

Thursday 12 October 2017 at 11.00am

**Oral Questions, 30 minutes*

***Lord Spicer** to ask Her Majesty's Government when they expect to report to Parliament on their negotiations on reaching a financial settlement with the European Union in the Brexit talks.

***Viscount Hanworth** to ask Her Majesty's Government when they intend to report on the progress of the competition to design a Small Modular Reactor for the United Kingdom.

***Lord Berkeley** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to bring forward proposals to create extra capacity on the railways, as outlined in their 2017 manifesto; and if so, when. [I]

***Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the conclusion of the Care Quality Commission in its annual state of care report that 1.2 million adults are not getting the care they need as the health and social care system is "straining at the seams".

†**Business of the House** The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Evans of Bowes Park) to move that the debate on the motion in the name of Lord Smith of Leigh set down for today shall be limited to 3 hours and that in the name of Lord Knight of Weymouth to 2 hours.

Lord Smith of Leigh to move that this House takes note of the impact of Her Majesty's Government's policies on the availability and affordability of housing.

Lord Knight of Weymouth to move that this House takes note of the effect of globalisation, technology and demographic change on the future of work, and of the public policy response to those changes.

Lord Naseby to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the progress made by the coalition government of Sri Lanka in meeting the requirements on reconciliation established by the United Nations Human Rights Council. (*1½ hours*)

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Future Business

Monday 16 October 2017 at 2.30pm

***Baroness Prosser** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the process for recent appointments to the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

***Lord Dubs** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of people currently in hospital waiting to be discharged to care homes when places become available.

***Baroness Kennedy of Cradley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of slavery and human trafficking statements in reducing slavery in supply chains.

***Lord Wallace of Saltaire** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to progress devolution to Yorkshire.

Space Industry Bill [HL] Committee [Lord Callanan] *1st and 2nd Reports from the Delegated Powers Committee and 2nd Report from the Constitution Committee*

Lord Sharkey to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the problems that will be faced by the people of Northern Cyprus in the event of the failure of the reunification talks; and what plans they have to assist in resolving any such problems. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 2.30pm

***Baroness Thornton** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assistance they have given British American Tobacco in its challenge to the claim for unpaid VAT brought by the government of Bangladesh.

***Lord Kennedy of Southwark** to ask Her Majesty's Government what percentage of the United Kingdom population own their home either outright or with a mortgage; and what assessment they have made of whether this figure may increase or decrease in future.

***Baroness Warsi** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have a definition of Islamophobia; and, if so, what it is.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 13 October.

Lord Best to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Communications Committee *A privatised future for Channel 4?* (1st Report, Session 2016–17, HL Paper 17).

Lord Teverson to move that this House takes note of the Reports from the European Union Committee *Brexit: agriculture* (20th Report, Session 2016–17, HL Paper 169) and *Brexit: farm animal welfare* (5th Report, HL Paper 15).

The Earl of Selborne to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Science and Technology Committee *Nuclear research and technology: Breaking the cycle of indecision* (3rd Report, Session 2016–17, HL Paper 160).

Wednesday 18 October 2017 at 3.00pm

***Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to take any steps to improve the product recall system; and if so, whether they intend introduce a time limit for replacing tumble driers recalled due to safety concerns.

***Lord Low of Dalston** to ask Her Majesty's Government when they expect to report the outcome of the consultation on the introduction of medical examiners and reforms to death certification launched in March 2016; and whether they still intend to introduce those reforms in 2018.

***Baroness Quin** to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the creative industries regarding Brexit. [I]

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 12 October, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 16 October.

†**Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Viscount Chandos be appointed a member of the Select Committee in place of Lord Harrison, resigned.

It is expected that the Committee stage of the Space Industry Bill [HL] will continue.

Lord Dubs to ask Her Majesty's Government what are their plans for the future of hospitals in West London, particularly in relation to their proposals to sell off much of the site of the existing Charing Cross hospital. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Thursday 19 October 2017 at 11.00am

***Lord Hain** to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to prevent money laundering through British banks by families and businesspeople linked to the government of South Africa.

