

12 July 2010

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the first debate to be held in backbench time this session will be on the subject of Information for Backbenchers on Statements. The debate will take place on Tuesday 20 July.

The Committee chose this subject because the disclosure of information on key policy announcements to the media before its announcement in Parliament by present and previous administrations has affected the work of backbenchers in holding the Government to account.

The text of the motion to be debated can be found in the Order Paper

19 July 2010

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Tuesday 27 July

General Debate: Matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment

The Committee has chosen the usual format for business on the last day before the main recesses in which a Member can raise any issue. The Committee will consider suggestions for changes to the format of such days in future.

Next available backbench day

UK Armed Forces in Afghanistan

Motion: That this House supports the continued deployment of UK armed forces in Afghanistan.

The Committee chose this subject to enable backbench members to debate a matter of current importance. Members of the Committee have tabled this motion to enable the debate to take place on a substantive motion.

Subsequent backbench day

General Debate on the Future of the UK's Armed Forces

This subject was suggested by the Defence Select Committee.

The text of motions to be debated can be found in the Order Paper [[insert link to Future Business B](#)]

15 September 2010

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business reported to the House on 15 September 2010

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

On 15 September the Committee held its first public session to take representations from Members on subjects to be debated in backbench time. The Committee's public session can be viewed at www.parliamentlive.tv and a transcript will be placed on the Committee's website at: <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/backbench-business-committee/>

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 14 October

Motion relating to Contaminated Blood and Blood Products (for approximately three hours), followed by a General Debate on Anti-slavery Day.

The Committee chose the issue of Contaminated Blood and Blood Products for debate on 14 October because of the urgency of this subject, which has not previously been debated on the floor of the House, and the significant public interest in and cross-party support for a debate. The subject was suggested to the Committee by Owen Smith MP and Mr Geoffrey Robinson MP. The Committee also received a number of written requests for a debate from other MPs passing on correspondence from constituents.

A debate on human trafficking was suggested to the Committee by Fiona Mactaggart MP, in the light of the UK's first Anti-slavery Day on 18 October 2010.

Subject(s) for future debate

The Committee has chosen the subject(s) set out below for debate when an opportunity arises:

Immigration: A debate on a substantive motion was suggested by Nicholas Soames MP and Mr Frank Field MP. The motion put forward is:

That this House calls on her Majesty's Government to act on overwhelming concern about the present scale of immigration by taking firm measures to reduce immigration to the level of emigration without excluding those who are genuinely essential to our economic recovery on which so much else depends.

The Committee chose this subject because it was out forward in a cross-party basis and deals with a subject of public concern which has not been debated on the floor of the House on a substantive motion in recent times.,

Other proposals received

A number of subjects for debate were suggested during this session. The Committee will consider these subjects alongside any future proposals for debate as further backbench time is made available by the Government.

Bob Russell MP: Child poverty

Robert Halfon MP: Internet and privacy

Gordon Banks MP: Looped blind cords

Duncan Hames MP and Charlotte Leslie MP: Cancun Climate Change Conference

Kate Green MP and Meg Hillier MP: Reform of housing benefit

Chris Williamson MP and Nic Dakin MP: Nuclear test veterans

Chris Heaton-Harris MP: Government policy on on-shore wind farms

Steve Rotheram MP: Governance of Professional Football Clubs

Margaret Hodge MP, Chair of the Public Accounts Committee: Debate on the work of the Committee
House of Commons Commission Annual Report

Nicky Morgan MP: Houses in multiple occupation/sustainable communities

Graham Evans MP and Steve Baker MP: Reform of EDMs

Mr David Amess MP: Animals used in scientific experiments

Jim Sheridan MP: IPSA

Proposed Standing Order changes

The Committee has been asked to find time for changes to the Standing Orders of the House of Commons, as set out below. The views of the Procedure Committee and others on these changes have not yet been received. The Committee expects group such proposals together at a convenient day in the autumn.

Public Accounts Committee:

That Standing Order No. 148 (Committee of Public Accounts) be amended in paragraph (1) as follows:—

(1) in line 7 after 'records' insert ', to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House'; and

(2) in line 8 after 'time to time,' insert 'to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee's order of reference,'.

Liaison Committee:

That Standing Order No. 129 (Formal minutes to be reported) be amended by adding at the end, “; and the formal minutes of any select committee, together with the formal minutes of any sub-committees which they may appoint, may be published from time to time”.

11 October 2010

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Thursday 28 October in Westminster Hall

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 28 October in Westminster Hall

Privacy and the Internet

This subject was suggested by Robert Halfon MP. The Committee selected it for debate because it is a topical issue with support from a number of Members across the House.

18 October 2010

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Thursday 4 November in Westminster Hall

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 4 November in Westminster Hall

Impact of the comprehensive spending review on the Department for Work and Pensions

The Committee chose this subject because there is significant support from Members for a wide-ranging debate on the effects of reductions in expenditure on the work of the Department, including representations to debate child poverty (Bob Russell MP) and proposed changes to housing benefit (Kate Green MP).

25 October 2010

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Thursday 11 November

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 11 November

Policy for growth: general debate to be led by Mr John Redwood.

The Committee chose this subject because Mr John Redwood, supported by Jeremy Lefroy and Mr Brian Binley, suggested this was a topical subject of wide interest which the House should debate following but separately from the Comprehensive Spending Review.

1 November 2010

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Thursday 11 November and Thursday 18 November

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 11 November in Westminster Hall

Impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review on the Department of Health.

The Committee chose this subject because there is significant support from backbench Members for a wide-ranging debate on the effects of reductions in expenditure on the work of the Department, including representations to debate health matters from Grahame M. Morris.

Thursday 18 November

Motion relating to Immigration, to be tabled by Nicholas Soames and Mr Frank Field.

A debate on a substantive motion relating to immigration was suggested by Nicholas Soames and Mr Frank Field. The Committee chose this subject because it was put forward on a cross-party basis and deals with a subject of public concern which has not been debated on the floor of the House on a substantive motion in recent times.

Thursday 18 November in Westminster Hall

2010 UN Climate Change Conference, Cancun (for up to 2 hours), followed by a debate on Houses in Multiple Occupation.

The debate on the 2010 UN Climate Change Conference, Cancun, which opens on 29 November, was suggested to the Committee by Duncan Hames and Charlotte Leslie and is highly topical.

The debate on Houses in Multiple Occupation was suggested by Nicky Morgan and addresses a subject of wide interest across the House.

8 November 2010

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Thursday 25 November

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 25 November in Westminster Hall

Impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review on the Department for Transport.

The Committee chose this subject because there is significant support from backbench Members for a wide-ranging debate on the effects of reductions in expenditure on the work of the Department, including representations for a debate from the Transport Select Committee.

Additional item of business for Thursday 11 November

Publication of a Select Committee Report:

Margaret Hodge

That this House notes the publication of the Sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts on Cafcass's response to increased demand for its services, HC 439.

The Committee has scheduled this motion at the start of business to enable the Chair of a select committee to present a report which is being published on that day. The Chair will speak for up to 15 minutes, taking interventions from members on issues relating to the report.

15 November 2010

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business in the Chamber for week commencing 29 November

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Tuesday 30 November

Motion relating to Banking Reform (for approximately three hours)

A debate on a substantive motion relating to banking reform was suggested by Mr Michael Meacher, supported by Mr David Davis and Malcolm Bruce, as a subject of national importance and of great public interest.

General Debate on Regulation of Independent Financial Advisors.

