

Monday 20 November 2017 at 2.30pm

Lord Burnett of Maldon will be introduced.

**Oral Questions, 30 minutes*

***Baroness Doocey** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact that the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union Open Skies Agreement would have on the United Kingdom's tourism industry.

***Lord Kennedy of Southwark** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the contribution that offsite manufactured housing can make to their proposals for fixing our "broken housing market".

***Lord Lucas** to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs have made in closing down VAT evasion by overseas sellers trading in the United Kingdom through online marketplaces; and what remains to be done.

***Viscount Ridley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what conclusions they draw from calculations by the Centre for Entrepreneurs that 660,000 start-up companies were founded in 2016.

Data Protection Bill [HL] Committee (day 5) Lord Ashton of Hyde *6th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee, 6th Report from the Constitution Committee*

Lord Empey to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are planning to review the operation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the devolved administrations. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Future Business**Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 2.30pm**

Lord Chartres will be introduced.

***Baroness Randerson** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to bring forward legislation to control the use of drones; and if so, when.

***Lord Hussain** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the human rights situation in Indian-held Kashmir.

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[†] indicates that the member concerned has a relevant registered interest.



***Lord Shipley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their target for the number of additional social homes to be built by 2022.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 17 November.

Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Evans of Bowes Park) to move that this House approves the nomination of Lord Janvrin and the Marquess of Lothian as members of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament.

Financial Guidance and Claims Bill [HL] Third Reading [Baroness Buscombe]

†**Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Bill [HL]** Committee [Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon] *7th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee, 8th Report from the Constitution Committee*

Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 3.00pm

***Lord Berkeley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what detailed information they have provided to (1) HMRC, and (2) the transport and related industries, to enable planning and procurement for delay-free border crossings between the United Kingdom and European Union member states immediately following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

***Lord Lennie** to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they have taken to address the concerns raised in the Social Mobility Commission's *State of the Nation* report published in November 2016.

***Lord Greaves** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the current and future level of services for the collection of recycled materials and other refuse from domestic properties. [I]

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 20 November.

†*It is expected that the Committee stage of the Data Protection Bill [HL] will continue, and that it will conclude.*

†**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to develop a strategy for improving the standards of wound care in the NHS. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*) [I]

Thursday 23 November 2017 at 11.00am

***Lord Wigley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress has been made in discussion with the devolved administrations relating to the establishment of an agreed intergovernmental forum between Westminster and the devolved governments to decide on appropriate competence for powers relating to devolved functions repatriated from the European Union following Brexit.

***Lord Foulkes of Cumnock** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the long-term needs of the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh; and what further assistance they will provide.

***Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to match the current European Union contribution towards United Kingdom mental health research funding after the United Kingdom leaves the European Union.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 17 November, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 21 November.

Lord Soley to move that this House takes note of the case for maintaining United Kingdom defence forces at a sufficient level to contribute to global peace, stability and security. (*Balloted Debate, 2½ hours*)

Lord Browne of Belmont to move that this House takes note of the challenges facing problem gamblers, specifically with respect to online gambling, and of the Multi-Operator Self Exclusion Scheme about to be introduced to help online gamblers. (*Balloted Debate, 2½ hours*)

Lord Morris of Aberavon to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to set up a widely-drawn working party, using the expertise of Treasury counsel, into the working of section 42 of the Armed Forces Act 2006. (*1½ hours*)

Friday 24 November 2017 at 10.00am

Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) (Disabled Access) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Blencathra]

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

Home Education (Duty of Local Authorities) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Soley]

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

Creditworthiness Assessment Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Bird]

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

Monday 27 November 2017 at 2.30pm

***Baroness Donaghy** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the proposed Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill will include measures to prevent violence against women and girls as well as criminal justice measures to deal with perpetrators.

***Lord Cromwell** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of the processes in place to enable whistleblowers to come forward without adverse personal consequences.

***Baroness Nye** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of police resources available to support victims of domestic violence.

***Baroness Gale** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will consult on establishing a register of serial stalkers.

†**Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne** to move that this House takes note of the Department for International Development's Economic Development Strategy, and Her Majesty's Government's plans to implement that strategy.

†**Lord Popat** to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress they are making in increasing the export of goods and services to Africa and the Commonwealth. (*1½ hours*)

Tuesday 28 November 2017 at 2.30pm

***The Earl of Clancarty** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve initial teacher education in order to ensure a high standard of teaching of art, craft and design subjects in schools.

***Baroness Wheeler** to ask Her Majesty's Government what actions they are taking to address the concerns raised by the Care Quality Commission in its review published in October about the particular difficulties faced by children and young people in vulnerable circumstances, such as looked-after children and those with learning disabilities, in accessing mental health care.

