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& MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday 18 October 2017 at 3.00pm

*Oral Questions, 30 minutes

- *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]
- *Baroness Gale to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the rise in online and verbal abuse targeting families with disabled children.

The Senior Deputy Speaker intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.

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.

Communications The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Lord Gordon of Strathblane be appointed a member of the Select Committee in place of Lord Hart of Chilton, deceased.

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

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)

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Future Business

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.
- †*Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask Her Majesty's Government, ahead of the planned deportation to Bulgaria of the Syrian refugee Mohammed Mirzo, what assessment they have made of the impact on his human rights.
- †Business of the House The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Evans of Bowes Park) to move that Standing Order 72 (*Affirmative Instruments*) be dispensed with on Tuesday 24 October to enable a motion to approve the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2017 to be moved, notwithstanding that no report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments on the instrument has been laid before the House.

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, I 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).

†Financial Guidance and Claims Bill [HL] Baroness Buscombe to move that the amendments for the Report stage be marshalled and considered in the following order:

Clause 1 Clauses 14 to 16
Schedules 1 and 2 Schedules 4 and 5
Clauses 2 to 13 Clauses 17 to 20

Schedule 3 Title.

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.

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- *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.

†The Senior Deputy Speaker intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.

†Secondary Legislation Scrutiny The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Baroness Blackstone be appointed a member of the Select Committee in place of Baroness Gould of Potternewton, resigned.

†Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Lord Cavendish of Furness be appointed a member of the Select Committee in place of Baroness Scott of Bybrook, resigned.

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

†Lord Patel to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have for making their science and innovation strategy an effective part of their industrial strategy. (1½ hours)

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.

†Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Wednesday 18 October, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 20 October.

†Financial Guidance and Claims Bill [HL] Report [Baroness Buscombe]

†Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2017 Baroness Williams of Trafford to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 17 July be approved. (Dinner break business) (Instrument not reported by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.30pm

†Telecommunications Infrastructure (Relief from Non-Domestic Rates) Bill Committee [Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth]

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 focusing 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.

FUTURE BUSINESS

*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.

†Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 19 October, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 23 October.

†Middle Level Bill The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that this House do agree with the order made by the Commons set out in their message of 17 October.

†City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill Second Reading

†Armed Forces (Flexible Working) Bill [HL] Third Reading [Earl Howe]

†Air Travel Organisers' Licensing Bill Report [Lord Callanan]

†European Union (Approvals) Bill Second Reading [Lord Prior of Brampton]

†Electricity Capacity (Amendment) Regulations 2017 Lord Prior of Brampton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 23 March be approved. 27th Report, Session 2016–17, from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

†Electricity Supplier Obligations (Amendment and Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 Lord Prior of Brampton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 28 March be approved. 32nd Report, Session 2016–17, from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 27th Report, Session 2016–17, from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

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.

†Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 20 October, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 24 October.

†Baroness Smith of Newnham to move that this House takes note of the case for intergenerational fairness to form a core part of government policy across all departments.

†Baroness Helic to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they have taken to support the Rohingya refugees currently displaced in Bangladesh. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

Friday 27 October 2017 at 10.00am

†Asset Freezing (Compensation) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Empey]

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Empey to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

†Unpaid Work Experience (Prohibition) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Holmes of Richmond]

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Holmes of Richmond to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

†Democratic Political Activity (Funding and Expenditure) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Tyler]

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Tyler to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

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.
- †Data Protection Bill [HL] Committee [Lord Ashton of Hyde]
- †Baroness Hayman to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of progress in the recovery of Sierra Leone from the effect of the Ebola outbreak; and what assistance they are offering the government of Sierra Leone in the recovery effort. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

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.
- †It is expected that the Report stage of the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill [HL] will continue, and that it will conclude.
- †**Baroness Randerson** to ask Her Majesty's Government what measures they intend to take to improve the reliability of railway services. (*Dinner break business*, *1 hour*)

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.