A debate on regulation of independent financial advisors was suggested by Harriett Baldwin and Mark Garnier. The Committee chose this subject because there is significant support from backbench Members for a debate on this topical issue.

Thursday 2 December

Motion relating to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA).

There is a high level of support amongst backbench Members from both sides of the House for a debate on this subject. The Committee heard oral representations, led by Adam Afriyie, on three occasions and received written representations in support of a debate from over 40 Members.

22 November 2010

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Thursday 2 December and Thursday 9 December

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 2 December in Westminster Hall

Fisheries (Member in charge: Dr Eilidh Whiteford)

The Committee heard representations from Dr Eilidh Whiteford, supported by Andrew George and Dr Thérèse Coffey, to debate this subject in advance of the annual European Fisheries Council taking place on 13-14 December 2010. The Committee also received a number of written representations in support of this subject.

Thursday 9 December in Westminster Hall

Future of Pubs (Member in charge: Greg Mulholland)

A wide-ranging debate on the future of pubs was suggested by Greg Mulholland, supported by Karen Bradley and Dr Thérèse Coffey, on behalf of the All Party Parliamentary Save the Pub Group. The Committee chose this subject because it addresses a range of topical issues of interest to backbench Members.

Additional items of business for Thursday 2 December in the Chamber

Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Publication of Information about Complaints Against Members and Power of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards to Initiate Investigations; and a Motion to approve a Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges relating to Lay Members, followed by the Motion relating to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA), tabled by Adam Afriyie.

Publication of Information About Complaints Against Members.

Mr Kevin Barron
Sir George Young
Sir Paul Beresford
Annette Brooke
Heather Wheeler
Dr Alan Whitehead

Mr Oliver Heald

(1) That this House approves the Sixth Report of the Standards and Privileges Committee, Session 2010-11, HC 577; and

(2) That accordingly—

a. The Commissioner may publish papers relating to complaints rectified or not upheld since the beginning of financial year 2008-09 and information about complaints received and matters under investigation since the beginning of financial year 2010-11.

b. Standing Order No. 150 be amended, by inserting the following new paragraph after paragraph 10.

- “(10A) The Commissioner shall have leave to publish from time to time—
- (a) information and papers relating to—
 - (i) matters resolved in accordance with paragraph (3) of this order; and
 - (ii) complaints not upheld;
- and
- (b) information about complaints received and matters under investigation.”

Power of the Parliamentary Commission for Standards to Initiate Investigations.

Mr Kevin Barron
Sir George Young
Sir Paul Beresford
Annette Brooke
Dr Alan Whitehead
Mr Oliver Heald

- (1) That this House approves the Seventh Report of the Standards and Privileges Committee, Session 2010-11, HC 578; and
- (2) That accordingly Standing Order No. 150 be amended, by leaving out paragraph (2)(e) and inserting in its place:
 - “(e) to investigate, if he thinks fit, specific matters which have come to his attention relating to the conduct of Members and to report to the Committee on Standards and Privileges or to an appropriate sub-committee thereof unless, the provisions of paragraph (3) apply.
- (2A) In determining whether to investigate a specific matter relating to the conduct of a Member the Commissioner shall have regard to whether in his view there is sufficient evidence that the Code of Conduct or the rules relating to registration or declaration of interests may have been breached to justify taking the matter further.”

The Committee on Standards and Privileges has requested time for these motions to be considered. They will be debated for up to one and a half hours at the start of business, if a Business of the House Motion is agreed to by the House in advance.

Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority

Adam Afriyie

That this House regrets the unnecessarily high costs and inadequacies of the systems introduced by the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA); calls on the IPSA to introduce a simpler scheme of office expenses and Members’ allowances that cuts significantly the administrative costs, reduces the amount of time needed for administration by Members and their staff, does not disadvantage less well-off Members and those with family responsibilities, nor deter Members from seeking reimbursement of the costs of fulfilling their parliamentary duties; and believes that if these objectives are not reflected in a new scheme set out by the IPSA in time for operation by 1 April 2011, the Leader of the House should make time available for the amendment of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 to do so.

The Committee heard oral representations for a debate on the IPSA, led by Adam Afriyie, on three occasions and received written representations in support of a debate from over 40 Members.

29 November 2010

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Thursday 16 December and future days

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 16 December (half-day)

Motion relating to Park Homes

Annette Brooke

That this House notes that there are approximately 1,800 park home sites in England and Wales; further notes that current legislation permits a minority of park home owners to cause great distress, damage to property and danger to the health of park home residents; welcomes the Government's intention to lay before the House secondary legislation to transfer jurisdiction for park homes to the Residential Property Tribunal Service; but calls on the Government to review the case for establishing a fit and proper person criterion for park home owners and to bring forward relevant legislation at the earliest opportunity to prevent in particular park home site owners interfering with the sale of a park home without good reason.

A debate on park homes was suggested by Annette Brooke, with support from a number of backbench Members. The Committee chose this subject because it addresses a constituency issue of importance to many backbenchers, which has not recently been debated in the Chamber.

Thursday 16 December in Westminster Hall

Drugs policy (Member in charge: Mr Bob Ainsworth)

The Committee heard representations from Mr Bob Ainsworth to debate this subject, which has also been raised during Business Questions. The Committee chose this subject as a topical issue of interest to backbenchers on both sides of the House.

Additional items of business for Thursday 2 December in the Chamber

Motions in the name of Margaret Hodge relating to Committee of Public Accounts (Amendment of Standing Orders).

6 December

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 16 December 2010 and 13 and 20 January 2011

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 16 December in the Chamber (second half)

Motion in the name of Margaret Hodge relating to the work of the Committee of Public Accounts

The Backbench Business Committee chose this subject after hearing representations from the Public Accounts Committee. The work of the Committee has not been debated so far this session.

Thursday 13 January in Westminster Hall

Impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review on the Department for Communities and Local Government

The Committee chose this subject because there is significant support from Members for a wide-ranging debate on the effects of reductions in expenditure on the work of the Department and on local government, including representations for a debate from the Communities and Local Government Select Committee and Mr David Lammy.

Thursday 20 January in Westminster Hall

Anti-Semitism (Members in charge: Mike Freer and John Mann)

A debate on Anti-Semitism was suggested by Mike Freer and John Mann, on behalf of the All Party Parliamentary Group against Anti-Semitism. The Committee chose to schedule this subject for debate in advance of Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January.

13 December

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRE-RECESS ADJOURNMENT DEBATE: TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER

The Backbench Business Committee has received notice from 51 Members that they wish to take part in the full day pre-Christmas debate on Tuesday 21 December. The Committee has grouped these Members and subjects into six parts, as follows:

- **Cabinet Office**
- **Health**
- **Education**
- **Treasury**
- **Communities and Local Government**
- **General Debate**

For the first five parts, up to seven Members have indicated they want to raise subjects for which the department is responsible. A Minister from the relevant department will be invited to respond to the issues raised.

The final part of the debate will include Members who wish to raise other subjects – including subjects which are the responsibility of departments for which fewer than four Members had submitted a request. The Deputy Leader of the House is expected to reply to this general debate. The Committee expects each Member to receive a substantive written reply from the department to the points raised unless they are dealt with fully in the Deputy Leader of the House's reply.

The names of those Members who have indicated to the Committee that they wish to raise a subject within the responsibilities of those Departments are listed below. The speaking order within each group will be decided by the occupant of the Chair on the day.

