() The Speaker shall not specify the reason for which a proxy vote has been given in any such certificate."

Amendment(a)

Sir Christopher Chope

Paragraph (1) of the proposed Standing Order, line 2, after "sexual offence" insert "and is not being remanded in custody"

Amendment(b)

Sir Christopher Chope

Sir Philip Davies

Sir Edward Leigh

Sir Julian Lewis

Paragraph (3) of the proposed Standing Order, line 2, before "(a)" insert—

"() Whether the Member is on bail subject to conditions and whether any of those conditions restrict the ability of the Member to attend the Parliamentary estate;"

Amendment(c)**Sir Christopher Chope****Sir Philip Davies****Sir Edward Leigh**

Leave out paragraph (7) of the proposed Standing Order

Amendment(d)**Sir Christopher Chope**

Leave out paragraph (4)

Amendment(e)**Sir Christopher Chope**

At end insert—

"() This Standing Order shall be of temporary effect until the Dissolution of this Parliament."

Amendment(f)**Nigel Mills**

Paragraph (2) of the proposed Standing Order, at end insert "Mr Speaker may not appoint a member of the Cabinet or Shadow Cabinet to the panel."

Amendment(g)**Nigel Mills**

Paragraph (7) of the proposed Standing Order, line 1, leave out "may apply for" and insert "shall not be entitled to"

Amendment(h)**Wendy Chamberlain****Stephen Farry****Jess Phillips****Sir Chris Bryant****Ms Stella Creasy****Sarah Olney**

Nadia Whittome

Caroline Lucas

Charlotte Nichols

Paragraph (1) of the proposed Standing Order, line 1, leave out "is charged with" and insert "has been arrested on suspicion of committing"

Amendment(i)**Nigel Mills**

Paragraph (1) of the proposed Standing Order, line 2, leave out "a risk assessment will take place" and insert "Mr Speaker shall authorise the House Administration to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the Member is excluded from—

(a) the Parliamentary estate;

(b) domestic travel funded in whole or in part through the House of Commons estimate; and

(c) foreign travel funded in whole or in part through the House of Commons estimate."

Amendment(j)**Nigel Mills**

Leave out paragraphs (2) to (6) of the proposed Standing Order

Amendment(k)**Nigel Mills**

Leave out paragraphs (8) to (10) of the proposed Standing Order

Amendment(l)**Nigel Mills**

Paragraph (11) of the proposed Standing Order, leave out sub-paragraph (a)

Amendment(m)**Nigel Mills**

Paragraph (11)(b) of the proposed Standing Order, line 1, leave out “and the panel are” and insert “is”

Amendment(n)**Penny Mordaunt**

After paragraph (2) of the proposed Standing Order insert—

“() The Panel shall have power to meet notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, in person or by electronic means.”

Amendment(o)**Wendy Chamberlain****Jess Phillips****Sir Chris Bryant****Ms Stella Creasy**

Paragraph (1), line 2, leave out “, save that the threshold for risk-based exclusion should be when a Member has been charged with a relevant offence”

Amendment(p)**Wendy Chamberlain****Jess Phillips****Sir Chris Bryant****Ms Stella Creasy**

After paragraph (2) of the proposed Standing Order insert—

“() The Panel will not be given the name of the Member being risk assessed.”

Amendment(q)**Wendy Chamberlain****Jess Phillips****Sir Chris Bryant****Ms Stella Creasy**

Paragraph (11)(b) of the proposed Standing Order, line 2, leave out “the charge has been withdrawn” and insert “no charge has been made”

Amendment(r)**Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg**

After paragraph (12) of the proposed Standing Order insert-

"() Any Member excluded by the Panel may appeal to the House to confirm or reject his or her exclusion."

Relevant Documents:

Oral evidence taken before the Procedure Committee on 18 December 2023, on Commons scrutiny of Secretaries of State in the House of Lords, HC 338, Qq15-22 and 48-54

Correspondence between the Procedure Committee and Mr Speaker, on risk-based exclusions, reported to the House on 18 December 2023, 17 January and 29 January 2024

Correspondence from the Procedure Committee to the Leader of the House, on the exclusion of Members, reported to the House on 7 June 2023, Session 2022-23

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

Until 10.30pm or for half an hour (whichever is later) ([Standing Order No. 9\(7\)](#))

Tackling substandard housing: **George Galloway**

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

Up to three hours ([Standing Order No. 10\(1\)](#))