***Baroness Donaghy** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of households in fuel poverty; and what action they intend to take to reduce that number.

***Lord Green of Deddington** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 20 September (HL1251), how much of the nearly £200 million provided to moderate opposition groups in Syria was for political support; and what was the nature of that assistance.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 13 October, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 17 October.

Lord Greaves to move that this House takes note of the future availability of resources for the provision of District Council services in two-tier areas. (*Balloted Debate, 2½ hours*)

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the economy of failure to agree a transition deal with the European Union. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

Lord Black of Brentwood to move that this House takes note of the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele and of Her Majesty's Government's plans to commemorate it. (*Balloted Debate, 2½ hours*)

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to move that this House regrets that the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2017, in delaying the review of the regulations governing the provision of community pharmaceutical services, do not prevent the closure of community pharmacies resulting from the budget cuts in 2016–17 and 2017–18 and changes to the way the funding is distributed (SI 2017/709).

Monday 23 October 2017 at 2.30pm

***Lord Haskel** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to deal with the concerns of the Money Advice Service and the Financial Conduct Authority about the level of consumer and personal debt in the United Kingdom.

***Lord Crisp** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the life science industrial strategy, published on 30 August, with regard to its findings on making the United Kingdom the best place for life sciences businesses to grow and on collaboration with the National Health Service.

***Lord Morris of Aberavon** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Earl Howe on 5 September (HL Deb, col 1828), what further consideration they have given to reviewing the Armed Forces Act 2006 to deal with serious offences committed by members of the armed forces.

***Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether banks and building societies are able to undertake immigration checks on approximately 70 million United Kingdom bank accounts as required by the Immigration Act 2016.

It is expected that the Committee stage of the Space Industry Bill [HL] will continue, and that it will conclude.

Tuesday 24 October 2017 at 2.30pm

***Lord Allen of Kensington** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to increase the current penalties, including custodial sentences, for animal welfare offences in England to bring them into line with the European average.

***Lord Rennard** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether it remains their policy to reduce the number of MPs to 600 in accordance with the Parliamentary Voting and Constituencies Act 2011.

***Lord Foulkes of Cumnock** to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the devolved administrations regarding Brexit.

Wednesday 25 October 2017 at 3.00pm

***Baroness Afshar** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of official announcements relating to terrorism focussing on the perpetrator's creed rather than the crime committed; and whether any such assessment has informed their practice in such cases.

***Lord Trefgarne** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they propose to take to protect members of the armed forces from repeated inquiries into the same incident.

***Lord Grocott** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the legislative arrangements giving rise to the Register of Hereditary Peers who wish to stand for election to the House of Lords.

Thursday 26 October 2017 at 11.00am

***Lord Clark of Windermere** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to increase staffing levels in the National Health Service to meet anticipated demand during the forthcoming winter period.

***Lord Triesman** to ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the recent meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, what assessment they have made of how the United Kingdom and fellow permanent members of the Security Council can improve the sharing of analysis and co-ordination with allies to ensure enhanced security.

***Lord Harris of Haringey** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the sustainability of the current level of funding available for police forces in England and Wales.

Monday 30 October 2017 at 2.30pm

***Baroness Wheeler** to ask Her Majesty's Government what preparations are being made to deal with the anticipated rise in flu cases this winter.

***Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the availability of resources for the support and maintenance of public parks in the United Kingdom.

***Baroness Lister of Burtersett** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the impact of the benefit rate freeze, in the light of the higher rate of inflation than that anticipated in the original impact assessment.

***Baroness Walmsley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to ensure that children and young people can obtain timely access to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

Tuesday 31 October 2017 at 2.30pm

***Lord Ramsbotham** to ask Her Majesty's Government when the review of probation contracts, due for completion in April this year, will be published.

***Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are planning to introduce legislation to require letting agents to join a registration scheme.

***Lord Hylton** to ask Her Majesty's Government which issues in their negotiations with the European Union have major or significant implications for women; how they plan to address those issues; and whether they intend to increase the proportion of women among their negotiators.