The Committee recommends that the time available on the day should be divided evenly between the 51 Members who have applied to take part in these debates. Each of the first five parts should take less than an hour, leaving up to two hours for the general debate at the end. Backbench Members should expect to speak for about six minutes and Ministers for not more than 10 minutes. Shadow Ministers are not expected to respond to the debate. Members are expected to attend throughout the debate for which they are grouped.

The Backbench Business Committee has 35 days per year available to debate matters of interest to backbenchers. This includes the last day before each recess, which has traditionally been used for a general debate on any subject of interest to Members. The new format aims to provide a better structure for the debate and an improved response from the Government to the concerns raised by Members. The Committee would be pleased to hear any comments or feedback from Members on the new format.

More information on the work of the Backbench Business Committee can be found on the Committee's website at: <http://www.parliament.uk/bbcom> by emailing bbcom@parliament.uk or by speaking to a member of the Committee: Natascha Engel (Chair), Mr Peter Bone, Philip Davies, Jane Ellison, John Hemming, Mr Philip Hollobone, Ian Mearns and Mr George Mudie.

Members who have submitted a request to speak on Tuesday 21 December

Member	Subject	Department
Harriett Baldwin	The West Lothian Question	Cabinet Office
Ms Karen Buck	Preparations to improve the accuracy of the 2011 Census	Cabinet Office
Mr Mark Field	Preparations to improve the accuracy of the 2011 Census	Cabinet Office
Jack Lopresti	Social mobility and the Big Society initiative	Cabinet Office
Pete Wishart	Plans for a city status competition in HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year	Cabinet Office
Fiona Mactaggart	Preparations to improve the accuracy of the 2011 Census	Cabinet Office
Penny Mordaunt	Support, transition and capacity-building for third sector organisations	Cabinet Office
Mr Robert Buckland	NICE quality standards for autism spectrum disorders	Health
Dr Thérèse Coffey	Integrated drug treatment systems in prisons	Health

Paul Flynn	Government response to the swine flu pandemic	Health
Barbara Keeley	Support for carers	Health
Jason McCartney	Maternity services in Huddersfield	Health
Chi Onwurah	Health in Newcastle upon Tyne	Health
Nick Smith	Public health policy	Health
Luciana Berger	Education Maintenance Allowance	Education
Fiona Bruce	Improving financial literacy	Education
Bill Esterson	Education Maintenance Allowance	Education
Lilian Greenwood	Education Maintenance Allowance	Education
John Hemming	Adoption from care	Education
Justin Tomlinson	Financial education for young people	Education
Sheila Gilmore	Availability of basic bank accounts in Scotland	Treasury
Gregg McClymont	Funding settlement for HM Revenue and Customs	Treasury
David Morris	Practices of retail banks	Treasury
Mark Pawsey	Proposals to withdraw cheque facilities	Treasury
Mr Chuka Umunna	Choice and competition in the banking sector	Treasury
Tony Baldry	Borough status for Banbury	Communities and Local Government
Mr Frank Field	Repeated submission of planning applications	Communities and Local Government
Andrea Leadsom	Government's proposed localism agenda	Communities and Local Government
Karl Turner	Hull Gateway Housing Market Renewal	Communities and Local

	Pathfinder	Government
Peter Aldous	Infrastructure for job creation in East Anglia	Business, Innovation and Skills
Robert Halfon	Supporting horology in the UK	Business, Innovation and Skills
Stephen Metcalfe	Support for businesses	Business, Innovation and Skills
Tom Greatrex	Football supporters' trusts	Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport
Matthew Hancock	Future of the Horserace Betting Levy	Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport
Julian Smith	Connecting rural communities to the Internet	Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport
Duncan Hames	Transport in Chippenham constituency	Transport
Ms Gisela Stuart	Winter tyres	Transport
Phil Wilson	Intercity Express Programme	Transport
Robert Ffello	Distribution of Employment and Support Allowance	Work and Pensions
Richard Harrington	Encouraging local employment through the charity sector	Work and Pensions
Craig Whittaker	Direct payments to private landlords	Work and Pensions
Keith Vaz	Yemen	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Valerie Vaz	Women and human rights	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Jonathan Lord	Magistrates' court closures in Surrey	Justice
Andrew Selous	Access for non-resident parents in the family justice system	Justice
Thomas Docherty	Effects of the Strategic Defence and Security Review	Defence
Pat Glass	Energy prices	Energy and Climate

		Change
Elizabeth Truss	Future of food production in Norfolk	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Stephen Gilbert	Diversity and equality	Equalities
Bob Russell	Funding of women's refuge centres	Home Office
David Amess	General	None

10 January

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Thursday 20 January

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 20 January

Motion relating to the future of the Horseracing Levy (for about three hours).

The Committee chose this subject because the future of the Levy is under consideration; backbenchers on both sides of the House have a constituency interest; and it has not recently been debated in the House.

Followed by a general debate on improving life chances for disadvantaged children.

This subject is highly topical following the recent report of the Independent Review on Poverty and Life Chances by Mr Frank Field. The Committee considers that a wide-ranging general debate would be appropriate since policy spans the work of several government departments.

18 January 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Future Backbench Days

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Next available backbench day in the Chamber

Motion relating to Consumer Credit Regulation and Debt Management (Members in charge: Dr Stella Creasy and Justin Tomlinson) (for about three hours).

A debate on this subject was supported by Members from both sides of the House and is particularly timely in the context of the Government's review of consumer credit.

General debate on reform of legal aid (Member in charge: Yvonne Fovargue) (for up to three hours).

The Committee was told that there is widespread interest in this subject, both within and outside the House. The Committee considers that a general debate would enable Members to express their views in advance of any proposed legislation.

Subsequent backbench day in the Chamber

Motion relating to voting by prisoners (Members in charge: Mr David Davis, Mr Dominic Raab and Mr Jack Straw).

This subject has been raised following the judgment of the European Court that the UK's ban on prisoner voting breached the European Convention on Human Rights. The Committee was told that a debate on this subject has significant support from backbench Members.

Thursday 3 February in Westminster Hall

Parliamentary reform (Member in charge: Caroline Lucas)

The Committee has received a number of representations to debate proposed reforms to various aspects of Parliamentary procedure and business management. The Committee considers that a general debate on these issues in Westminster Hall would be an appropriate initial step.

25 January 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Future Backbench Days

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 10 February in Westminster Hall

Onshore wind energy (Member in charge: Andrea Leadsom)

The Committee received representations for a debate from Members with a range of views on energy generation through onshore wind turbines. The Committee was told that this is an important constituency issue which is not fully covered by the provisions of the Localism Bill, currently before Parliament.

15 February 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Future Backbench Days

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Monday 28 February in the Chamber

Motion relating to the Big Society (Members in charge: Charlie Elphicke, Hazel Blears and Charlotte Leslie).

The Committee was told that a debate on the Big Society would be timely, given the widespread interest in this subject, both within and outside the House.

Next available backbench day in the Chamber

Motion relating to UN Women (Members in charge: Mrs Eleanor Laing, Sheila Gilmore, Mary Macleod and Joan Ruddock)

The Committee chose this subject because it heard of significant support from Members for a debate to mark International Women's Day on 8 March. The subject proposed also offers the opportunity to debate an Early Day Motion (EDM 1318).

Thursday 17 March in Westminster Hall

Debate on Articles 9 and 13 of the Bill of Rights and the role of Parliament in dealing with all grievances and the importance of freedom of communication between constituents and Members (Members in charge: John Hemming and Mr Richard Bacon).

1 March 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 10 March

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 10 March in the Chamber

General debate on the future of the Coastguard Service (Members in charge: Sarah Newton, Bill Esterson, Dr Sarah Wollaston and Mr Angus Brendan MacNeil).