4.30pm

That this House has considered e-petition 648577 relating to a visa scheme for Palestinians**Cat Smith**

Notes:

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

WRITTEN STATEMENTS**STATEMENTS TO BE MADE TODAY****The Chancellor of the Exchequer**

1. HMRC Update

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

2. 27 NEW BATHING WATER DESIGNATIONS IN ENGLAND AND REFORMING THE BATHING WATER REGULATIONS 2013

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

3. Public Health Update

Secretary of State for Justice

4. HMP Wandsworth Update .
5. Post Office Casework Team Contingency Fund Application

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

6. Welfare fraud 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

SELECT COMMITTEES**Scottish Affairs Committee****Subject: Scotland's space sector**

Room 6

2.30pm (private), 3.00pm (public)

Witnesses:

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| 3.00pm | Colin Macleod (Head of Space Regulation at Civil Aviation Authority) |
| 3.30pm | Scott McClelland (Unit Head, New Market Clusters Unit at Scottish Government) |
| | Rory McGregor (Unit Head, New Market Clusters Unit at Scottish Government) |
| 4.30pm | The Lord Cameron of Lochiel (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland) |
| | Dr Paul Bate (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at UK Space Agency) |

Defence Committee

Subject: Defence in the Grey Zone

The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

3.15pm (private), 3.30pm (public)

Witnesses:

3.30pm **James Appathurai** (Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Innovation, Hybrid and Cyber at NATO)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

Subject: Improving the home buying and selling process

Room 16

3.30pm (private), 4.00pm (public)

Witnesses:

4.00pm **Kate Faulkner** (Chair at Home Buying and Selling Group)

Paula Higgins (Chair at HomeOwners Alliance)

Maria Harris (Chair at Open Property Data Association)

5.00pm **Mairead Carroll** (RICS Senior Property Specialist at The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS))

Timothy Douglas (RICS Senior Property Specialist at Propertymark)

Beth Rudolf (RICS Senior Property Specialist at The Conveyancing Association)

Public Accounts Committee

Subject: Investigation into UKHSA Health Security Campus

The Grimond Room, Portcullis House

3.30pm (private), 4.00pm (public)

Witnesses:

4.00pm **Professor Dame Jenny Harries DBE** (Chief Executive at UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA))

Scott McPherson (Chief Executive at UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA))

Shona Dunn CB (Chief Executive at Department of Health and Social Care)

Andrew Sanderson (Chief Executive at UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA))

Administration Committee

Room 5
4.30pm (private)

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEES

Football Governance Bill: Programming sub-committee

Room 10
6.00pm (private)

DELEGATED LEGISLATION COMMITTEES

First Delegated Legislation Committee

To consider the draft Carbon Capture Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2024, and the draft Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Revenue Support (Directions and Counterparty) Regulations 2024

Room 9
4.30pm (public)

Second Delegated Legislation Committee

To consider the draft Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Room 11
4.30pm (public)

Third Delegated Legislation Committee

To consider the draft International Monetary Fund (Increase in Subscription) Order 2024

Room 12
6.00pm (public)

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 the day after the deadline. Members who are successful will be contacted by the Speaker's Office.

Tuesday 21 to Thursday 23 May (deadline Wednesday 15 May 7.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

Monday 3 to Monday 10 June (deadline Wednesday 22 May 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 the day after the deadline. Members who are successful will be contacted by the Speaker's Office.

Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 May (deadline Monday 13 May 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Cabinet Office; Education; Health and Social Care; Home Office; Justice; Northern Ireland; Transport; Wales; Women and Equalities; Work and Pensions

Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 June (deadline Monday 20 May 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Attorney General; Business and Trade; Culture, Media and Sport; Defence; Energy Security and Net Zero; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Foreign, Commonwealth and Development; Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; Science, Innovation and Technology; Scotland; Treasury

Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 June (deadline Monday 3 June 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Cabinet Office; Education; Health and Social Care; Home Office; Justice; Northern Ireland; Transport; Wales; Women and Equalities; Work and Pensions

DETERMINATION OF BUSINESS BY THE BACKBENCH BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Thursday 16 May in the Chamber

Debate on a Motion: Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report on Women's State Pension age: Patricia Gibson

Thursday 16 May in Westminster Hall

General Debate: Inequalities in dementia services: Debbie Abrahams

General Debate: Mental health and long-term conditions: Peter Dowd

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

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