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Items marked † are new or have been altered.

Thursday 6 December 2018 at 11.00am

**Oral Questions, 30 minutes*

***Lord Balfe** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effect of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European External Action Service, as a result of leaving the European Union, on their ability to (1) shape European Union foreign policy, and (2) project their foreign policy objectives in countries that are not members of the European Union.

***Baroness Cox** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to revise their assessment of the situation in northern and central belt states of Nigeria, following the report by local church leaders of the killing and maiming of 6,000 civilians by Fulani Islamist terrorists between January and June and figures from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees that almost two million people have been displaced by jihadist attacks.

***Lord Foster of Bath** to ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the possibility of a flexible Value Added Tax regime to allow digital publications to be zero-rated; and whether they intend to make use of this flexibility should it come into effect.

***Lord Addington** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of concerns raised by Ofsted about the education of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND); and what steps they will take to improve the funding and delivery of SEND services in the light of those concerns.

Services The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Lord Touhig be appointed a member of the Select Committee in place of Baroness Hollis of Heigham, deceased; and that Baroness Wheeler be appointed a member of the Select Committee in place of Lord McAvoy, resigned.

The following two motions are to be debated together:

†Brexit: Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration Adjourned debate on the motion of the Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Evans of Bowes Park) that this House, for the purposes of section 13(1)(c) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, takes note of the negotiated withdrawal agreement laid before the House on Monday 26 November 2018 with the title '*Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community*' and the framework for the future relationship laid before the House on Monday 26 November 2018 with the title '*Political Declaration setting out the framework for the future relationship between the European Union and the United Kingdom*'. *24th Report from the European Union Committee*

†Baroness Smith of Basildon to move that this House, while noting that it is for the House of Commons to determine the matter, considers that a no deal outcome to negotiations under Article 50(2) of the Treaty on European Union must be emphatically rejected, and regrets that Her Majesty's Government have negotiated a withdrawal agreement and political declaration that would do grave damage to the future economic prosperity, internal security and global influence of the United Kingdom.

†Lord Butler of Brockwell to move, as an amendment to the above motion, leave out from "rejected" to the end.