



House of Commons

Wednesday 3 December 2014

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

PRAYERS.

1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Wales
(2) the Prime Minister

2 Statement: Autumn Statement (Chancellor of the Exchequer)

3 Ways and Means: Provisional collection of taxes

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 51(2)), That, pursuant to section 5 of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968, provisional statutory effect shall be given to the motion:—

Stamp duty land tax (residential property transactions)

That—

(1) Part 4 of the Finance Act 2003 (stamp duty land tax) is amended as follows.

(2) Section 55 (general rules on calculating the amount of stamp duty land tax chargeable) is amended as follows.

(3) In subsection (1) for “a percentage of the chargeable consideration for the transaction” substitute “determined in accordance with subsections (1B), (1C) and (2)”.

(4) After subsection (1A) insert—

“(1B) If the relevant land consists entirely of residential property and the transaction is not one of a number of linked transactions, the amount of tax chargeable is determined as follows—

Step 1

Apply the rates specified in the second column of Table A below to the parts of the relevant consideration specified in the first column of that Table.

Step 2

Add together the amounts calculated at Step 1 (if there are two or more such amounts).

TABLE A: RESIDENTIAL

<i>Part of relevant consideration</i>	<i>Rate</i>
So much as does not exceed 125,000	0%
So much as exceeds 125,000 but does not exceed 250,000	2%
So much as exceeds 250,000 but does not exceed 925,000	5%
So much as exceeds 925,000 but does not exceed 1,500,000	10%
The remainder (if any)	12%

(1C) If the relevant land consists entirely of residential property and the transaction is one of a number of linked transactions, the amount of tax chargeable in respect of the particular transaction under consideration is determined as follows—

Step 1

Apply the rates specified in the second column of Table A in subsection (1B) to the parts of the relevant consideration specified in the first column of that Table.

Step 2

Add together the amounts calculated at Step 1 (if there are two or more such amounts).

Step 3

Multiply the amount given by Step 1 or Step 2, as the case may be, by—

$$\frac{C}{R}$$

where—

C is the chargeable consideration for the transaction, and

R is the relevant consideration.”

(5) In subsection (2) for the words from the beginning of that subsection to the end of Table A substitute—

“If the relevant land consists of or includes land that is not residential property, the amount of tax chargeable is the percentage of the chargeable consideration for the transaction determined in accordance with Table B below by reference to the amount of the relevant consideration.”

(6) In subsection (3) for “subsection (2)” substitute “subsections (1B) and (2)”.

(7) In subsection (4) at the beginning insert “For the purposes of subsections (1C) and (2),”.

(8) Omit subsection (7).

(9) Section 74 (exercise of collective rights by tenants of flats) is amended as follows.

(10) In subsection (1A)—

(a) in the opening words, for “rate” substitute “amount”,

(b) in Step 2—

(i) for “rate of tax and the” substitute “amount of”, and

(ii) for “subsections (2) and (3)” substitute “subsection (1B)”,

(c) in Step 3—

(i) for “rate of tax and the” substitute “amount of”, and

(ii) for “subsections (2) and (3)” substitute “subsection (1B)”, and

(d) in Step 4 for “subsections (2) and (3) do” substitute “subsection (1B) does”.

(11) For subsections (2) and (3) substitute—

“(1B) Where step 2 or 3 of subsection (1A) requires the amount of tax chargeable to be determined in accordance with this subsection, it is determined as follows.

Step 1

Determine the amount of tax chargeable under section 55 as if the relevant consideration for the chargeable transaction were the fraction of the relevant consideration calculated under step 1 of subsection (1A).

Step 2

Multiply the amount determined at step 1 by the number of qualifying flats contained in the premises.”

(12) In section 75 (crofting community right to buy) for subsections (2) and (3) substitute—

“ (1A) In that case, the amount of tax is determined as follows—

Step 1

Determine the amount of tax chargeable under section 55 as if the relevant consideration for the chargeable transaction were the fraction of the relevant consideration produced by dividing the total amount of that consideration by the number of crofts being bought.

Step 2

Multiply the amount determined at step 1 by the number of crofts being bought under that transaction.”