The Committee was told that a debate on the future of the Coastguard Service would be particularly topical and would attract interest both within and outside the House in the light of the current consultation.

1 March 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 10 March

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 10 March in the Chamber

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The Committee was told that a debate on the future of the Coastguard Service would be particularly topical and would attract interest both within and outside the House in the light of the current consultation.

8 March 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 10 March and future days

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 10 March in the Chamber

Publication of a Select Committee Report: Mr Bernard Jenkin, on behalf of the Select Committee on Public Administration (*for approximately 15 minutes*)

The Committee has scheduled this motion at the start of business to enable the Chair of a select committee to present a report which is being published on that day. The Chair will speak for approximately 15 minutes, taking interventions from members on issues relating to the report.

Motion relating to UN Women (Members in charge: Mrs Eleanor Laing, Sheila Gilmore, Mary Macleod and Joan Ruddock) (*until approximately 4.30pm*)

The Committee chose this subject because it heard of significant support from Members for a debate to mark International Women's Day on 8 March. The subject proposed also offers the opportunity to debate an Early Day Motion (EDM 1318).

Motion relating to future inter-parliamentary scrutiny of EU foreign, defence and security policy (Member in charge: Richard Ottaway)

The Committee was told that a debate on future inter-parliamentary scrutiny of EU foreign, defence and security policy needed to take place as soon as possible so that the views of the UK Parliament can be taken account in discussions on successor arrangements for the Western European Union. The Committee heard that 90 minutes should be allowed for this debate.

Thursday 24 March in Westminster Hall

Future of the Coastguard Service (Members in charge: Sarah Newton, Bill Esterson, Dr Sarah Wollaston and Mr Angus Brendan MacNeil).

The Committee was told that a debate on the future of the Coastguard Service would be particularly topical and would attract interest both within and outside the House in the light of the current consultation.

Tuesday 5 April in the Chamber

General debate on matters to be raised before the forthcoming adjournment.

The format for this debate will follow the previous pre-recess adjournment debate. Members will be invited to apply to speak on a subject of their choice for no more than 10 minutes, specifying from which government department they would like a response. Speeches will then be grouped into subject areas and in the case of the departments in respect of which the highest number of applications has been received, the relevant Minister invited to respond to the issues raised.

22 March 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 31 March in Westminster Hall

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 31 March in Westminster Hall

Debate on high speed rail (Members in charge: Andrea Leadsom, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Dan Byles and Mr Peter Bone).

The Committee was told that a debate on this issue would be timely as the consultation process for High Speed Two has just begun and there is wide interest from backbench Members with different views on the project.

29 March 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 28 April in Westminster Hall and Arrangements for the pre-recess Adjournment debate: Tuesday 5 April

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 28 April in Westminster Hall

Debate on Sudan (Member in charge: Mr Tom Clarke).

The Committee heard that backbench Members wished to debate issues relating to humanitarian assistance, conflict and debt in Sudan and the wider region following the recent referendum in Sudan.

Arrangements for the pre-recess Adjournment debate: Tuesday 5 April

The Backbench Business Committee has received notice from 21 Members that they wish to take part in the half day pre-Christmas debate on Tuesday 5 April. The Committee has grouped these Members and subjects into two parts, as follows:

- Issues relating to the Department for Work and Pensions
- General Debate

Four Members have indicated they wish to raise subjects for which the Department for Work and Pensions is responsible. A Minister from the Department will be invited to respond to the issues raised. This part of the debate is expected to last for approximately 45 minutes.

The second part of the debate will enable Members to raise any other subjects. The Deputy Leader of the House is expected to reply to this general debate. The Committee expects each Member to receive a substantive written reply from the department to the points raised unless they are dealt with fully in the Deputy Leader of the House's reply.

The names of those Members who have indicated to the Committee that they wish to participate in the debate are listed below along with the subject they wish to raise. The speaking order will be decided by the occupant of the Chair on the day.

Members who have submitted a request to speak on Tuesday 5 April

Member	Subject	Department
Nicky Morgan	Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission	Department for Work and Pensions
Nick Smith	Welfare reform and Blaenau Gwent	
Fiona Bruce	Jobcentre Plus advice for professionals facing redundancy	
Tony Lloyd	Health and safety	
General debate		
Mel Stride	Support for rural businesses	BIS
Valerie Vaz	Government accountability and the contract with the people	Cabinet Office
Mark Pawsey	Recognition of Rugby as home of international sport	DCMS
Paul Maynard	Preservation of Britain's built nuclear heritage	DCMS
Andrea Leadsom	Support for British farmers	DEFRA
Kate Green	Disadvantaged children and early years education in Trafford	Education
Bob Blackman	Application by seven schools in Harrow to become Academies	Education
Mr Gareth Thomas	Human rights in Sri Lanka	FCO
Paul Flynn	Government response to the swine flu pandemic	Health
Mr Bernard Jenkin	NHS services in Harwich and North Essex	Health
Mr Chuka Umunna	Project Merlin	HMT
Andrew Selous	Housing associations and antisocial behaviour	Home
Jack Lopresti	Law and order	Home
Mr David Amess	General	N/A
Sir Robert Smith	General	N/A
Dr Julian Huppert	Chesterton Station	Transport
Bridget Phillipson	Local bus services	Transport

26 April 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 5 May

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 5 May in the Chamber

General debate on social housing in London (Member in charge: Jeremy Corbyn).

The Committee was told that a debate on social housing needs in London would be timely in the light of current proposals for changes to the administration of local housing allowance and that many Members representing constituencies in London would wish to take part.

Thursday 5 May in Westminster Hall

General debate.

The Committee has allocated this time to a general debate in which Members may raise any issue. The Leader of the House will respond to the issues raised at the end of the session.

Members wishing to provide advance notice of the subject they intend to raise during this session should email the Backbench Business Committee at bbcom@parliament.uk by the rise of the House on Tuesday 3 May.

3 May 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 12 and 24 May

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 12 May in the Chamber

Motion relating to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (for approximately two hours) (Member in charge: Adam Afriyie).

The Committee was told that a debate on IPSA was supported by many backbenchers who wished to debate the recent revision of the expenses scheme.

Motion relating to reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (for approximately three hours) (Member in charge: Zac Goldsmith).

The Committee was told that there is significant appetite to debate reform of the Common Fisheries Policy amongst backbenchers on both sides of the House. The Committee heard that a particular concern was the level of fish discards and that an EDM on this subject had attracted over 230 signatures.

Thursday 12 May in Westminster Hall

Education performance (Member in charge: Elizabeth Truss)

The Committee heard that there is broad level of cross party interest in this topic with school standards affecting every constituency; and that previous applications for similar adjournment debates had been unsuccessful.

Tuesday 24 May in the Chamber

General debate on matters to be raised before the forthcoming adjournment.

The Committee has decided that the Whitsun adjournment debate on Tuesday 24 May will follow the format used before Christmas and Easter. Members are invited to apply to speak on a subject of their choice for no more than 10 minutes, specifying from which government department they would like a response. Speeches will be grouped into subject areas and, for the departments with the highest number of applications, the relevant Minister invited to respond to the issues raised. This will be followed by a general debate where Members may raise any issue, for which a response will be provided by the Deputy Leader of the House.

*Members should apply to the Table Office to speak in the debate. **The deadline for applications is 6pm on Monday 16 May.***

10 May 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 19 May

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 19 May in the Chamber

Motion relating to the BBC World Service (Member in charge: Richard Ottaway).