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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.

The Earl of Lindsay to move that this House takes note of new opportunities and challenges for agriculture, fisheries, and the rural economy in the United Kingdom.

†Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 23 October, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 24 October.

Lord Farmer to move that this House takes note of *A Manifesto to Strengthen Families*, published on 6 September.

†Lord Chidgey to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will ensure that the programme for the Commonwealth Summit in London in 2018 includes a People's Forum and a Parliamentary Forum, the outcomes of which are recorded in the final communiqué, as has been the case for similar summits in the past. (1½ hours)

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.

†It is expected that the Committee stage of the Data Protection Bill [HL] will continue.

†Tuesday 7 November 2017 at 11.00am

- *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.

Monday 13 November 2017 at 2.30pm

- *Lord Spicer to ask Her Majesty's Government what estimates they have made of the impact on the eventual financial settlement with the European Union of those European Union assets towards which the United Kingdom made a financial contribution and which at Brexit will remain part of the European Union.
- *Baroness Pidding to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on road safety of the increase introduced at the end of 2016 in the number of penalty points imposed under a fixed-penalty notice issued for drivers caught using a hand-held mobile phone or other similar device while driving.
- *Lord Addington to ask Her Majesty's Government why dyslexic students have to pay for an assessment for Disabled Students' Allowance when other disabled students do not.
- *Lord Lee of Trafford to ask Her Majesty's Government what is the ratio of overseas aid expenditure to defence expenditure in the current financial year.

Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 2.30pm

- †*Lord Naseby to ask Her Majesty's Government what work they have undertaken to plan for a fifth generation of New Towns.
- †*Viscount Waverley to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the extent to which the United Kingdom's foreign policy supports the needs of United Kingdom businesses to create and engage with trade opportunities globally.
- †*Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer to ask Her Majesty's Government how they expect Brexit will affect United Kingdom food prices over the next five years.

Motions for Balloted Debate

Ballot on 2 November for debate on 23 November. Time limit 21/2 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).

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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). *Ist 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 Short Debate

Time limit 1 hour or $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

†Baroness Whitaker to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address health issues in the Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities. (17 October)

†Baroness Greengross to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risks of anti-microbial resistance. (17 October)

†Lord McInnes of Kilwinning to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the situation of minorities in Iraq and what support they are providing to ensure a stable, democratic and diverse government of Iraq. (17 October)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 17 October and due for answer by 31 October.

Lord Allen of Kensington to ask Her Majesty's Government what understanding they have reached with the EU on sharing out the tariff-rate quotas that govern the import of farm products into the EU from countries outside the bloc; when they anticipate those changes will come into effect; and what effect the proposed sharing out will have on overall quotas registered with the World Trade Organisation. HL2090

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the recommendation in paragraph 6.2.3. of Council of Europe Resolution 2190 (2017) regarding "not prioritising, systematically and exclusively, with regard to the members of Daesh, the application of national anti-terrorist legislation, to the detriment of their universal jurisdiction when examining cases involving the crimes described in the Rome Statute of the ICC".

HL2091

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government what specific issues they raised as part of the latest round of the UK–Sudan Strategic Dialogue which took place on 16 and 17 October; and what assessment they have made of the death penalty issued to Sudanese student Assim Omar Hassan.

HL2092

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of Sudan's role in human trafficking in the light of the government of the United States report *Trafficking in Persons Report 2017*, which stated that the government of Sudan does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking and is not making significant efforts to improve.

HL2093

Lord Blunkett to ask Her Majesty's Government what is the anticipated date of publication of their review into democratic engagement.

HL2094

Lord Bradley to ask Her Majesty's Government how many people were transferred from prison to hospital under the Mental Health Act 1983 in (1) 2015; (2) 2016; and (3) 2017. HL2095 [I]

Lord Bradley to ask Her Majesty's Government how many people who were transferred from prison to hospital under the Mental Health Act 1983 since 2015 waited for a transfer for more than (1) 14 days; (2) one month; (3) three months; (4) six months; and (5) one year.