(13) In section 77(1)(b) (notifiable transactions) for “which tax is chargeable at a rate of 1% or higher” substitute “any part of which tax is chargeable at a rate of more than 0%”.

(14) In section 77A(2)(a) (notifiable transactions: exception of certain acquisitions of major interests in land: interpretation) for “1% or higher” substitute “more than 0%”.

(15) In section 80(2) (requirement to make return where contingency ceases, or consideration is ascertained, and tax or additional tax is payable etc)—

(a) in the opening words, after “before” insert “(calculated in either case according to the effective date of the transaction)”, and

(b) omit paragraph (c), but not the “and” at the end.

(16) In section 80(4) (cases where less tax payable) after “in respect of a transaction” insert “(calculated according to its effective date)”.

(17) In section 81ZA(1)(c) (alternative finance arrangements: additional tax where reliefs withdrawn to be calculated by reference to effective date) for “by reference to the rates in force at” substitute “according to”.

(18) In section 81A(1) (requirement to make return in consequence of later linked transactions where tax or additional tax is payable etc)—

(a) in the opening words, after “before” insert “(calculated in either case according to the effective date of the earlier transaction)”, and

(b) omit paragraph (c), but not the “and” at the end.

(19) In section 109(2)(b) (general power to vary Part 4 of the 2003 Act: power to alter descriptions of transaction chargeable at any existing rate or amount) after “amount” insert “, or in respect of which tax is calculated in accordance with any particular provision”.

(20) In section 122 omit the entry for “rate of tax”.

(21) In paragraph 3(1)(b) of Schedule 4A (certain high-value transactions not linked to other transactions for purposes of section 55(4)) for “55(4)” substitute “55(1B), (1C) and (4)”.

(22) Schedule 6B (transfers involving multiple dwellings) is amended as follows.

(23) For paragraph 4(1) substitute—

“ (1) If relief under this Schedule is claimed for a relevant transaction, the amount of tax chargeable in respect of the transaction is the sum of—

(a) the tax related to the consideration attributable to dwellings (see paragraph 5(1) and (2)), and

(b) the tax related to the remaining consideration (if any) (see paragraph 5(7)).”

(24) Omit paragraph 4(4).

(25) For the italic heading before paragraph 5 substitute “The amount of tax chargeable”.

(26) For paragraph 5(1) and (2) substitute—

“ (1) For the purposes of paragraph 4(1)(a), “the tax related to the consideration attributable to dwellings” is determined as follows—

Step 1

Determine the amount of tax that would be chargeable under section 55 on the assumption that—

- (a) the relevant land consisted entirely of residential property, and
- (b) the relevant consideration were the fraction produced by dividing total dwellings consideration by total dwellings.

Step 2

Multiply the amount determined at Step 1 by total dwellings.

Step 3

If the relevant transaction is one of a number of linked transactions, go to Step 4.

Otherwise, the amount found at Step 2 is the tax related to the consideration attributable to dwellings.

Step 4

Multiply the amount found at Step 2 by—

$$\frac{CD}{TDC}$$

where—

“CD” is the consideration attributable to dwellings for the relevant transaction, and

“TDC” is total dwellings consideration.

- (2) But if the amount found at Step 2 of sub-paragraph (1) is less than 1% of total dwellings consideration, for the purposes of paragraph 4(1)(a) “the tax related to the consideration attributable to dwellings” is an amount equal to 1% of the consideration attributable to dwellings.”

(27) For paragraph 5(7) substitute—

“ (7) For the purposes of paragraph 4(1)(b), “the tax related to the remaining consideration” is the appropriate fraction of the amount of tax which (but for this Schedule) would be due in respect of the relevant transaction.

(8) In subsection (7) “the appropriate fraction” means—

$$\frac{RC}{TDC + TRC}$$

where—

“RC” is the remaining consideration for the relevant transaction,

“TDC” is total dwellings consideration, and

“TRC” is total remaining consideration.

(9) For a transaction that is not one of a number of linked transactions, “total remaining consideration” is the remaining consideration for that transaction (see paragraph 4(3)).

(10) For one of a number of linked transactions, “total remaining consideration” is—

- (a) the total of the chargeable consideration for all those transactions, less
- (b) total dwellings consideration.”