This subject was suggested by the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, which has published a recent report on the BBC World Service. The Committee heard that four other select committee chairs supported the debate and that there was widespread interest in the subject outside the House.

Motion relating to rural broadband and mobile coverage (Member in charge: Rory Stewart).

The Committee was told that this was a topic of great concern to Members with rural constituencies and that a debate would be appropriate before the closure of Ofcom's consultation on the coverage obligations to be attached to spectrum licences on 31 May.

17 May 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for Tuesday 24 May

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Tuesday 24 May in the Chamber

Motion relating to the Eurozone financial assistance (Members in charge: Mark Reckless and Jim Shannon) (for up to two hours).

The Committee heard that this was a topical issue in light of the ECOFIN meeting on 17 May and that backbench Members from both sides of the House supported a debate.

General debate on matters to be raised before the forthcoming adjournment (for approximately four hours).

The Backbench Business Committee has received notice from 20 Members that they wish to take part in the pre-recess debate on Tuesday 24 May. The Committee has decided to allow up to four hours for this debate and has grouped these Members and subjects into three parts, as follows:

- *Issues relating to the Ministry of Justice*
- *Issues relating to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office*
- *General Debate*

For the first two parts, a Minister from the department will be invited to respond to the issues raised. The second part of the debate will enable Members to raise any other subjects. The Deputy Leader of the House is expected to reply to this general debate. The Committee expects each Member to receive a substantive written reply from the department to the points raised unless they are dealt with fully in the Deputy Leader of the House's reply.

Members should expect to speak for six to eight minutes and Ministers for not more than 10 minutes. The names of those Members who have indicated to the Committee that they wish to participate in the debate are listed below along with the subject they wish to raise. The speaking order will be decided by the occupant of the Chair on the day.

Members who have submitted a request to speak on Tuesday 24 May

Member	Subject	Department
John Hemming	Freedom of Speech	Justice
Anna Soubry	Future of the magistracy	
Andrew Percy	Victims of Overseas Terrorism Compensation Scheme	
Andrew Selous	Christians in Iran	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Keith Vaz	Yemen	
General debate		
Valerie Vaz	Parking and enforcement in Walsall South	Communities and Local Government
Mr David Evennett	Tourism	Culture, Media and Sport
John McDonnell	Threat to heritage buildings in Hayes and Harlington	Culture, Media and Sport
Justin Tomlinson	Emergency lifesaving skills in schools	Education
Gordon Henderson	Wind turbine manufacture on the Isle of Sheppey	Energy and Climate Change
Nick Smith	Health impact of cold homes and fuel poverty	Energy and Climate Change
Mel Stride	Challenges facing agriculture	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Tony Lloyd	Health service changes in Manchester and general debate	Health
Jonathan Lord	Community health services in Surrey	Health
Penny Mordaunt	Obstacles to growth in Portsmouth	HM Treasury
Thomas Docherty	Respite care and general	Work and Pensions

	debate	
Mr David Amess	General debate	
Bob Blackman	General debate	
Jack Lopresti	General debate	
Priti Patel	General debate	

7 June 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business in Westminster Hall for 9, 16 and 23 June

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 9 June in Westminster Hall

Take-up of apprenticeships by small businesses (Member in charge: Richard Graham)

This date became available at short notice. The Backbench Business Committee heard that a number of Members wished to participate in a debate on ways to encourage more small businesses to take on apprentices.

Thursday 16 June in Westminster Hall

Student visas (Member in charge: Paul Blomfield)

The Committee was told that a debate on the implementation of the Government's proposals for tier 4 visa applications would be timely and had widespread support amongst backbench Members from both sides of the House.

Thursday 23 June in Westminster Hall

Private finance initiative (Member in charge: Jesse Norman)

A large number of backbench Members indicated to the Backbench Business Committee their support for a debate on the operation of the private finance initiative.

14 June 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 14 June

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 23 June in the Chamber

Motion relating to review of congenital cardiac services for children (Member in charge: Stuart Andrew).

This subject is one in which many Members have a constituency interest and the proposal for a debate was supported by a significant number of backbench Members on both sides of the House.

Motion relating to wild animals in circuses (Members in charge: Mark Pritchard, Jim Fitzpatrick and Bob Russell).

The Committee was told that this was a topic of great concern both within and outside the House and that a debate would be appropriate in the light of the current consultation by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

21 June 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 23 and 30 June

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Additional item of business for Thursday 23 June in the Chamber

Publication of a select committee report: Transport Select Committee: The Coastguard, Emergency Towing Vessels and the Maritime Incident Response Group.

The Backbench Business Committee has scheduled this motion at the start of business to enable the Chair of a select committee to present a report which is being published on that day. The Chair will speak for up to 20 minutes, taking interventions from members on issues relating to the report.

Thursday 30 June in Westminster Hall

Co-operatives and mutuality in the economy (Members in charge: Mr Adrian Bailey and Chris Evans)

The Committee was told that many of the Government's legislative proposals include a mutual or co-operative element and that a number of backbench Members wished to debate this subject during Co-operatives Fortnight.

28 June 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 7 July in Westminster Hall and future days

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 7 July in Westminster Hall

Intellectual property and the Hargreaves Report (Member in charge: Pete Wishart).

The Committee heard that there has been no opportunity to debate this report since its publication and that many backbench Members, including the chairs of the relevant select committees, supported a debate.

Next available backbench time in the Chamber

Debate on Reports from the Procedure Committee on Use of hand-held electronic devices in the Chamber and committees, HC 889, and Improving the effectiveness of parliamentary scrutiny, HC 800 (for up to 90 minutes) (Member in charge: Mr Greg Knight).

The Committee considers that the House should have the opportunity to decide on the recommendations of the Procedure Committee in respect of the use of electronic devices in the Chamber and committees before the summer recess, as well as on other procedural changes proposed by the Committee.

Tuesday 19 July in the Chamber

General debate on matters to be raised before the forthcoming adjournment.

The Backbench Business Committee has decided that the Summer adjournment debate on Tuesday 19 July will follow the format used before Christmas, Easter and Whitsun.

Members are invited to apply to speak on a subject of their choice for no more than 10 minutes, specifying from which Government department they would like a response. Speeches will be grouped into subject areas and, for the departments with the highest number of applications, the relevant Minister invited to respond to the issues raised. This will be followed by a general debate where Members may raise any issue, for which a response will be provided by the Deputy Leader of the House.

*Members should apply to the Table Office or email bbcom@parliament.uk to speak in the debate. **The deadline for applications is 6pm on Monday 11 July***

12 July 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 7 July in Westminster Hall and future days

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRE-RECESS ADJOURNMENT DEBATE:

TUESDAY 19 JULY

The Backbench Business Committee has received notice from 60 Members that they wish to take part in the pre-recess debate on Tuesday 19 July. The Committee has decided to allow the full day for this debate and has grouped these Members and subjects into six parts, as follows:

- **Issues relating to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills**
- **Issues relating to the Department of Health**
- **Issues relating to the Department for Communities and Local Government**
- **Issues relating to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**
- **Issues relating to the Home Office**
- **General Debate**

For the first five parts, a Minister from the department will be invited to respond to the issues raised.

The second part of the debate will enable Members to raise any other subjects. The Deputy Leader of the House is expected to reply to this general debate. The Committee expects each Member to receive a substantive written reply from the department to the points raised unless they are dealt with fully in the Deputy Leader of the House's reply.