HL2096 [I]

Lord Bradley to ask Her Majesty's Government how many (1) males, and (2) females, who are currently serving prison sentences in England and Wales are over the age of 80. HL2097 [I]

Lord Bradley to ask Her Majesty's Government how many (1) males, and (2) females, currently serving a prison sentence who are over the age of 80, were over the age of 70 when sentenced.

HL2098 [I]

Lord Bradley to ask Her Majesty's Government how many people have been granted compassionate release from prison on the grounds of ill-health in each of the last five years.

HL2099 [I]

Lord Bradley to ask Her Majesty's Government what proportion of people leaving prison had settled accommodation arranged on release in each of the last three years.

HL2100 [I]

Lord Clark of Windermere to ask Her Majesty's Government how many students entered university nursing courses in each academic year since 2010, including those who started in the current academic year 2017–18.

HL2101

Baroness Coussins to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support the government of Colombia to ensure that the recent peace agreement is fully implemented in consultation with local communities.

HL2102

Baroness Coussins to ask Her Majesty's Government what technical support they are providing to the government of Colombia to ensure that an effective system of transitional justice is implemented under the recent peace agreement.

HL2103

Baroness Coussins to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support the government of Colombia to progress peace talks with the National Liberation Army (ELN), extend the bilateral ceasefire, and to fully dismantle the paramilitary groups.

HL2104

Baroness Coussins to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support the government of Colombia to protect those defending human rights; and how they are helping the government of Colombia to identify and prosecute the perpetrators of crimes against those defending human rights.

HL2105

Baroness Coussins to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that UK businesses operating in Colombia are required to carry out human rights due diligence in relation to their overseas operations and do not initiate projects in Colombia without gaining free, prior and informed consent from the communities that they affect.

HL2106

Baroness Gardner of Parkes to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth on 14 September (HL1598), whether they will consider setting up a system under which local authorities would, for a registration fee, have the right to confirm that a holiday let is legally in accordance with the terms of the letter's mortgage or tenancy agreement. [I] HL2107

Baroness Gardner of Parkes to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth on 14 September (HL1597) that no consultations have been carried out, what plans they have to consult local authorities on a register of short-term holiday let tenants. HL2108 [I]

Baroness Gardner of Parkes to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth on 14 September (HL1596), how many London boroughs have sought consent from the Secretary of State to remove the freedom to short-term let for 90 nights from a property; and whether they have any plans to publicise this procedure to London boroughs.

HL2109 [I]

Lord Grantchester to ask Her Majesty's Government which departments will be responsible for the management of any future legislation relating to Euratom and EU Directives on (1) radioactive waste and spent fuel management, (2) protection against ionising radiation, (3) the supervision and control of shipments of radioactive waste and spent fuel, and (4) drinking water.

HL2110

Lord Grantchester to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure the maintenance and timely replacement of the nuclear power element of the UK's electricity production. HL2111

Lord Grantchester to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to promote integrated working between the agencies responsible for licensing nuclear sites and for safeguarding the public and the environment in the UK following the UK's withdrawal from Euratom.

HL2112

Baroness Harris of Richmond to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will place in the Library of the House a copy of the recent report by the Ministry of Defence into the Gibraltar Police Federation.

HL2113

Baroness Helic to ask Her Majesty's Government what support they are providing to (1) Somalia, and (2) the Democratic Republic of Congo, in the implementation of initiatives to prevent sexual violence in conflict.

HL2114

Lord Hoyle to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Saudi Arabia regarding the impact of Saudi-led coalition air strikes in Yemen on civilians; and what response they have received.