(28) In paragraph 6(1) (change of circumstances after relief given) for paragraph (c) substitute—

- “ (c) had the event occurred immediately before the effective date of the transaction, more tax (calculated according to the effective date of the transaction) would have been payable, whether because the transaction would not have been a relevant transaction or otherwise.”
- (29) In paragraph 6(3) (requirement to make return where more tax payable than was paid) omit paragraph (c), but not the “and” at the end.
- (30) In paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 7 (acquisition relief)—
- (a) for “rate” substitute “amount”, and
 - (b) for “0.5%” substitute “an amount equal to 0.5% of the chargeable consideration for the transaction”.
- (31) In paragraph 4B(1) of Schedule 9 (shared ownership transactions) for “rate” substitute “amount”.
- (32) In paragraph 12 of Schedule 9 (shared ownership trusts) for “rate” substitute “amount”.
- (33) In paragraph 30(2) of Schedule 15 (partnerships) in paragraph (a) for “rate of tax chargeable under that section is 1% or higher” substitute “amount of tax chargeable under that section is not zero”.
- (34) In paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 17A (leases that continue after a fixed term: additional tax to be calculated by reference to effective date)—
- (a) in the opening words, after “before” insert “(calculated in either case according to the effective date of the transaction)”, and
 - (b) omit paragraph (c), but not the “and” at the end.
- (35) In paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 17A (treatment of leases for indefinite term: additional tax to be calculated by reference to effective date)—
- (a) in the opening words, after “before” insert “(calculated in either case according to the effective date of the transaction)”, and
 - (b) omit paragraph (c), but not the “and” at the end.
- (36) In paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 19 (old linked transactions relevant to rate of tax) for “rate” substitute “amount”.
- (37) In paragraph 9(4) of Schedule 19 (exercise of option or right of pre-emption acquired before implementation date) for “rate” substitute “amount”.
- (38) In consequence of amendments made by preceding provisions of this Resolution—
- (a) in the Finance Act 2006, omit section 162(1),
 - (b) in the Finance Act 2010, omit section 7(1), and
 - (c) in the Finance Act 2012—
 - (i) omit section 213(1), and
 - (ii) in Schedule 35, omit paragraphs 2(4) and (6) and 5(3).
- (39) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to any land transaction of which the effective date is, or is after, 4 December 2014.
- (40) But those amendments do not have effect in relation to a transaction if the purchaser so elects and either—
- (a) the transaction is effected in pursuance of a contract entered into and substantially performed before 4 December 2014, or
 - (b) the transaction is effected in pursuance of a contract entered into before that date and is not excluded by paragraph (42).
- (41) An election under paragraph (40)—
- (a) must be included in the land transaction return made in respect of the transaction or in an amendment of that return, and

(b) must comply with any requirements specified by the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs as to its form or the manner of its inclusion.

(42) A transaction effected in pursuance of a contract entered into before 4 December 2014 is excluded by this paragraph if—

(a) there is any variation of the contract, or assignment (or assignation) of rights under the contract, on or after 4 December 2014,

(b) the transaction is effected in consequence of the exercise on or after that date of any option, right of pre-emption or similar right, or

(c) on or after that date there is an assignment (or assignation), subsale or other transaction relating to the whole or part of the subject-matter of the contract as a result of which a person other than the purchaser under the contract becomes entitled to call for a conveyance.

(43) In paragraphs (40) to (42)—

“land transaction return”, in relation to a transaction, means the return under section 76 of the Finance Act 2003 in respect of that transaction;

“purchaser” has the same meaning as in Part 4 of that Act (see section 43(4) of that Act);

“substantially performed”, in relation to a contract, has the same meaning as in that Part (see section 44(5) of that Act).

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.—(*Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer*)

Question agreed to.

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

5 United Kingdom Parliament (Sovereignty and Jurisdiction over Borders) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir William Cash, supported by Mr John Redwood, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Sir Edward Leigh, Sir Gerald Howarth, Steve Baker, Mr John Baron, Jacob Rees-Mogg, Mr Peter Bone, Chris Heaton-Harris, Mr Christopher Chope and Richard Drax, presented a Bill to make provision for the supremacy of the sovereignty of the United Kingdom Parliament in relation to the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union, including matters in respect of borders and immigration; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 January 2015, and to be printed (Bill 130).