The names of those Members who have indicated to the Committee that they wish to participate in the debate are listed below along with the subject they wish to raise. The speaking order will be decided by the occupant of the Chair on the day.

The Committee recommends that the time available on the day should be divided evenly between the Members who have applied to take part in these debates. Each of the first five parts should take less than an hour, leaving up to two hours for the general debate at the end. Backbench Members should expect to speak for about five minutes and Ministers for not more than 10 minutes. Shadow Ministers are not expected to respond to the debate. Members are expected to attend throughout the debate for which they are grouped.

Members who have submitted a request to speak on Tuesday 24 May

Member	Subject	Department
Lilian Greenwood	English for speakers of other languages (ESOL)	Business, Innovation and Skills

Keith Vaz	Liquidation of Bank of Credit and Commerce International	
Robert Halfon	Horology in the UK	
Martin Vickers	The economy of northern Lincolnshire	
Julian Smith	Yorkshire and the location of the Green Investment Bank	
Eric Joyce	Regulation of FTSE 100 companies	
Nic Dakin	English for speakers of other languages (ESOL)	
Paul Blomfield	Equality Impact Assessment on ESOL funding	
Justin Tomlinson	Swindon town centre regeneration	
Steve McCabe	The Cube, Birmingham	
Dr Daniel Poulter	Mental health services	Health
Nick Smith	Importance of exercise to health and well-being	
Chris Skidmore	Use of NHS services by foreign nationals	
Mr Gary Streeter	Disabled children in South West Devon	
Pauline Latham	Cancer drugs fund	
Barbara Keeley	Social care provision and impact of NHS re-organisation on local services	
Tony Lloyd	Southern Cross	
Mark Hendrick	Government policy on shisha smoking	
George Freeman	Potential contribution of the NHS to medical innovation and economic growth	
Richard Graham	National Audit Office report on Fire Control Centres: lessons learned	Communities and Local Government
Andrew Stephenson	Effect of property regulation on holiday lettings	
Dr Julian Huppert	Planning and Mill Road, Cambridge	
Pat Glass	Business rates	

Duncan Hames	Neighbourhood planning and the National Planning Policy Framework	
Chris Kelly	Roaming horses	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Jason McCartney	Safeguarding the green belt in rural areas	
Dr Alan Whitehead	Landfill ban on recyclable waste	
Neil Parish	Tuberculosis in cattle in Tiverton and Honiton constituency	
Andrew Percy	Future of the Bioethanol Industry	
Debbie Abrahams	Sustainable food and energy production	
Mark Lancaster	Use of the drug khat	Home
Yasmin Qureshi	Fortalice women's refuge, Bolton	
Caroline Lucas	Evidence based drugs policy	
Bob Blackman	Tackling youth crime	
Jane Ellison	Female genital mutilation	
James Morris	Tackling crime	
John Stevenson	Radio Cumbria and local media	Culture, Media and Sport
Dan Jarvis	Strategic Defence and Security Review	Defence
Stephen Gilbert	St Austell's city status bid	Deputy Prime Minister
John Mann	Election petitions	
Andrew Selous	Returning officers	
Jo Swinson	Body confidence lessons in schools	Education
Andrea Leadsom	Sex and relationship education in primary school	
Paul Flynn	Situation in Fukushima	Energy and Climate Change
Joseph Johnson	Mandatory automatic standby for TV set-top boxes	
Chris Heaton-Harris	Renewable energy	

Andrew Bingham	Rebated fuel oils and mountain rescue vehicles	HM Treasury
Mr Gareth Thomas	Relationship between the Royal Bank of Scotland and Davenham Trust Ltd	
Alun Cairns	Management, administration and regulation of the Arch Cru Investment Fund	
John Hemming	Freedom of speech	Justice
Martin Caton	Improving safety for cyclists on roads	Transport
Mark Pawsey	Issuing of parking fines on private land	
Mrs Madeleine Moon	Disability and sickness benefits	Work and Pensions
John McDonnell	Adequacy of child support arrangements	
Mr Tom Clarke	Employment and economy in Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill constituency	
Priti Patel	General	
Bob Russell	General	
Mel Stride	General	
Kris Hopkins	General	
Mr David Amess	General	
Jim Shannon	General	
Christopher Pincher	General	

6 September 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 15 September

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 15 September in the Chamber

Motion relating to Food Security in East and Central Africa (for approximately three hours)
(Members in charge: Amber Rudd and Heidi Alexander).

A significant number of backbench Members expressed their support for an urgent debate on the ongoing famine in the Horn of Africa in the context of global food security.

Followed by a general debate on Human Rights in the Indian Subcontinent (for up to three hours)
(Members in charge: Steve Baker and Mr Lee Scott).

The Committee received representations for debates on human rights issues in South Asia, particularly in relation to Kashmir and Sri Lanka.

13 September 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 13 and 17 October

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 13 October in the Chamber

Debate on Reports from the Procedure Committee on Use of hand-held electronic devices in the Chamber and committees, HC 889, and Improving the effectiveness of parliamentary scrutiny, HC 800 (for up to 90 minutes) (Member in charge: Mr Greg Knight).

The Committee considers that the House should have the opportunity to decide on the recommendations of the Procedure Committee in respect of the use of electronic devices in the Chamber and committees before the summer recess, as well as on other procedural changes proposed by the Committee.

Followed by a general debate on High Speed Two (for up to three hours) (Members in charge: Andrea Leadsom and Mr Geoffrey Robinson).

The Committee has heard of continuing wide interest in this subject from backbench Members with different views on the High Speed Two project. A further general debate will allow for contributions from those Members who were unable to participate in the previous Westminster Hall debate due to lack of time.

Thursday 13 October in Westminster Hall

A debate on Responses to the riots (Member in charge: Gavin Barwell).

The Committee received representations for a wide-ranging debate on responses to the public disorder in August, including the issue of sanctions for those involved which has been raised in an e-petition.

Monday 17 October in the Chamber

Motion relating to disclosure and publication of documents relating to the 1989 Hillsborough disaster (for up to three hours) (Member in charge: Steve Rotheram).

The Committee received representations from a large number of backbench Members who wished to debate the disclosure of documents to the Hillsborough Independent Panel. This issue has also been raised in an e-petition.

18 October 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 27 October

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 27 October in the Chamber

Debate on a Motion relating to the holding of a national referendum on the UK's membership of the EU (Member in charge: Mr David Nuttall).

A large number of backbench Members have indicated their support to the Backbench Business Committee for a debate on a national referendum on the UK's membership of the EU. This issue has also been raised in public petitions.

Thursday 27 October in Westminster Hall

A debate on NHS care of older people (Member in charge: Margot James).

The Committee was told that this was a highly topical subject, in light of a recent report by the Care Quality Commission into the care of older people in NHS hospitals, and that it addresses a constituency issue of importance to many backbenchers, which has not recently been debated in the Chamber.

25 October 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 10 November in Westminster Hall

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 10 November in Westminster Hall

A debate on Funding of social care (Member in charge: Sarah Newton).

The Committee was told that there was cross-party support for a debate on the funding of social care and, in particular, the Dilnot commission report.

3 November 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 24 November in Westminster Hall

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Tuesday 8 November in the Chamber (half day)

Publication of a Select Committee Report: Mrs Louise Ellman, on behalf of the Transport Select Committee (for approximately 20 minutes)

This motion enables the Chair of a select committee to present a report on the day of publication. The Chair will speak for approximately 20 minutes, taking interventions from Members on issues relating to the report.