HL2115

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Lord O'Shaughnessy on 12 October (HL Deb, cols 292–5), when the consultation on the cap and the floor for social care funding will take place; how long it will last; who will be consulted; and when they decided that further consultation was needed.

HL2116

Lord Hussain to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current situation of the Rohingya community in Myanmar and those in refugee camps in Bangladesh.

HL2117

Lord Hussain to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to stop the forced deportation of the Rohingya community from Myanmar and to ensure their ongoing safety in Myanmar. HL2118

Lord Hylton to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are giving any assistance to help consolidate the recent reconciliation deal between Fatah and Hamas, and to support negotiations aimed at long-term peace in Palestine.

HL2119

Lord Hylton to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of Hamas' recent announcement that they are willing to dissolve the Gaza administrative committee and hold general elections. HL2120

The Marquess of Lothian to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on UNESCO of the government of the United States' announcement of its intention to withdraw from UNESCO at the end of 2018.

HL2121

The Marquess of Lothian to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they held with the White House prior to the President of the United States' announcement that he would not certify Iran's compliance with its commitments under the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

HL2122

The Marquess of Lothian to ask Her Majesty's Government what is the current position regarding Ministry of Defence aircraft contracts with Boeing following the United States Department of Commerce's decision to place import tariffs on Bombardier aircraft built in Northern Ireland.

HL2123

The Marquess of Lothian to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to consider changes to the gender identity question in the 2021 Census.

HL2124

The Marquess of Lothian to ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the severe humanitarian crisis in Yemen, what representations they have made to the government of Saudi Arabia regarding allowing aid agencies access to Yemen.

HL2125

The Marquess of Lothian to ask Her Majesty's Government whether, during her meeting with the President of Iran at the UN General Assembly in September, the Prime Minister raised the case of the imprisoned dual Iranian-British national Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe; and what assurances they have received that Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe is not being subjected to ill-treatment.

HL2126

Baroness McGregor-Smith to ask Her Majesty's Government what changes they expect in relation to public procurement rules post Brexit.

HL2127

Lord Mawson to ask Her Majesty's Government who within the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has responsibility for overseeing and monitoring (1) the overall impact of Government legislation, and (2) the burden of regulation, on small and medium-sized enterprises.

HL2128

Lord Mendelsohn to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the Prime Minister's proposal for a twoyear period of implementation after the UK leaves the EU encompasses the Euratom Treaty. HL2129

Lord Mendelsohn to ask Her Majesty's Government whether it is their understanding that nuclear cooperation agreements concluded between Euratom and third countries would continue to apply to the UK for the duration of any post-Brexit implementation period.

HL2130

Lord Mendelsohn to ask Her Majesty's Government when the Office for Nuclear Regulation expects to appoint a new Chief Nuclear Inspector.

HL2131

Lord Mendelsohn to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to develop new arrangements for trade in nuclear goods and services, including licensing and customs systems, after the UK's withdrawal from the EU and the Euratom Treaty.

HL2132

Lord Mendelsohn to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to seek to maintain the activities of, and ensure completion of ongoing experiments at, the Joint European Torus (JET) nuclear fusion facility at Culham in Oxfordshire after the end of the current contract between the European Commission and the Culham Centre for Fusion Energy in 2018.

HL2133

Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the call by the President of France for the creation of a concrete mechanism to enforce international law regarding the protection of journalists.

HL2134

Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions, if any, they have had with the government of Malta about the murder of journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia. HL2135

Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that environmental defenders, including park rangers, are being killed in record numbers globally.

HL2136

Lord Moonie to ask Her Majesty's Government what dangers wild parsnips pose to the environment and the public.

HL2137

Lord Moynihan to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to publish a Green Paper during the current Parliament which covers consumer protection in relation to third-party intermediaries which offer water and energy services.

HL2138

Lord Moynihan to ask Her Majesty's Government what (1) consumer protections, (2) redress schemes, (3) requirements to provide information and (4) requirements to treat consumers fairly currently exist in UK law in relation to third-party intermediaries which offer water and energy services to consumers, including under the retail exit programme for water companies.