Wednesday 1 November 2017 at 3.00pm

***Lord Collins of Highbury** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Lord Bates on 3 July (HL Deb, col 670), whether they have concluded their consultation on changing the rules relating to overseas development assistance; and if so, what conclusions they have reached.

***Baroness Smith of Basildon** to ask Her Majesty's Government how many 999 calls were made to the South East Coast Ambulance Service on 23 September to which no ambulance was sent; and what was the average waiting time for ambulance attendance on that day in that area.

***Baroness Cox** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the recommendation of the Henry Jackson Society's report *Trafficking Terror* that an International Legal Task Force should be established to gather evidence on sexual violence as a tactic of terrorism.

Thursday 2 November 2017 at 11.00am

***Baroness McDonagh** to ask Her Majesty's Government how the £5 million public fund celebrating the centenary of women acquiring the vote has been allocated.

***Baroness Gardner of Parkes** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have plans to support the return of residential properties, presently let on a short-term basis, to the long-term housing rental market, particularly in London.

***Lord Faulkner of Worcester** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness and enforcement of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

Monday 6 November 2017 at 2.30pm

***Lord Dykes** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have had any discussions with the European Commission about its proposals for the future of the European Union.

***Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to protect rural communities from pesticides; and whether they intend to adopt non-chemical farming methods post-Brexit.

***Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask Her Majesty's Government what recent discussions they have had with farming organisations about the future of farm support post-Brexit.

***Lord West of Spithead** to ask Her Majesty's Government what contingency planning has been done to ensure patrolling and enforcement of the United Kingdom's exclusive economic zone and territorial seas after Brexit.

Tuesday 7 November 2017 at 2.30pm

***Baroness Sharples** to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress has been made in eliminating Japanese knotweed.

***Lord Cotter** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps, if any, they are taking to support the delivery of digital resilience programmes, such as *Be Strong Online*, in schools and elsewhere, to help young people to explore the digital world safely and to cope if they experience abuse online.

†***The Countess of Mar** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the symptoms of neurotoxicity caused by prescribed prophylactic drugs are being addressed within veterans' mental health diagnoses.

Motions for Balloted Debate

Ballot on 2 November for debate on 23 November. Time limit 2½ hours.

Select Committee Reports

The date on which the report was published is in italics.

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Union Committee *Brexit: justice for families, individuals and businesses?* (17th Report, Session 2016–17, HL Paper 134) *20 March*

Lord Whitty to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Union Committee *Brexit: trade in non-financial services* (18th Report, Session 2016–17, HL Paper 135) *22 March*

Lord Boswell of Aynho to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Union Committee *Brexit: the Crown Dependencies* (19th Report, Session 2016–17, HL Paper 136) *23 March*

Baroness Tyler of Enfield to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Select Committee on Financial Exclusion *Tackling Financial Exclusion: A country that works for everyone?* (Session 2016–17, HL Paper 132) *25 March*

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Select Committee on the Licensing Act 2003 *The Licensing Act 2003: post-legislative scrutiny* (Session 2016–17, HL Paper 146) *4 April*

Lord Patel to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Select Committee on the Long-term Sustainability of the NHS *The Long-term Sustainability of the NHS and Adult Social Care* (Session 2016–17, HL Paper 151) *5 April*

Baroness Pitkeathley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Select Committee on Charities *Stronger charities for a stronger society* (Session 2016–17, HL Paper 133) *26 March*

Lord Forsyth of Drumlean to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *Brexit and the Labour Market* (1st Report, HL Paper 11) *21 July*

Baroness Verma to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Union Committee *Operation Sophia: a failed mission* (2nd Report, HL Paper 5) *12 July*

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

Lord Kirkwood of Kirkhope to move that this House regrets that the Universal Credit (Housing Costs Element for Claimants Aged 18 to 21) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 have been published without the guidance which will be key to understanding how the legislation will work in practice (SI 2017/252). *28th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2016–17*

Lord German to move that this House regrets that the Social Security Benefit Up-rating Regulations 2017 do not take account of the impact of leaving the European Union on the state pensions of United Kingdom citizens living in the European Union (SI 2017/349).

Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts to move that this House regrets that the Universal Credit (Tenant Incentive Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2017 may disadvantage some of the poorest members of society (SI 2017/427). *31st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2016–17*

Lord Tunnicliffe to move that this House regrets that Her Majesty's Government has introduced the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017, the Information about People with Significant Control (Amendment) Regulations 2017 and the Scottish Partnerships (Register of People with Significant Control) Regulations 2017 without sufficient assessment of the effectiveness and value for money of the bureaucratic process proposed; and notes, with approval, that the Secondary Legislation Select Committee has questioned "the seriousness with which the Government view the process of scrutiny of secondary legislation" (SIs 2017/692, 2017/693 and 2017/684). *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Lord Rosser to move that this House takes note of the Criminal Justice (European Investigation Order) Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/730). *4th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Lord McAvoy to move that this House regrets that Her Majesty's Government has introduced the Social Security (Restrictions on Amounts for Children and Qualifying Young Persons) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 without proper consideration of the impact of the disclosure requirements in section 5 of the Criminal Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1967, and the effect this policy will have on women in Northern Ireland who are in a position to disclose personal information and third parties who may facilitate a disclosure; and notes, with concern, that the regulations have been introduced at a time when a serving Northern Ireland Executive has not been established (SR 2017/79). *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to move that this House regrets that the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 do not clarify how upfront charging can work without increasing barriers to healthcare for vulnerable groups, how they will not breach equality legislation through the potential use of racial profiling as a means to identify chargeable patients, and how the extension of charging to community services will not lead to patients being prevented from accessing preventative care programmes; and further regrets that they have been introduced without sufficient assessment of the effectiveness and value for money of the bureaucratic process proposed (SI 2017/756).

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 11 October and due for answer by 25 October.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that vulnerable Iraqi refugees from Yazidi, Christian and Shia minority groups have the same access to international assistance, such as the right to work, education and asylum, that has been offered to Syrian refugees. HL1881

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Prior of Brampton on 22 November 2016 (HL3075), how many human embryos were transferred to uteri in order to establish pregnancies following (1) vitrification, and (2) slow freezing methods; how many human embryos were deliberately destroyed following (a) vitrification, and (b) slow freezing methods, in the last five years for which figures are available; and how many human embryos held in storage have been allocated for potential destruction, but have not yet been deliberately destroyed, in the last five years for which figures are available, following either (i) vitrification, or (ii) slow freezing methods. HL1882

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the Hong Kong Government following their refusal to provide an entry visa to Benedict Rogers, the deputy chair of the UK Conservatives' human rights commission. HL1883

The Earl of Clancarty to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to ratify the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage; and if not, why not. HL1884

Lord Elystan-Morgan to ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of statements made by the Prime Minister about a vision of a global Britain following Brexit, how consistent, or otherwise, this is with her previous undertaking to the devolved administrations that their interests would be properly represented in the Brexit negotiations. HL1885

Lord Elystan-Morgan to ask Her Majesty's Government on how many occasions within the last 12 months the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU negotiations) has met. HL1886

Lord Elystan-Morgan to ask Her Majesty's Government on how many occasions it is intended the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU negotiations) will meet within the next 12 months. HL1887

Lord Elystan-Morgan to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU negotiations) has, in relation to Wales, met members of the Welsh Assembly. HL1888

Lord Goodlad to ask Her Majesty's Government what recent representations they have received from the Royal Hong Kong Police Association; and what action, if any, has followed. HL1889

Lord Goodlad to ask Her Majesty's Government what is the current deficit in the Central African Pension Fund. HL1890

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether they should take direct control of the administration of Lancashire County Council by appointing a commissioner. HL1891

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of any potential problems resulting from the release into the environment of nano and other plastic particles as a consequence of plastic materials being used as part of road surfacing materials. HL1892

Lord Hoyle to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have raised with Saudi Arabia the bombing of civilians in Yemen; and if so, what response they received. HL1893

Lord Hylton to ask Her Majesty's Government what recent discussions they have held with the government of the US regarding its involvement in the war in Yemen; whether the humanitarian consequences of that war were addressed during those discussions; and what assurances, if any, they have received regarding the US involvement in that war. HL1894