Followed by a Motion relating to the cost of motor insurance (Member in charge: Mrs Louise Ellman, on behalf of the Transport Select Committee).

The Committee was told that this is a topic of major public interest on which the Transport Committee has published a recent Report and recommendations.

Tuesday 15 November in the Chamber (full day)

Motion relating to fisheries (Member in charge: Mr Frank Doran) (for up to three hours).

There was cross-party support for a debate on fisheries to take place before the meeting of the EU Council of Fisheries Ministers in December.

Followed by a Motion relating to fuel prices (Member in charge: Robert Halfon) (for approximately three hours).

The Committee heard that many backbench Members wished to debate the issue of fuel prices, which has also been the subject of an e-petition.

Thursday 24 November in Westminster Hall

Extradition (Member in charge: Mr Dominic Raab).

There was support for a debate on the UK's extradition arrangements in advance of the Government's response to the Baker review.

14 November 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 24 November

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 24 November in the Chamber (full day):

Motion relating to the future of manufacturing and BAE Systems

The Backbench Business Committee heard representations from groups of Members wishing to debate the future of manufacturing as well as the specific issue of job losses at BAE Systems.

22 November 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 1 and 20 December

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 1 December in the Chamber (full day):

Motion relating to BBC cuts (Members in charge: Austin Mitchell, John McDonnell and Martin Vickers)

A large number of backbench Members have indicated their support to the Backbench Business Committee for a debate on the impact of BBC cuts.

Followed by a general debate on Debt advice and debt management services (Member in charge: Alex Cunningham).

The Committee has heard that there is wide interest in this subject from backbench Members, and growing disquiet about current and future provision as a result of changes across the debt management sector.

Tuesday 20 December in the Chamber

General debate on matters to be raised before the forthcoming adjournment.

The Backbench Business Committee has decided that the Christmas adjournment debate on Tuesday 20 December will follow the format used before other recesses since December 2010.

Members are invited to apply to speak on a subject of their choice for no more than 10 minutes, specifying from which Government department they would like a response. Speeches will be grouped into subject areas and, for the departments with the highest number of applications, the relevant Minister invited to respond to the issues raised. This will be followed by a general debate where Members may raise any issue, for which a response will be provided by the Deputy Leader of the House.

*Members should apply to the Table Office or email bbcom@parliament.uk to speak in the debate. **The deadline for applications is 6pm on Monday 12 December.***

29 November 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 5 and 8 December

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Monday 5 December in the Chamber (full day):

Motion relating to Ministerial statements (Member in charge: Mr Philip Hollobone).

The Backbench Business Committee has scheduled this debate to enable Members to consider the recommendations of the Procedure Committee Report on Ministerial statements to Parliament.

Motion relating to UK extradition arrangements (Member in charge: Mr Dominic Raab) (for at least three hours).

Following a debate on this subject in Westminster Hall, there was support for further consideration of the UK's extradition arrangements in advance of the Government's response to the Baker review.

Thursday 8 December in Westminster Hall:

European Council (Member in charge: Mr Bernard Jenkin).

The Backbench Business Committee has scheduled this debate to enable Members to give their views prior to the December European Council meeting.

6 December 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 15 December

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 15 December in the Chamber

Motion relating to the recommendations of the Members' Expenses Committee report on the operation of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (Member in charge: Adam Afriyie).

The Backbench Business Committee heard that Members would wish to consider the recommendations of the Members' Expenses Committee report on the operation of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009, which established the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA).

Motion relating to financial education (Members in charge: Justin Tomlinson, Andrew Percy and Mark Garnier) (for at least three hours).

This is a topic of major public interest on which the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Financial Education for Young People is to publish a report. It has also been the subject of an e-petition entitled 'Make financial education a compulsory part of the school curriculum'.

Thursday 15 December in Westminster Hall

Remploy (Members in charge: Ann Clwyd, John McDonnell, Jim Dobbin and Dr Hywel Francis).

This topic affects the constituencies of a number of Members and has recently been the subject of a paper petition with over 100,000 signatures. The Backbench Business Committee also heard that Members wished to have an opportunity to give a view on the Remploy Annual Report and the recommendations of the Sayce report.

13 December 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 12 January 2012

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 12 January in the Chamber (full day):

Motion relating to a statutory code of practice for pub companies (Member in charge: Mr Adrian Bailey).

The Backbench Business Committee heard that Members would wish to consider the Government's response to the recommendations of the Business, Innovation and Skills Committee on the introduction of a statutory code of practice for pub companies.

Motion relating to Parliamentary representation (Member in charge: Dame Anne Begg).

January 2012 will be the second anniversary of the publication of the final report of the Speaker's Conference on Parliamentary Representation, which recommended that progress in implementing its recommendations, and tackling under-representation of minority groups in Parliament, should be debated every two years.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRE-RECESS ADJOURNMENT DEBATE:

TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER

The Backbench Business Committee has received notice from 40 Members that they wish to take part in the pre-recess debate on Tuesday 20 December. The Committee has decided to allow the full day for this debate and has grouped these Members and subjects into five parts, as follows:

- **Issues relating to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills**
- **Issues relating to the Department for Communities and Local Government**
- **Issues relating to the Department of Energy and Climate Change**
- **Issues relating to the Department of Health**
- **General Debate**

For the first four parts, a Minister from the department will be invited to respond to the issues raised.

The final part of the debate will enable Members to raise any other subjects. The Deputy Leader of the House is expected to reply to this general debate. The Committee expects each Member to receive a substantive written reply from the department to the points raised unless they are dealt with fully in the Deputy Leader of the House's reply.

The names of those Members who have indicated to the Committee that they wish to participate in the debate are listed below along with the subject they wish to raise. The speaking order will be decided by the occupant of the Chair on the day.

The Committee recommends that the time available on the day should be divided evenly between the Members who have applied to take part in these debates. The first four parts should take approximately four hours, leaving up to two hours for the general debate at the end. Backbench Members should expect to speak for up to eight minutes and Ministers for not more than 10 minutes. Shadow Ministers are not expected to respond to the debate. Members are expected to attend throughout the debate for which they are grouped.

Members who have submitted a request to speak on Tuesday 20 December

<i>Member</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Department</i>
Simon Hughes	High pay	Business, Innovation and Skills
Priti Patel	Business growth	Business, Innovation and Skills
Katy Clark	Farepak	Business, Innovation and Skills
Dr Julian Huppert	Credit and debit card surcharges	Business, Innovation and Skills
Iain Stewart	Widening access to higher education and the Open University	Business, Innovation and Skills
Kate Green	Competition in the market for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment	Business, Innovation and Skills
Ann Coffey	Role of retail in economic development	Business, Innovation and Skills
Nic Dakin	Super-complaint on card surcharges	Business, Innovation and Skills
Mark Menzies	Enterprise Zones	Business, Innovation and Skills