HL2139

Lord Moynihan to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to reform the water abstraction system, including in relation to abstraction volumes and licence conditions.

HL2140

Lord Patel of Bradford to ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the increases in the number of opioid-related deaths, what consideration they have given to the advice of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs supporting the use of opioid substitution treatment.

HL2141

Baroness Rebuck to ask Her Majesty's Government how much of the four-year £435 million package of support for business ratepayers following the 2017 business rate revaluation has been spent; and how much has been used to support bookshops.

HL2142

Baroness Rebuck to ask Her Majesty's Government how many bookshops have lost small business rate relief or rural rate relief as a result of the 2017 business rate revaluation; and, beyond the scheme to cap the annual bill increase for any ratepayer losing these reliefs, what plans they have to protect small bookshops from closure.

HL2143

Baroness Rebuck to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to extend the scheme providing a £1,000 discount to pubs with a rateable value of less than £100,000; and, if so, whether this plan will cover bookshops.

HL2144

Baroness Rebuck to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to provide guidance on the use of the £300 million fund for local authorities to distribute to help businesses facing higher business rate bills; and, if so, whether this guidance will cover support for bookshops.

HL2145

Lord Rooker to ask Her Majesty's Government what percentage of pregnancies they estimate are unplanned; and what assessment they have made of the relationship between unplanned pregnancies and the high-risk period for blood folate levels and closure of the neural tube at 27 days of gestation.

HL2146

Lord Rooker to ask Her Majesty's Government what changes, if any, they have made in the past two years in relation to raising awareness among women of child bearing age of the need to take folic acid supplements prior to conception.

HL2147

Lord Rosser to ask Her Majesty's Government what proportion of fees set by the Home Office for settlement checking services at local councils were (1) retained by local councils, and (2) retained by the Home Office, in each month since 2010.

HL2148

Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they intend to take to ensure that other states do not interfere improperly in the UK's democratic process.

HL2149

Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they are making to the government of Israel concerning the conditions for Palestinian women in Israeli prisons and the number of Palestinian women currently held in Israeli prisons without charge.

HL2150

Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the disenfranchisement of Burmese citizens, including the Rohingya, in the November 2015 elections in Myanmar.

HL2151

Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they are making to the government of Israel following a report from the Palestinian Prisoners' Affairs Commission that the Israeli Army has arrested at least 927 children since the beginning of the year and given many of them lengthy sentences.

HL2152

Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they plan to take to involve Hamas in future negotiations with Israel.

HL2153

Baroness Uddin to ask Her Majesty's Government what UK aid is being spent to support Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

HL2154

Baroness Uddin to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of access to sexual and reproductive health services for Rohingya families in refugee camps in Bangladesh. HL2155

Baroness Uddin to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of efforts to prevent and address sexual violence in Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh, and of the processes in place to ascertain and record the culpability of perpetrators.

HL2156

Baroness Uddin to ask Her Majesty's Government what support, if any, is being provided by UK Aid Direct in partnership with the government of Bangladesh and non-governmental organisations, to Rohingya refugee women who are seeking abortion services as a result of being raped. HL2157

Baroness Uddin to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Myanmar regarding its reported complicity in the torture, rape and ethnic cleansing of Rohingya people.