Lord Judd to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking, in co-operation with relevant authorities, to ensure that farming and land management are focused on securing environmental enhancement and regeneration. HL1895

Lord Judd to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to establish an independent inquiry into variation in access to children's services across England and the consequent impact on outcomes for vulnerable children; and if so, when. HL1896

Lord Judd to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the report produced by Oxfam and Doctors for Human Rights on the experience of refugees, not least women, fleeing war, persecution and poverty while they are in or transiting Libya; and what action they are taking to ensure that their policies are designed to meet the humanitarian needs of such people, and to ensure rights of safe passage. HL1897

Lord Judd to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the political and humanitarian situation in Southern Cameroons; and what action they are taking, (1) bilaterally, (2) multilaterally through the UN, (3) through the Commonwealth, and (4) with EU partners, to defuse the tensions threatening the security and stability of that region. HL1898

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask Her Majesty's Government what consultation they have undertaken with any of the more than two million new citizens since citizenship ceremonies were first introduced to ensure that those ceremonies promote British values and improve integration. HL1899

Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will include, within their leasehold review, a review of institutions such as the National Trust and other large property-owning organisations. HL1900

Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate to ask Her Majesty's Government what protections are in place to avoid conflicts of interest in the negotiating process between local authorities and trade unions in relation to the terms and conditions of public sector workers. HL1901

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the finding contained in the report of the Centre for Responsible Credit, *The Decline of Crisis and Community Care Support in England*, published in September, that 26 local authorities have closed their local welfare assistance schemes while others have cut spending on such schemes; and what plans they have to consider the Centre's proposals for reform. HL1902

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Nash on 19 September (HL1491), when they anticipate a suitable legislative opportunity will arise to put the guidance on school uniform policies on a statutory footing. HL1903

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask Her Majesty's Government what impact assessment they have made of their decision to raise social housing rents by the value of Consumer Price Index + 1 per cent from April 2020, and whether they will publish any such impact assessment. HL1904

Lord Macpherson of Earl's Court to ask Her Majesty's Government whether, in reforming stamp duty land tax, it was their policy intention to reduce receipts and transactions in properties over £1million in 2016–17. HL1905

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask Her Majesty's Government on how many occasions the Home Office has questioned the reported age of an asylum-seeking minor in the last 12 months. HL1906

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask Her Majesty's Government what has been the average duration of an asylum interview over the last 12 months. HL1907

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to extend the right of asylum-seekers to work beyond the jobs listed in the Shortage Occupation List. HL1908

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask Her Majesty's Government by whom, and when, the sum of £36.95 for asylum seekers' cash support was determined; and whether they have any plans to increase it. HL1909

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to put in place measures to help individuals for whom the cost of an immigration DNA test is too expensive, thereby preventing them from being reunited with family members. HL1910

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the extent to which the changes brought in by National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 may exacerbate health inequalities; whether they have made any further estimate of the savings to be made since publishing their impact assessment; if so, what is the difference between those two estimates; and whether they plan to reconsider those changes. HL1911

Lord Rooker to ask Her Majesty's Government what Government-sponsored research is currently under way in respect of neural tube defect births. HL1912

Lord Rooker to ask Her Majesty's Government what comparative assessment they have made of the UK and other EU member states, in respect of pregnancies affected by neural tube defects. HL1913

Lord Rooker to ask Her Majesty's Government what comparative assessment they have made of the UK and other OECD members, in respect of pregnancies affected by neural tube defects. HL1914

Lord Rooker to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Prior of Brampton on 14 July, 2015 (HL1000), what is the latest information they have regarding high risk groups suffering neural tube defects at birth. HL1915

The Earl of Sandwich to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of progress in the proposed revitalisation of the 2015 peace agreement in South Sudan by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development; what response was made by South Sudan to the July statement of the Troika and the EU; and what other local or church-inspired peace initiatives they are supporting. HL1916

The Earl of Sandwich to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the most acute needs in South Sudan in the coming six months; and what improvements, if any, there have been in the security situation in relation to humanitarian aid and the safe distribution of relief supplies in conflict areas. HL1917