Valerie Vaz	Planning in Walsall South constituency	Communities and Local Government
Stephen Gilbert	Homelessness	Communities and Local Government
Peter Aldous	Sprinkler systems in properties	Communities and Local Government
Andrew Bingham	Building regulations and carbon monoxide detectors	Communities and Local Government
Justin Tomlinson	Financial transparency in local government	Communities and Local Government
Esther McVey	Development of Liverpool Port to promote economic growth in the City region	Communities and Local Government
Duncan Hames	Draft National Planning Policy Framework	Communities and Local Government
Jeremy Corbyn	Housing need in London	Communities and Local Government
David Mowat	Climate change and the UK's obligations	Energy and Climate Change
Glyn Davies	Wind farms in mid-Wales	Energy and Climate Change
Chris Heaton-Harris	Renewable energy policy	Energy and Climate Change
Caroline Lucas	Climate change and the 2 degree target	Energy and Climate Change
Andrew Selous	Propane gas pricing	Energy and Climate Change
Dr Sarah Wollaston	Community hospitals and Leagues of Friends	Health
Tracey Crouch	Older people and the End Loneliness campaign	Health
Alison Seabeck	Accessibility to services and entertainment for people with hearing loss	Health
Bob Blackman	Police reforms	Home
Mark Pawsey	EU proposals on commercial vehicle trailer heights	Transport
Martin Vickers	Rail and road issues in Cleethorpes	Transport
Nadine Dorries	Effect of proposals contained in the Boundary Commission review	Cabinet Office
Penny Mordaunt	Portsmouth Football Club	Culture, Media and Sport
Harriett Baldwin	West Lothian Question	Deputy Prime Minister
Chris Skidmore	Teaching of history in schools	Education

John Hemming	Chapter 23 and the UN Convention against Corruption and their relevance to the UK	Justice
Mel Stride	Organisation of debates in the House	Leader of the House
Bob Russell	General	
Derek Twigg	General	
Gordon Henderson	General	
Fiona Bruce	General	
Mr David Amess	General	
Jack Lopresti	General	

10 January 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 18 and 19 January 2012

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Wednesday 18 January in the Chamber

General debate on the future of town centres and high streets (Members in charge: Mr Marcus Jones, Stephen Lloyd, Justin Tomlinson, Sir Bob Russell, Jim Dowd and Mr Philip Hollobone)

The Committee heard that many backbench Members wished to debate the findings of the review by Mary Portas on the future of the high street published in December. This follows a well-attended meeting of the All-party Parliamentary Group for Town Centres to discuss the issues raised by her review.

Thursday 19 January in Westminster Hall

Debate to mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 (Member in charge: Gavin Barwell)

The Committee heard there was cross-party support for a debate to mark Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January 2012) to provide an opportunity to remember the victims of Nazi persecution and to raise current concerns relating to anti-Semitism, racism and prejudice.

The Committee heard a representation from Richard Ottaway for a debate on assisted suicide on a substantive motion in the Chamber and agreed that this debate should take place. The timing of the debate, likely to be early Spring, will be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

17 January 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 26 January and 2 February

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 26 January in the Chamber

General debate on Progress on Defence reform and the Strategic Defence and Security Review
(Member in charge: Mr James Arbuthnot)

The Committee received a representation from the Defence Select Committee that there should be a debate on defence issues and that this would be of considerable cross-party interest.

Thursday 2 February in Westminster Hall

Debate on Network Rail (Members in charge: Mrs Anne Main, Dr Thérèse Coffey and Ben Gummer).

The Committee heard there was backbench support for a debate on the current state of National Rail.

24 January 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 26 January

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 26 January in the Chamber

Topical debate on the European Council (for up to 90 minutes).

The need for a debate prior to the European Council meeting on Monday 30 January has been repeatedly raised by backbench Members at Business Questions.

The debate will precede the general debate on Progress on Defence reform and the Strategic Defence and Security Review, which is scheduled to take place on that day.

31 January 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 7 February and 20 February

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 7 February in the Chamber

Motion relating to Metal Theft (Members in charge: Chris Kelly, Graham Jones and Mr Robin Walker) (up to three hours).

The Backbench Business Committee heard this was a topical issue of public concern.

Monday 20 February in the Chamber

Motion relating to Iran (Members in charge: Mr John Baron, Mr Bob Ainsworth and Mr Elfyn Llwyd)

The Backbench Business Committee heard this was a matter of national interest which Members across the House would wish to debate.

7 February 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 23 February

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 23 February in Westminster Hall

Debate on cycling safety in cities (Member in charge: Dr Julian Huppert)

The Committee heard this was an issue of cross-party appeal and of topical public interest following the recent launch of The Times 'Cities fit for cycling' campaign.

21 February 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 1, 15 and 27 March

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 1 March in the Chamber

Motion relating to CPI/RPI pensions uprating (Member in charge: John McDonnell).

The Committee heard this was an issue of public interest and the e-petition 'Public and Private Pension Increases change from RPI to CPI' had received over 100,000 signatures. The Committee also heard that this subject was unlikely to be debated through any alternative route.

Followed by a General Debate on Welsh Affairs (Members in charge: Paul Murphy and Mr Elfyn Llywd).

The Committee heard there was strong interest from Members representing Welsh constituencies for a debate on Welsh Affairs on St David's Day.

Thursday 15 March in Westminster Hall

Debate on effectiveness of UK Trade and Investment (Members in charge: Laura Sandys and Barry Gardiner).

The Committee heard that Members from across the House wished to debate this subject, which affects small businesses in every constituency in the UK.

Tuesday 27 March in the Chamber (full day)

Motion relating to assisted suicide (Member in charge: Richard Ottaway).

The Committee heard this was a subject of great public interest which many Members wished to debate.

28 February 2011

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 7 and 8 March

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Wednesday 7 March in the Chamber (part day)

Motion relating to human rights abuses and the death of Sergei Magnitsky (Members in charge: Mr Dominic Raab and David Miliband).

The Backbench Business Committee heard this was an issue of topical interest in the light of the forthcoming elections in Russia and that there was considerable cross-party support for a debate.

Thursday 8 March in the Chamber (full day)

Topical debate on International Women's Day (Members in charge: Fiona Mactaggart, Dame Joan Ruddock, Amber Rudd, and Julie Hilling) (for up to 90 minutes).

The Backbench Business Committee heard there was cross-party support for a debate to be held to discuss issues relating to International Women's Day (8 March).

Followed by a debate on the future of social care (Sarah Newton and Nicola Blackwood).

The Committee heard this was an issue of cross-party interest which had been the subject of a well-attended Westminster Hall debate.

6 March 2012

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 15 March

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 15 March in the Chamber (full day)

Motion relating to the introduction of charging for Big Ben Clock Tower tours (Member in charge: Robert Halfon) (part day).

The Committee heard this was an issue of interest to Members across the House.

Followed by a motion relating to reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (Member in charge: Miss Anne McIntosh).

The Committee received this representation for a debate from the Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee following the publication of its report on reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) on 24 February. The Committee heard the European Parliament will shortly be finalising its position on the CFP and the Commission expects to produce the final version of the proposals before the summer recess. The Committee also heard that a debate would enable the House to express its views ahead of the final round of negotiations.

13 March 2012

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee did not have any additional time to allocate prior to the Easter Recess.

17 April 2012

Backbench Business Committee

Determination of Business for 17 April

The Backbench Business Committee is responsible for scheduling debates on 35 days during the current session, at least 27 of which will be debates in the main Chamber of the House of Commons, with the remainder to be taken in Westminster Hall.

The Committee has determined that the following business will take place in backbench time:

Thursday 26 April in Westminster Hall

Work of the Backbench Business Committee in Session 2010-12 (Member in charge: Natascha Engel, on behalf of the Backbench Business Committee) (for up to 20 minutes).

This short debate has been scheduled on the last backbench business day in this Session to enable the Chair to present the Committee's Report on its activities, which will be published on that day.

Followed by a debate on EU working time regulation and the NHS (Members in charge: Charlotte Leslie, Kate Hoey, Andrea Leadsom, Ian Paisley and Dan Byles).

The Committee heard there was cross-party support for a debate on issues relating to the European Working Time Directive and its effect on doctor training and patient care.