***Lord Dubs** to ask Her Majesty's Government what short-term action they propose to take to improve air quality in Britain.

Space Industry Bill [HL] Third Reading [Baroness Sugg]

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

Lord Boateng to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress they have made in improving mental health services for people from black and ethnic minority communities. (*1½ hours*)

Lord Burnett to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the future of the Royal Marines. (*1½ hours*) [1]

Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 3.00pm

***Lord Clark of Windermere** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will write off the tuition fees of nurses who spend a number of years working in the NHS or related public care services.

***Baroness Coussins** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have revised their target for annual budget savings on the cost of providing interpretation and translation services in criminal proceedings, following the allocation of the latest contract for those services to thebigword; and if so, what is their new target.

***Lord Aberdare** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the introduction of the new system of apprenticeship training on both public and private training providers.

Thursday 30 November 2017 at 11.00am

***Lord Collins of Highbury** to ask Her Majesty's Government how they will support young people as partners, leaders, and advocates within the global response to HIV.

***Lord Cashman** to ask Her Majesty's Government how reductions to the public health grant since 2015–16 have affected access to sexual health services and HIV prevention services, particularly in London, for (1) men who have sex with men, and (2) people from black and minority ethnic groups.

***Lord Jordan** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the value of every local authority adopting a strategic approach to falls prevention in the context of easing the burden on the health and social care systems.

†**Lord Clark of Windermere** to move that this House takes note of the impact of Her Majesty's Government's fiscal policies on the recruitment, retention and conditions of NHS staff.

Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 20 November, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 21 November.

†**Lord Liddle** to move that this House takes note of the case for a comprehensive agenda to address regional and national inequalities within the United Kingdom.

Monday 4 December 2017 at 2.30pm

***Baroness Benjamin** to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to address the problem of child tooth decay, in the light of the finding by Public Health England in its most recent oral health survey that 25 per cent of five year olds had experienced dental decay.

***Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential for home battery storage to change the dynamics of energy supply and demand.

***Baroness Thornton** to ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the report of the Nursing and Midwifery Council published on 2 November which found that the number of nurses and midwives joining its register from the European Union had dropped by 89 per cent over the last year, how they plan to make good the anticipated shortfall.

***Lord Campbell-Savours** to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions Ministers have had in the last year with United Kingdom security and border control authorities on the introduction of personal identity cards.

Procedure The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the 1st Report from the Select Committee (Procedural changes arising from the two-year session) (HL Paper 33) be agreed to.

Tuesday 5 December 2017 at 2.30pm

***Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask Her Majesty's Government what actions they plan to take to tackle rural poverty.

***Lord Dykes** to ask Her Majesty's Government what response they have received from the European Union negotiating team to their proposals on the Irish border problem.

***Lord West of Spithead** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is the naval manpower ceiling required to ensure that all ships, air squadrons and submarines in the planned naval programme are fully staffed.

Wednesday 6 December 2017 at 3.00pm

***Baroness Quin** to ask Her Majesty's Government what are their priorities concerning health policy in the Brexit negotiations.

***Lord Vinson** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on freedom of speech of the approach adopted by the Crown Prosecution Service to prosecution of racially and religiously aggravated crime, and how that approach accords with the legal definition of such crime under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Criminal Justice Act 2003.

***Baroness Kennedy of Cradley** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to introduce mandatory electrical safety checks in the private rented sector.

Thursday 7 December 2017 at 11.00am

***Baroness Gardner of Parkes** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support councils to provide emergency housing to help those who have been made unintentionally homeless.

***Baroness Hollins** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps are they taking to support (1) the care sector, and (2) those receiving care, in the light of the retrospective change in guidance on the application of the national minimum wage to sleep-in shifts for care workers.

***Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of youth orchestras in the United Kingdom and the frequency of their performances, and what steps they are taking to support youth orchestras, particularly in the light of Brexit.

†**Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to move that this House takes note of Her Majesty's Government's plans to ensure that regulation is balanced, cost-effective, easy to understand, and properly enforced.

†**Baroness McGregor-Smith** to move that this House takes note of the steps Her Majesty's Government could take to improve public procurement.

Friday 8 December 2017 at 10.00am

The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury to move that this House takes note of the role of education in building a flourishing and skilled society.

Monday 11 December 2017 at 2.30pm

***Lord Teverson** to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they are having with the European Union concerning whether those United Kingdom citizens who wish to retain their European citizenship post-Brexit may do so.

***Baroness Lister of Burtersett** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of local welfare assistance schemes in meeting need.