6 Buses (Audio Announcements): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the provision of audio announcements on public buses; and for connected purposes;

That Jim Shannon, Henry Smith, Dame Anne Begg, Kate Green, Sir Bob Russell, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Nigel Dodds, Ian Paisley, Ms Margaret Ritchie, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Mike Weir and Dr Eilidh Whiteford present the Bill.

Jim Shannon accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 9 January 2015, and to be printed (Bill 131).

7 Taxation of Pensions Bill (Programme) (No.2)

Ordered, That the Order of 29 October 2014 (Taxation of Pensions Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

(1) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Order shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion, at today's sitting, two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this order.

(3) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion, at today's sitting, three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this order.—(*Mr David Gauke.*)

8 Taxation of Pensions Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC1—(*Cathy Jamieson*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 105.

Ayes: 209 (Tellers: Tom Blenkinsop, Nic Dakin).

Noes: 292 (Tellers: Harriett Baldwin, Dr Thérèse Coffey).

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendments 1 to 39 made.

9 Taxation of Pensions Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time and passed.

10 European Energy Security

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 119(11)), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 10409/14 and Addenda 1 to 5, a Commission Communication on the European Energy Security Strategy; welcomes the Government's support for the Commission's energy security strategy, in particular the recognition in the Communication that energy security is central to the EU's prosperity; and supports the Government's efforts to work to ensure that in the implementation of the strategy, the existing balance of competence between the Member States and the Commission is not altered.—(*John Penrose.*)

Question agreed to.

11 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Legal Services Act 2007 (the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys and the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys) (Modification of Functions) Order 2014, which was laid before this House on 20 October, be approved.—(*John Penrose.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 and Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2014, which was laid before this House on 27 October, be approved.—(*John Penrose.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Keeping and Introduction of Fish (England and River Esk Catchment Area) Regulations 2015, which were laid before this House on 7 November, be approved.—(*John Penrose.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Pensions Act 2014 (Consequential Amendments) (Units of Additional Pension) Order 2014, which was laid before this House on 13 October, be approved.—(*John Penrose.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Social Security Class 3A Contributions (Units of Additional Pension) Regulations 2014, which were laid before this House on 13 October, be approved.—(*John Penrose.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Child Poverty Act 2010 (Persistent Poverty Target) Regulations 2014, which were laid before this House on 16 October, be approved.—(*John Penrose.*)

Question agreed to.

(7) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Claims Management Complaints) (Fees) Regulations 2014, which were laid before this House on 3 November, be approved.—(*John Penrose.*)

Question agreed to.

(8) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Compensation (Claims Management Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, which were laid before this House on 3 November, be approved.—(*John Penrose.*)

Question agreed to.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Effect of changes in annual pension allowance on workers transferred out of public sector pension schemes (Toby Perkins).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*John Penrose.*)

Adjourned at 5.58 pm until tomorrow.

Other proceedings

General Committees: Appointments

The Speaker appoints the Chair of General Committees and members of Programming Sub-Committees, and allocates Statutory Instruments to Delegated Legislation Committees.

The Committee of Selection nominates Members to serve on General Committees (and certain Members to serve on Grand Committees).

13 Control of Horses Bill Committee

Members: Thomas Docherty, Jackie Doyle-Price, Jonathan Edwards, George Eustice, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mrs Mary Glendon, Richard Graham, Grahame M. Morris, Caroline Nokes, Neil Parish, Teresa Pearce, Angela Smith, Julian Sturdy, Ian Swales, Mr Robin Walker and James Wharton.

14 Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Bill

Chair: Mr David Amess.

15 Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Bill Committee

Members: Peter Aldous, Mr Richard Bacon, Sir Alan Beith, Paul Farrelly, John Healey, Meg Hillier, Mr Marcus Jones, Jeremy Lefroy, Brandon Lewis, Fiona Mactaggart, Jesse Norman, Emma Reynolds, Angus Robertson, Ms Gisela Stuart, Julian Sturdy and Dame Angela Watkinson.