Baroness Smith of Basildon to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the use of the *Public statement: relationship no longer subsisting* forms. HL1918

Lord Steel of Aikwood to ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to deferring the introduction of new regulations concerning the MOT testing of older vehicles until they have fully consulted all interested parties on the detail of their proposal. HL1919

Baroness Thomas of Winchester to ask Her Majesty's Government how many meetings they have held with the Chief Executives of Atos and Capita about Personal Independence Payment assessments since the General Election. HL1920

Baroness Thomas of Winchester to ask Her Majesty's Government whether Atos and Capita deploy the same healthcare professionals for the non-medical Personal Independence Payment assessment and the medical assessment for Employment and Support Allowance, the Work Capability Assessment. HL1921

Lord Warner to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Nash on 13 September (HL1358 and HL1359), what concerns caused the then Prime Minister in 2015 to consider the need to regulate madrassahs; and how a local authority is to establish whether children may be at risk in such settings if they have no powers of entry or intervention in such establishments. HL1922

Lord Warner to ask Her Majesty's Government (1) how many madrassahs there are in England; (2) how many hours a week children may spend in such institutions; (3) whether attendance at a madrassah during school hours can justify a child's non-attendance at school; and (4) whether parents who send children to a madrassah can combine this with home tuition to avoid normal school attendance. HL1923

Lord Warner to ask Her Majesty's Government what estimates they have made of the number of children attending madrassahs; and whether this number is increasing. HL1924

Lord Warner to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Nash on 13 September (HL1358 and HL1359), whether they intend to publish a summary of the evidence they have received following their call for evidence on a possible new system of oversight for out-of-school education settings; and whether this evidence suggests concern about the impact of madrassahs on children's welfare. HL1925

Lord Warner to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they intend to take following the recent concerns expressed by the Head of Ofsted about children being brought up in environments actively hostile to British values; and whether they consider that those concerns apply both to registered and unregistered schools, and other educational settings such as madrassahs. HL1926

Lord Warner to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Nash on 18 September (HL1354, HL1355, HL1356 and HL1357), whether they will consider collecting data on unregistered schools; what assessment they have made of Ofsted's estimate that 6,000 children are being educated in such schools; and why no prosecutions have been made of those found by Ofsted to be operating such schools when it is a criminal offence to do so. HL1927

Question unanswered after 10 working days

The questions asked on the dates shown in bold were due for answer by the dates in brackets. The Government department responsible for answering each Question is shown in square brackets.

8 September (22 September)

HL1474 Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb [Ministry of Justice]

Number of questions allocated to each department which are unanswered after 10 working days

Ministry of Justice (1)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Referred to the Examiners		
City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill	Private	17 October, 12.45pm
Waiting for Second Reading		
Succession to Peerages Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Asset Freezing (Compensation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Unpaid Work Experience (Prohibition) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) (Disabled Access) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Democratic Political Activity (Funding and Expenditure) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Home Education (Duty of Local Authorities) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Creditworthiness Assessment Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Local Government Elections (Referendum) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Registration of Marriage Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Open Skies Agreement (Membership) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Ecumenical Marriage Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Family Relationships (Impact Assessment and Targets) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Criminal Records Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Bat Habitats Regulation Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Amendment) (Sibling Couples) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Divorce (Financial Provision) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Duchy of Cornwall Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
European Union (Information, etc.) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Anonymity (Arrested Persons) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
BBC (Independence) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Local Housing Authority Debt Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Access to Palliative Care Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Cohabitation Rights Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Voting Age (Reduction) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Abortion (Foetus Protection) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Extension of Franchise (House of Lords) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
EEA Nationals (Indefinite Leave to Remain) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Victims of Crime (Rights, Entitlements, and Notification of Child Sexual Abuse) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Schools (Mental Health and Wellbeing) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	

