

HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

No. 33

Items marked † are new or have been altered.

Tuesday 13 July 2021 at 12 noon

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Altmann** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to narrow the gender pensions gap; and what assessment they have made of (1) the underpayments of state pensions to married women, and (2) the reduced private pension contributions associated with female work patterns, in the development of those plans.

***Lord Rooker** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Bethell on 3 September 2020 (HL Deb, cols 444–5), whether they have yet been able to form a conclusion on the outcome of their consultation on the proposal to add folic acid to flour which closed on 9 September 2019.

***Baroness Sherlock** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support people on Universal Credit.

†***Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the costs and benefits of the proposed new royal yacht.

†*At 1.00pm, Private Notice Question (15 minutes)*

†**Lord Coaker** to ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the recent racist abuse directed towards members of the England football team, what steps they are taking to tackle racism in sport.

Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Evans of Bowes Park) to move that Baroness Doocey be appointed as a Parliamentary member of the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body in place of Baroness Scott of Needham Market.

The following four motions are expected to be debated together.

Procedure and Privileges The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the Report from the Select Committee *Procedural adaptations arising from the hybrid House; Interim option of voting using PeerHub; Ongoing virtual participation by disabled members* (1st Report, HL Paper 41) be agreed to.

Lord Adonis to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of the Senior Deputy Speaker, at end insert "but that this House believes it should sit from 1pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays."

Lord Cormack to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of the Senior Deputy Speaker, at end insert "but that this House regrets the recommendation to have speakers' lists for oral questions and believes further consideration should be given to this matter by 31 October at the latest."

Lord Balfre to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of the Senior Deputy Speaker, at end insert "but that this House believes that the Lord Speaker should call members during oral questions, in a manner similar to that which pertains in the House of Commons; and calls on the Procedure and Privileges Committee to consider this matter and report by 31 October at the latest."

If the motion in the name of the Senior Deputy Speaker is agreed to, the following motions will be moved:

Business of the House The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Evans of Bowes Park) to move that with effect from 6 September the previous motions agreed on 4 June 2020, 28 July 2020, 12 October 2020 and 9 February relating to the sittings of the hybrid House and the hybrid Grand Committee shall cease to have effect; and that until further notice:

(1) the provisions of Standing Orders 52 (*Divisions*), 53 (*Votes counted in the House*) and 54 (*Voting in wrong lobby*) shall not apply; and

(2) members may only cast their votes through the House of Lords remote voting system, in accordance with guidance set out in appendix 2 of the First Report of the Procedure and Privileges Committee (HL Paper 41).

Standing Orders (Public Business) The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the standing orders relating to public business be amended as follows:

Insert the following new Standing Order:

“24A Arrangements for virtual participation by disabled members [13 July 2021]

(1) Members who may be physically unable to attend the House on grounds of long-term disability and may be eligible under the procedure agreed by the Commission can apply for eligible member status and if granted they may choose to participate virtually in proceedings in the Chamber.

(2) Eligible members may choose to participate virtually in all business of which there is sufficient notice:

(i) in business with a speakers’ list, eligible members should indicate that they wish to take part remotely when signing-up to speak;

(ii) in business without a speakers’ list, eligible members should indicate their wish to take part remotely by a given time the previous working day. In such business there will be a fixed point at which eligible members participating remotely are called to speak by the Chair.

(3) Eligible members may vote electronically or by telephone whether on or off the Parliamentary Estate.”

Allowances The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Evans of Bowes Park) to move that:

(1) The Resolution of the House of 22 July 2020 (House of Lords Allowance), the Resolution of the House of 6 May 2020 (House of Lords Allowance) (as amended), and the Resolution of the House of 20 July 2010 (House of Lords Allowance) (as amended) cease to have effect in respect of attendances after 5 September 2021.

(2) Members of this House, except any Member who receives a salary under the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 and the Chairman and Principal Deputy Chairman of Committees, should be entitled to an allowance in respect of each day of attendance on or after 6 September 2021 as provided for below.

(3) “Attendance” means attendance—

(a) at a sitting of this House,

(b) at a meeting or virtual meeting of a Committee of this House, or

(c) on such other Parliamentary business as may be determined by the House of Lords Commission.

- (4) The amount of the allowance payable to a Member should be—
- (a) £323, or
 - (b) £162, if paragraph 5 applies.
- (5) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) the attendance relates to parliamentary business conducted away from Westminster, or
 - (b) the attendance is at Westminster but the Member elects that this paragraph should apply.
- (6) In respect of attendance under paragraph 3(a), Members who have been deemed eligible by the process established by the Commission to participate virtually in sittings of the House are entitled to claim an allowance when they do so.
- (7) In respect of attendance under paragraph 3(b), only Members of that Committee, or Members authorised to attend a meeting of such a Committee by the Chair, are entitled to claim an allowance.
- (8) The provisions of this Resolution apply in accordance with guidance issued under the authority of the House of Lords Commission.
- (9) In relation to the year beginning with 1 April 2022, and each subsequent year beginning with 1 April—
- (a) any formula or mechanism included in the IPSA determination for the year as a result of section 4A(4) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (adjustment of MPs’ salaries) should be treated as applying for the purposes of adjusting for that year the amount of the allowance payable to a Member of this House, and
 - (b) accordingly, the amount of the allowance payable to a Member in respect of a day of attendance in that year should be—
 - (i) the amount obtained by applying the formula or mechanism to the amount payable by way of allowance (under paragraph 4 or this paragraph) in the previous year, or
 - (ii) where no formula or mechanism is included in the determination, the same amount payable by way of allowance (under paragraph 4 or this paragraph) in the previous year.
- (10) In paragraph 9(a) “IPSA determination” means a determination under section 4(4) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009.
- (11) Any fraction of a pound in an amount obtained under paragraph 9(b)(i) should be rounded up to the nearest pound if the fraction is 50p or more, but otherwise should be disregarded.

†*At a convenient point after 5.30pm*

Lord Watson of Invergowrie to move that this House regrets that the Early Years Foundation Stage (Miscellaneous Amendments) and Childcare Fees (Amendment) Regulations 2021 introduces the Reception Baseline Assessment that takes effect in September 2021, when the workload of teachers will be significant, schools will be focused on re-opening, and special attention will need to be paid to those children who were unable to develop their language skills because of social isolation during the pandemic; and calls on Her Majesty’s Government to provide schools with the flexibility to defer implementation of the Reception Baseline Assessment for the cohort of children starting Reception this year until January 2022. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 53rd Report, Session 2019–21 (1½ hours)*

†*At a convenient point after 6.50pm*

†**Lord Berkeley** to move that this House regrets that the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship) (Bilge Alarm) Regulations 2021 (SI 2021/592), introduced as a result of the accident involving the ‘Abigail H’ at the port of Heysham in November 2008, have taken over 11 years to be introduced; further regrets that this delay has put at risk the safety of crews of 425 ships of a similar type on the UK Ship Register; and notes that nine similar incidents to those at Heysham had been reported to the Marine and Coastguard Agency since 1996. [I] *4th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (1 hour)*

Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A at 2.30pm

†**Telecommunications (Security) Bill** Committee [Baroness Barran] *4th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee, 5th Report from the Constitution Committee*