HL2158

Questions 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]

2 October (16 October)

HL1640 Lord Berkeley [Department for Exiting the European Union]

HL1678 Lord Ramsbotham [Ministry of Justice]

HL1680 Lord Ramsbotham [Ministry of Justice]

HL1681 Lord Ramsbotham [Ministry of Justice]

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

Department for Exiting the European Union (1)

Ministry of Justice (4)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Succession to Peerages Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Asset Freezing (Compensation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	27 October
Unpaid Work Experience (Prohibition) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	27 October
Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) (Disabled Access) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Democratic Political Activity (Funding and Expenditure) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	27 October
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	
Policing Resources Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Certificate of Loss Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Opticians Act 1989 (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	

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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	Private Member's	
[HL]		
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	25 October
City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill	Private	25 October
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	24 October
Committed to a Committee of the Whole House		
Space Industry Bill [HL]	Government	18 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	30 October
Waiting for Report		
Financial Guidance and Claims Bill [HL]	Government	24 October
Air Travel Organisers' Licensing Bill	Government	25 October
Waiting for Third Reading		
Armed Forces (Flexible Working) Bill [HL]	Government	25 October

Waiting for Royal Assent

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 (24 October)

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

Draft Drug Dealing Telecommunications Restriction Orders Regulations 2017

Draft Risk Transformation 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 (25 October)

Draft Electricity Supplier Obligations (Amendment and Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 32nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2016–17 (25 October)

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 expired 9 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

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.

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Wednesday 18 October		
EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee	Room 2	10.00am
EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 1	10.15am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 2A	10.30am
EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Citizenship and Civic Engagement Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
Finance Committee	Other (Parliamentary Estate)	4.15pm
Thursday 19 October		
EU Internal Market Sub-Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
EU External Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 1	10.30am
Monday 23 October		
Audit Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm
Tuesday 24 October		
Science and Technology Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
EU Justice Sub-Committee	Room 3	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
Thursday 26 October		
Services Committee	Other (Parliamentary Estate)	2.00pm
Monday 30 October		
Procedure Committee	Room 1	4.15pm
Tuesday 31 October		
Liaison Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm
Monday 6 November		
House of Lords Commission	Lord Speaker's Office	4.00pm

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The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

1 **Retirement** The Lord Speaker informed the House of the retirement with effect from 17 October of Lord Lloyd-Webber under section 1 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014.

Select Committee Report

2 **Secondary Legislation Scrutiny** The 7th Report from the Select Committee was made and ordered to be printed. (HL Paper 25)

Private Business

- 3 **City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill** The Examiners certified that no further Standing Order is applicable.
- 4 New Southgate Cemetery Bill [HL] The bill was returned from the Commons agreed to.
- 5 **Middle Level Bill** A message was brought from the Commons that they have made the following Order to which they desire the agreement of this House:

That the promoters of the Middle Level Bill, which originated in this House in the previous Session on 24 January 2017, may have leave to proceed with the Bill in the current Session according to the provisions of Standing Order 188B (*Revival of bills*).

Public Business

- 6 **British American Tobacco** A question was asked by Baroness Thornton and answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.
- 7 **Home ownership** A question was asked by Lord Kennedy of Southwark and answered by Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth.
- 8 Islamophobia A question was asked by Baroness Warsi and answered by Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth.
- 9 **Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe** A question was asked by Baroness Northover and answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.
- 10 **International Investment** Lord Prior of Brampton repeated a ministerial statement made in the House of Commons.
- 11 **Update on EU Exit Negotiations** Baroness Goldie repeated a ministerial statement made in the House of Commons.
- 12 **Channel 4: privatisation (Communications Committee Report)** Lord Best moved 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). After debate, the motion was agreed to.
- 13 **Brexit: agriculture and farm animal welfare (European Union Committee Reports)** Lord Teverson moved 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). After debate, the motion was agreed to.

14 **Nuclear Research and Technology (Science and Technology Committee Report)** The Earl of Selborne moved 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). After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 10.46pm until Wednesday 18 October at 3.00pm.

Ed Ollard

Clerk of the Parliaments

Papers

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

Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

1. Social Security and Child Support (Care Payments and Tenant Incentive Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (995)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1. Direction to the Office for Nuclear Regulation regarding the supply of information on changes or proposed changes of ownership or control of certain specific entities operating in the Civil Nuclear Sector
- 2. National Insurance Fund Account 2016–17
- 3. Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund Account 2016-17