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Policing Resources Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Certificate of Loss Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Opticians Act 1989 (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Digital Economy Act 2017 (Amendment) (Definition of Extreme Pornography) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Right to Die at Home Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Learning Disabilities (Review of Services) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
European Union (Referendum on the Withdrawal Agreement) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Road Traffic Offenders (Surrender of Driving Licences Etc) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Elections and Referendums (Advertising) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Abortion (Disability Equality) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Heritage Railways and Tramways (Voluntary Work) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (Legal Advice and Appeals) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
BBC Licence Fee Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Cosmetic Surgery (Standards) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Awards for Valour (Protection) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Property Boundaries (Resolution of Disputes) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Amendment) (Mixed Sex Couples) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide Determination Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Kew Gardens (Leases) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Carbon Emission Reductions Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Automatic Electoral Registration Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
European Union (Approvals) Bill	Government	
Committed to an Unopposed Bill Committee		
Richmond Burgage Pastures Bill [HL]	Private	
University of London Bill [HL]	Private	
Committed to a Grand Committee		
Telecommunications Infrastructure (Relief from Non-Domestic Rates) Bill	Government	
Committed to a Committee of the Whole House		
Space Industry Bill [HL]	Government	16 October
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Age of Criminal Responsibility Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Data Protection Bill [HL]	Government	
Waiting for Report		
Financial Guidance and Claims Bill [HL]	Government	
Air Travel Organisers' Licensing Bill	Government	

Waiting for Third Reading

Armed Forces (Flexible Working) Bill [HL]

Government

Sent to the Commons

New Southgate Cemetery Bill [HL]

Private

Statutory Instruments in Progress**Affirmative Instruments waiting for consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

Draft International Headquarters and Defence Organisations (Designation and Privileges) Order 2017

Draft Unified Patent Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2017

Draft Pension Schemes Act 2015 (Transitional Provisions and Appropriate Independent Advice) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2017

Draft Banking Act 2009 (Service Providers to Payment Systems) Order 2017

Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2017

Draft Renewables Obligation (Amendment) (Energy Intensive Industries) Order 2017

Draft Scotland Act 2016 (Onshore Petroleum) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2017 2017

Draft Small Business Commissioner (Scope and Scheme) Regulations 2017

Draft Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Public Health Functions) Order 2017

Draft Charitable Incorporated Organisations (Consequential Amendments) Order 2017

Draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2017

Draft Scottish Banknote (Designation of Authorised Bank) Regulations 2017

Draft Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017

Draft Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2017

Draft Business Contract Terms (Assignment of Receivables) Regulations 2017

Draft Community Drivers' Hours Offences (Enforcement) Regulations 2017

Draft Regulation of Social Housing (Influence of Local Authorities) (England) Regulations 2017 *6th Report from the Secondary Legislation Committee*

Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Insolvency Functions) Order 2017

Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Devolved Tax) (Wild Fisheries) Order 2017

Draft Selection of the President of Welsh Tribunals Regulations 2017

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Draft Hunting Act 2004 (Exempt Hunting) (Amendment) Order 2015 *7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2015–16*

Draft Non-Contentious Probate Fees Order 2017 *26th Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments Session 2016–17, 28th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee Session 2016–17*

Draft Trade Union (Deduction of Union Subscriptions from Wages in the Public Sector) Regulations 2017 *29th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2016–17*

Draft Electricity Capacity (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Draft Electricity Supplier Obligations (Amendment and Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 *32nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2016–17*

Negative Instruments

Universal Credit (Housing Costs Element for Claimants Aged 18 to 21) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 *28th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2016–17. Praying time expired 22 April.*

Universal Credit (Tenant Incentive Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2017 *31st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2016–17. Praying time expired 29 June.*

Social Security Benefit Up-rating Regulations 2017 *Not reported by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expired 22 June.*

Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 9 October.*

Information about People with Significant Control (Amendment) Regulations 2017 *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 10 October.*

Scottish Partnerships (Register of People with Significant Control) Regulations 2017 *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 10 October.*

National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 *Not reported by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 17 October. (19 October)*

Universal Credit (Housing Costs Element for Claimants Aged 18 to 21) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 24 October.*

Criminal Justice (European Investigation Order) Regulations 2017 *4th and 5th Reports from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 27 October.*

School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Order 2017 *5th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 7 November.*

Social Security (Restrictions on Amounts for Children and Qualifying Young Persons) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expired 19 July.*

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 *Not reported by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 5 November.*

Other Instruments

Draft Airports National Policy Statement: new runway capacity and infrastructure at airports in the South East of England

Retirements

The following members of the House have given notice of their intention to retire.