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Amendment of Schedule 1) (Advocacy Exceptions) Order 2014)

(1) Chair: Philip Davies

(2) Members: Mr John Denham, Mr Frank Field, Stephen Hammond, Mr David Heath, Kate Hoey, Pauline Latham, Stephen Metcalfe, Dr Matthew Offord, Mr Mark Prisk, Laura Sandys, Jim Shannon, Mr Andy Slaughter, Mr Andrew Smith, Ian Swales, Karl Turner, Mr Shailesh Vara, Mr Ben Wallace and Dr Alan Whitehead.

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2014)

(1) Chair: Mr George Howarth

(2) Members: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Bob Ainsworth, Rushanara Ali, Gordon Birtwistle, Fiona Bruce, Stephen Doughty, Jim Dowd, Rebecca Harris, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Paul Maynard, Stephen Mosley, Ian Murray, Stephen Phillips, David Simpson, Chloe Smith, Mel Stride, Jo Swinson and David Tredinnick.

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2014)

(1) Chair: Mr Andrew Turner

(2) Members: Gordon Banks, Guto Bebb, Alistair Burt, Alun Cairns, Mr Tom Clarke, Tracey Crouch, Stephen Gilbert, Mr David Hamilton, Stewart Hosie, Mark Lazarowicz, David Mundell, Fiona O'Donnell, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Frank Roy, Lindsay Roy, Chris Skidmore, Chris White and Nadhim Zahawi.

19 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Electricity Capacity (Supplier Payment etc.) Regulations 2014)

Members: Nicola Blackwood, Matthew Hancock and Michael Thornton discharged and John Hemming, Robert Jenrick and Amber Rudd nominated in substitution.

20 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Carrying on Regulated Activities by Way of Business) (Amendment) Order 2014)

(1) Chair: Mr Adrian Sanders

(2) Members: Gavin Barwell, Mr Jim Cunningham, Nic Dakin, Michael Fabricant, Mrs Mary Glendon, Richard Graham, Duncan Hames, Richard Harrington, John Hemming, Cathy Jamieson, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Andrea Leadsom, Charlotte Leslie, Jesse Norman, Sir John Randall, Jim Shannon, Graham Stringer and David Wright.

21 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Scotland Act 1988 (River Tweed) Amendment Order 2015)

(1) Chair: Nadine Dorries

(2) Members: Mr Russell Brown, Alun Cairns, Neil Carmichael, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Dr Liam Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Andrew Griffiths, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Andrew Lansley, Stephen Lloyd, Mrs Anne McGuire, Ann McKechin, Iain McKenzie, Mr Angus Brendan MacNeil, David Mundell, John Stevenson and Mike Weatherley.

22 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Water Industry (Specified Infrastructure Projects) (English Undertakers) (Amendment) Regulations 2014)

(1) Chair: John Robertson

(2) Members: Nigel Adams, Ian Austin, John Cryer, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Dominic Grieve, Chris Heaton-Harris, Mark Hendrick, Karen Lumley, Grahame M. Morris, Ian Paisley, John Penrose, Bridget Phillipson, Dan Rogerson, Mr David Ruffley, Mr Keith Simpson, Angela Smith, Mr Michael Thornton and Mr Robin Walker.

23 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Single Source Contract Regulations 2014)

(1) Chair: Annette Brooke

(2) Members: Andrew Bridgen, Rosie Cooper, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Philip Dunne, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mike Gapes, Zac Goldsmith, Mr David Heath, Martin Horwood, Graham Jones, Mark Lancaster, Ian Lavery, Sarah Newton, Chris Ruane, Mr Lee Scott, Alison Seabeck and Henry Smith.

European Union Documents Referred

24 European Committee B

Unnumbered European Union Document, the European Court of Auditors' 2013 Annual Reports on the implementation of the Budget and on the activities funded by the 8th, 9th and 10th European Development Funds, together with No. 12213/14 and Addenda 1 to 6, a Commission Report: Protection of the European Union's financial interests—Fight against fraud 2013 Annual Report, already referred on 15 October 2014.

Reports from Select Committees

25 Defence Committee

(1) *The situation in Iraq and Syria and the threat posed by Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)*: Evidence and written evidence, to be published (HC 692);

(2) *Decision-making in Defence Policy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 682)

(Rory Stewart).

