

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2019

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Order Paper: Business Today

Summary Agenda: Chamber

9.30am	Prayers
No debate	Adjournment (Christmas) (Motion)
Until 2.30pm	Allocation of Select Committee Chairs (Timing) (Motion)
Until any hour*	European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill: Second Reading (*if the Business of the House Motion is agreed to.)
Followed by	Motions without separate debate: Programme Money Ways and Means
Until 3.00pm or for half an hour	Adjournment Debate: Progress of Southend towards city status (Sir David Amess)

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

BUSINESS TODAY: CHAMBER**9.30am Prayers****Followed by****BUSINESS OF THE DAY****1. Adjournment (Christmas)****No debate** (([Standing Order No. 25](#)))**Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg**

That this House, at its rising on Friday 20 December 2019, do adjourn until Tuesday 7 January 2020.

2. Allocation of Select Committee Chairs (Timing)**Until 2.30pm** (([Standing Order No. 9\(3\)](#)))**Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg**That the following provisions shall have effect in this Parliament in relation to [Standing Order No. 122B](#) (Election of select committee chairs);

- (1) In paragraph (3), the reference to “a week” shall be read as “three weeks”; and
- (2) In paragraph (5), the reference to “two weeks” shall be read as “four weeks”.

3. [European Union \(Withdrawal Agreement\) Bill](#): Second Reading**Until any hour** (if the 2.30pm Business of the House motion is agreed to)**Notes:**The Speaker has not yet considered this Bill for certification.
Queen’s consent to be signified on Third Reading.**Ian Blackford****Kirsty Blackman****Peter Grant****Joanna Cherry****Alyn Smith****Patrick Grady**

Hannah Bardell

Deidre Brock

Lisa Cameron

Mhairi Black

Alan Brown

Douglas Chapman

Steven Bonnar

Amy Callaghan

Ronnie Cowan

Dr

Angela Crawley	Martyn Day	Martin Docherty-Hughes	
Dave Doogan	Allan Dorans	Marion Fellows	
Margaret Ferrier	Stephen Flynn	Patricia Gibson	Neil
Gray	Drew Hendry	Stewart Hosie	
Chris Law	David Linden	Kenny MacAskill	
Angus Brendan MacNeil	Stewart Malcolm McDonald	Stuart C McDonald	
Anne McLaughlin	John McNally	Carol Monaghan	
Gavin Newlands	John Nicolson	Brendan O'Hara	
Kirsten Oswald	Tommy Sheppard	Chris Stephens	
Alison Thewliss	Owen Thompson	Richard Thomson	Dr
Philippa Whitford	Pete Wishart		

That this House declines to give the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill a Second Reading because 62 per cent of voters in Scotland supported remaining in the European Union in the 2016 European Union referendum and 74 per cent of the voters in Scotland supported political parties that proposed either remaining in the European Union or a second referendum on European Union membership in the 2019 General Election; and agrees that the United Kingdom must not leave the European Union before gaining the legislative consent of the Scottish Parliament.’.

Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

Sammy Wilson

Mr Gregory Campbell

Gavin Robinson

Paul Girvan

Ian Paisley

Jim Shannon

Carla Lockhart

That this House declines to give a Second Reading to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill because the Withdrawal Agreement of October 2019 substantively concludes arrangements for Northern Ireland prior to agreement on the future relationship between the European Union and the United Kingdom and without adequate provision for applying the consent mechanisms in the Belfast Agreement as given effect by the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Ed Davey

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Tim Farron

Christine Jardine

Layla Moran

Wera Hobhouse

Jamie Stone

Sarah Olney

Munira Wilson

Daisy Cooper

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House declines to give the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill a Second Reading because it does not give the people of the United Kingdom the final say on the Withdrawal Agreement through a public vote with the option to remain in the European Union, because it fails

to ensure continued tariff-free access to the Customs Union and Single Market, because it fails to guarantee the rights of UK citizens in the EU and EU citizens in the UK, and because it erodes protections for workers' rights, children's rights and the environment.

BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN AT 2.30PM

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

No debate (([Standing Order No. 15](#) and [No. 41A\(3\)](#)))

Boris Johnson

That at this day's sitting, proceedings on the Second Reading of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour, and [Standing Order No. 41A](#) (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

4. European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill: Programme

No debate (([Standing Order No. 83A\(7\)](#)))

Steve Barclay

That the following provisions shall apply to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill:

Committal

- (1) The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Proceedings in Committee

- (2) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in two days.
- (3) The proceedings shall be taken on each of those days as shown in the first column of the following Table and in the order so shown.
- (4) The proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

TABLE

Proceedings	Time for conclusion of proceedings
First day	
Clauses 1 to 6; new Clauses relating to Part 1 or 2; new Schedules relating to Part 1 or 2	Four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the first day.
Clauses 7 to 14; Schedule 1; Clause 15; Schedule 2; Clauses 16 and 17; new Clauses relating to Part 3; new Schedules relating to Part 3	Eight hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the first day

Proceedings	Time for conclusion of proceedings
Second day	
Clauses 18 to 23; Schedule 3; Clauses 24 to 37; new Clauses relating to Part 4; new Schedules relating to Part 4	Two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second day.
Clauses 38 to 40; Schedule 4; Clause 41; Schedule 5; Clause 42; new Clauses relating to Part 5; new Schedules relating to Part 5	Five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second day.
Remaining new Clauses, remaining new Schedules, remaining proceedings in Committee on the Bill	Eight hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second day.

Proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading

- (5) Any proceedings on Consideration, any proceedings in legislative grand committee and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken in one day in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.
- (6) Any proceedings on Consideration and any proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours before the moment of interruption on that day.
- (7) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

Programming committee

- (8) [Standing Order No. 83B](#) (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to other proceedings up to and including Third Reading.
- (9) Consideration of Lords Amendments
- (10) Any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.
- (11) Subsequent stages
- (12) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.
- (13) 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.

5. European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill: Money

No debate ([Standing Order No. 52\(1\)\(A\)](#))

Jesse Norman

That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

- (1) any sum that is required to be paid to the EU or an EU entity to meet any obligation that the United Kingdom has by virtue of the withdrawal agreement to be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund or, if the Treasury so decides, the National Loans Fund;
- (2) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
 - (a) any expenditure which is incurred by a Minister of the Crown, government department or other public authority by virtue of the Act; and
 - (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided;
- (3) any other charge on the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund, or any other charge on the public revenue, arising by virtue of the Act.

Notes:

Queen's Recommendation signified.

6. European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill: Ways And Means

No debate ([\(\(Standing Order No. 52\(1\)\(A\)\)\)](#))

Jesse Norman

That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

- (1) any taxation, fees or charges or any other charge on the people arising by virtue of the Act;
- (2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund.

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

Progress of Southend towards city status: **Sir David Amess**

WRITTEN STATEMENTS**STATEMENTS TO BE MADE TODAY****Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office**

1. Government Transparency and Accountability
2. Advance from the Contingencies Fund

Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

3. Post EU Energy Council update

The Chancellor of the Exchequer

4. Economic Update
5. Treasury Update

Secretary of State for Defence

6. Armed Forces Covenant Annual Report 2019
7. Future Nuclear Deterrent Annual Update 2019

Secretary of State for Education

8. Dedicated Schools Grant for 2020-21
9. Kensington & Chelsea College

Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union

10. General Affairs Council: November and December 2019

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

11. London Croughton Annex
12. NATO Leaders' Meeting 3-4 December 2019

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

13. Local government update

Leader of the House

14. The Government's Legislative Programme 2019

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

15. Government's Legislative Programme (Northern Ireland)

Prime Minister

16. Oversight of Investigatory Powers

Secretary of State for Scotland

17. Government's Legislative Programme (Scotland)

Secretary of State for Wales

18. Government's Legislative Programme (Wales)

Notes:

Texts of Written Statements are available from the Vote Office and on the internet at <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/> .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING END OF DAY ADJOURNMENT DEBATES

Tuesday 14 January to Monday 20 January (deadline 8 January)

Applications should be made in writing to the Table Office by 7.00pm or rise of the House, whichever is the earlier, on Wednesday 8 January. The ballot will take place on Thursday 9 January.