Baroness Trumpington (24 October)

Lord Plumb (3 November)

COMMITTEES

Committees

Unless otherwise indicated, Committees meet in the Lords' rooms in the Committee Corridor. Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below. Further details of these meetings, and of planned further meetings, may be found in the House of Lords Committees Weekly Bulletin.

Thursday 12 October

EU External Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 1	10.00am
EU Internal Market Sub-Committee	Room 2	10.00am

Tuesday 17 October

Science and Technology Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
EU Justice Sub-Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Communications Committee	London	10.30am
Political Polling and Digital Media Committee	Room 2	10.45am
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 Committee	Room 1	11.00am
Artificial Intelligence Committee	Room 4A	3.15pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 1	3.30pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm

Wednesday 18 October

EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 1	10.15am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 2A	10.30am
Citizenship and Civic Engagement Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
Finance Committee	Other (Parliamentary Estate)	4.15pm

Monday 23 October

Audit Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm
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Thursday 26 October

Services Committee	Other (Parliamentary Estate)	2.00pm
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Monday 30 October

Procedure Committee	Room 1	4.15pm
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Tuesday 31 October

Liaison Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm
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Wednesday 15 November

House of Lords Commission	Committee Room G	10.30am
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The House met at 3.00pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

Select Committee Report

1 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

The following Report from the Select Committee was made and ordered to be printed:

Armed Forces (Flexible Working) Bill [HL]: Government Response. (4th Report, HL Paper 24)

Public Business

2 **Brexit: European Union students** A question was asked by Lord Hunt of Kings Heath and answered by Viscount Younger of Leckie.

3 **Burma: Rohingya people** A question was asked by Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead and answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.

4 **Smoking: broadcasting code** A question was asked by Lord Storey and answered by Lord Ashton of Hyde.

5 **Brexit: World Trade Organisation** A question was asked by Lord Mendelsohn and answered by Baroness Sugg.

6 **Operation Conifer** A private notice question was asked by Lord Armstrong of Ilminster and answered by Baroness Williams of Trafford.

7 **Student finance** Viscount Younger of Leckie repeated as a ministerial statement the answer given to an Urgent Question in the House of Commons.

8 **Armed Forces (Flexible Working) Bill [HL]** The report was received. Amendments 1, 2, 4 and 10 were agreed to. Amendment 3 was disagreed to (see division). The bill, as amended, was ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 68)

9 **Air Travel Organisers' Licensing Bill** The bill was reported from the Grand Committee without amendment.

10 **European Union (Approvals) Bill** A bill to make provision approving for the purposes of section 8 of the European Union Act 2011 draft decisions under Article 352 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union on the participation of the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Serbia in the work of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and on the signing and conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and Canada regarding the application of their competition laws was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 67)

11 **European Union (Approvals) Bill** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 67–EN)

12 **Farmer review** A question was asked by Lord Farmer and, after debate, answered by Baroness Vere of Norbiton.

The House adjourned at 7.16pm until Thursday 12 October at 11.00am.

Ed Ollard
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

The Grand Committee met in the Moses Room at 3.45pm.

Air Travel Organisers’ Licensing Bill The Grand Committee considered the bill. It was ordered that the bill be reported without amendment.

The Committee adjourned at 5.28pm

Papers

All statutory instruments laid before the House are accompanied by an Explanatory Memorandum presented by command of Her Majesty, unless otherwise indicated.

Command Papers

The following papers were presented to the House by command of Her Majesty:

1. Communities and Local Government—Government Response to the House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee Report: Adult Social Care. (9501)
2. Communities and Local Government—Government Response to the House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee Report: Capacity in the Homebuilding Industry. (9517)

Division

Armed Forces (Flexible Working) Bill [HL]

Lord Craig of Radley moved amendment 3, in clause 1, page 1, to leave out lines 6 and 7 and insert:

“(ha) enabling a person serving with a regular force to take breaks from full-time service subject to prescribed conditions;”, and”

The House divided:

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