26 Education Committee

Examinations for 15–19 year olds in England: Follow-up: Evidence and written evidence, to be published (HC 143) (Mr Graham Stuart).

27 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

Rural broadband and digital-only services: Evidence and written evidence, to be published (HC 834) (Miss Anne McIntosh).

28 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Twenty-fourth Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 219-xxiii);

(2) *Ministerial Correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir William Cash).

29 High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill Select Committee

High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill: Evidence and written evidence, to be published (HC 338) (Mr Robert Syms).

30 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000*:

(i) Eighth Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 711);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 711);

(2) *Police, the media, and high-profile criminal investigations: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2014–15*: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 867);

(3) *Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill*: Evidence and written evidence, to be published (HC 838);

(4) *The work of the Immigration Directorates (2014 Q2)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 712)

(Keith Vaz).

31 House of Commons Governance Committee

House of Commons Governance: Evidence, to be published (HC 692) (Mr Jack Straw).

32 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Legislative Scrutiny: Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill: Evidence, to be published (HC 859);*

(2) *Legislative Scrutiny: Written evidence, to be published;*

(3) *Violence against women and girls: Written evidence, to be published (Dr Hywel Francis).*

33 Procedure Committee

Queen's and Prince of Wales's Consent:

(1) Fourth Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 871);

(2) Written evidence, to be published (HC 871)
(Mr Charles Walker).

34 Science and Technology Committee

(1) *Legacy—Parliament 2010–15: Evidence, to be published (HC 758);*

(2) *Correspondence with Alan Rusbridger, Editor in Chief, The Guardian, relating to an article on fracking: Written evidence, to be published;*

(3) *Correspondence with Martin Donnelly CMG, Permanent Secretary, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, relating to the Director General Knowledge and Innovation: Written evidence, to be published;*

(4) *Funding the Royal Botanic Gardens: Written evidence, to be published (HC 866);*

(5) *Practical science in schools: Written Evidence, to be published (HC 329)*
(Andrew Miller).

35 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Fifteenth Report, to be printed (HC 332-xv) (Mr George Mudie).

John Bercow

Speaker

The Speaker will take the Chair at 9.30 am.

Sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Adjournment

Subjects:

Management of UK sea bass stocks (George Hollingbery).

Co-operation between UK and Gibraltar prosecuting authorities (Robert Neill).

Levels of youth service provision (Alex Cunningham).

Government strategy for the UK steel industry (Stephen Doughty).

Staffing of coastguard centres (Mr Angus Brendan MacNeil).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(*Harriett Baldwin*.)

Adjourned at 5.08 pm until tomorrow.

Lindsay Hoyle

Deputy Speaker

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Road Traffic

Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limits) (England and Wales) Regulations 2014, dated 30 November 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Patrick McLoughlin).

2 Social Care

(1) Draft Care and Support (Business Failure) Regulations 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt);

(2) draft Care and Support (Children's Carers) Regulations 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt);

(3) draft Care and Support (Eligibility Criteria) Regulations 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt); and

(4) draft Care and Support (Market Oversight Criteria) Regulations 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt).

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Pensions

Public Service Pensions (Record Keeping and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014 (S.I., 2014, No. 3138), dated 26 November 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Iain Duncan Smith).

Other Papers:

4 Arrest of a Member

Copy of a letter addressed to the Speaker, dated 3 December 2014, from the Metropolitan Police, relating to the arrest of Mark Pritchard, Member for The Wrekin (The Speaker).

5 Autumn Statement

Autumn Statement 2014 (by Command) (Cm. 8961) (Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer).

6 Chelsea Hospital

Accounts of the Royal Hospital Chelsea for 2013–14, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 860) (Clerk of the House).

7 Law Commissions

Report of the Law Commission on Rights to Light (by Act); to be printed (HC 796) (Secretary Chris Grayling).

8 Office for Budget Responsibility

Office for Budget Responsibility: Economic and fiscal outlook—December 2014 (by Command) (Cm. 8966) (Andrea Leadsom).

9 Sovereign Grant

Report of the Royal Trustees on the Sovereign Grant for 2015–16 (by Act) (Andrea Leadsom).