Tuesday 21 January to Monday 27 January (deadline 15 January)

Applications should be made in writing to the Table Office by 7.00pm or rise of the House, whichever is the earlier, on Wednesday 15 January. The ballot will take place on Thursday 16 January.

FORTHCOMING WESTMINSTER HALL DEBATES

Debates in Westminster Hall will commence after the conclusion of the debate on the Queen's speech.

Applications for debates in Westminster Hall should be made to the Table Office. The rota for Departments responding in Westminster Hall and deadline for the first ballot for debates will be published in the Announcements section of the Order Paper when the timings for the debate on the Queen's Speech have been confirmed.

Application forms, and further information about these debates (which are opportunities for backbenchers to raise certain matters with Ministers) are available on the intranet, in the Table Office and from the SuperHub.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

Ballot Bills

Event	Date	Time	Location
Ballot book signing	Tuesday 7 January and Wednesday 8 January	11.30am until the rise of the House	'No' Division Lobby until 6.00pm, Public Bill Office thereafter
Ballot draw	Thursday 9 January	9.00am	Grimond Room, Portcullis House
Presentation of ballot bills	Wednesday 5 February	(subject to sittings), immediately after questions and statements (if any)	Chamber

Members may enter in the list only one name, either their own or that of another Member who has authorised them to do so, and no name may appear more than once.

On the day of the ballot, the Chairman of Ways and Means will draw twenty names in reverse order. At about 9.30am on that day the list of successful Members will be posted in the No Division Lobby and copies of this list will be available in the Vote Office and on the internet. Members who win a place in the Ballot will be contacted by the clerk in charge of Private Members' Bills about the subsequent procedure.

Ten Minute Rule motions and Presentation of non-ballot bills

Event	Date	Time	Location
Giving notice of ten minute rule motions	Thursday 6 February	(subject to sittings), from 10.00am	Public Bill Office
Giving notice of presentation bills	Thursday 6 February	(subject to sittings), from 10.00am	Public Bill Office

Notes:

Arrangements made according to Standing Order No.14(10) and (11).

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Election of Deputy Speakers

Information on arrangements for the election of Deputy Speakers will be announced when timings have been confirmed.

CHRISTMAS ADJOURNMENT - TABLING OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

Members wishing to table questions in person may do so in the usual way through the Table Office until the rising of the House on Friday 20 December. Thereafter, Members may table Questions for oral and written answer electronically or by post.

Questions for written answer received after the rising of the House on 20 December and before 4.30pm on Monday 6 January will be treated as having been tabled on 6 January.

Questions for oral answer

Under [Standing Order No. 22\(6\)](#), the Speaker has made the following arrangements for tabling Questions for oral answer when the House returns.

Last date of tabling*	Date for answer	Departments etc.
Friday 20 December	Tuesday 7 January	Treasury (T)***
Friday 20 December	Wednesday 8 January	Scotland
Friday 20 December	Wednesday 8 January	Prime Minister

Last date of tabling*	Date for answer	Departments etc.
Friday 20 December	Thursday 9 January	Exiting the European Union (T)
Tuesday 7 January**	Monday 13 January	Housing, Communities and Local Government (T)
Tuesday 7 January	Wednesday 15 January	Wales

The results of the shuffles on 20 December will be published on the internet at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmfuture/future.pdf>

For further details of last tabling days for other departments and answering bodies, see the Order of Questions rota available from the Vote Office and on the internet at <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-table-office/Oral-questions-rota.pdf>

Notes:

* The latest time for tabling is 12.30pm on each of these days.

** First sitting day after adjournment.

*** (T) indicates that there are also Topical Questions for that Department.

Questions for written answer on a named day

Time of tabling	Earliest date for named day answer
Thursday 19 December	Tuesday 7 January
Friday 20 December	Tuesday 7 January
From rise of House on Friday 20 December to 4.30pm on Monday 6 January	Thursday 9 January (each Member may table up to five named day questions during this period)
Tuesday 7 January	Monday 13 January

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/>.

All business papers are available via the HousePapers app on mobile devices

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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.