***Baroness Sherlock** to ask Her Majesty's Government why kinship carers who subsequently have their own child are not exempt from the two child limit.

***Lord Soley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what guidance is given to Ministers in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office concerning the diplomatic skills required for the performance of their duties.

Tuesday 12 December 2017 at 2.30pm

***Lord Black of Brentwood** to ask Her Majesty's Government how many people with a diagnosis of atrial fibrillation who were admitted to hospital with a stroke in 2016–17 were not on an appropriate anti-coagulation therapy prior to admission.

***Baroness Walmsley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of doctors from European Economic Area states working in the United Kingdom who may be planning to leave the NHS after the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

***Baroness Pincock** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure that the £8.4 billion of European Structural Investment Funds allocated to local government for the 2014–20 period is made available for the support of businesses and infrastructure improvements and that an equivalent value of funding is available for the period after 2020.

Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 3.00pm

***Lord Chidgey** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether, in the interests of broadening Commonwealth influence, they propose to provide observer or similar status to non-Commonwealth member countries to attend the 2018 Commonwealth Summit in London.

***Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the performance of the Student Loans Company, in the light of the dismissal of Stephen Lamey, the Chief Executive.

***Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress is being made towards establishing a single national standard for household recycling.

Thursday 14 December 2017 at 11.00am

†***Lord Beith** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the likely impact of measures announced in the Budget on the north east of England.

†***Lord Anderson of Swansea** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of revelations contained in the Paradise Papers, particularly in relation to the British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.

Motions for Balloted Debate

Ballot on 30 November for debate on 21 December. Time limit 2½ hours.

Lord Lingfield to move that this House takes note of the provision of long-term rehabilitation for stroke survivors.

Lord Kerslake to move that this House takes note of the Institute for Public Policy Research Commission on Economic Justice interim report *Time for Change: A New Vision for the British Economy*.

Lord Lexden to move that this House takes note of Operation Conifer conducted by the Wiltshire Police.

Lord Sheikh to move that this House takes note of the package of reforms proposed for Uzbekistan, and the plans for the future of the country.

Lord Harries of Pentregarth to move that this House takes note of the case for taking human rights considerations into account when negotiating trade deals following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

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*

Lord Best to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Communications Committee *Skills for theatre: Developing the pipeline of talent* (3rd Report, Session 2016–17, HL Paper 170). *3 May*

The Earl of Selborne to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Science and Technology Committee *Connected and Autonomous Vehicles: The future?* (2nd Report, Session 2016–17, HL Paper 115). *15 March*

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).

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*

Questions for Short Debate

Time limit 1 hour or 1½ hours.

Lord Blencathra to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to combat genocide of Christians. *(21 June)*

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they will take to improve the earnings, rights and employment protections of care workers. *(21 June)*

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask Her Majesty's Government whether, as part of their strategy against Islamist terrorism, they will encourage UK Muslim leaders to re-examine the Muslim tenets of abrogation, Taqiyya and Al Hijra and to publish their conclusions. *(21 June)*

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will further consider transitional arrangements for state pension provision for women born in the 1950s. *(21 June)*

Baroness Cox to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of recent developments in Sudan and South Sudan. *(21 June)*

Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to promote the importance of volunteering. (21 June)

Lord Harries of Pentregarth to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the need for greater religious literacy in our national life. (21 June)

The Lord Bishop of Coventry to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their post-conflict strategy for protecting the rights of religious and ethnic minorities in Iraq. (21 June)

Lord Cameron of Dillington to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure the availability, and sustainable management, of water in developing countries. (21 June)

Lord Cormack to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they will take to address problems faced by museums and galleries in England. (21 June)

Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask Her Majesty's Government how they will ensure that regulation is balanced, cost effective, easy to understand and properly enforced. (21 June)

Lord Storey to ask Her Majesty's Government what measures they are taking to provide high quality early years education in England. (21 June)

Baroness Gardner of Parkes to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to ensure that children receive regular dental examinations and any necessary treatment. (21 June)

Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the outcome of the United Nations Conference to Negotiate a Legally Binding Instrument to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons, Leading to Their Total Elimination, which concluded on 7 July. (21 June)

Lord Lexden to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are planning to commemorate the contribution made by Empire and Commonwealth troops during the First World War. (21 June)

Baroness Barker to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support the development of social enterprises. (21 June)

Lord Loomba to ask Her Majesty's Government what priority they give to women and girls, including widows, when developing and implementing Department for International Development initiatives and projects. (21 June)

Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they will take to protect the interests of children during the Brexit negotiations. (21 June)

Lord Foulkes of Cumnock to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to discuss with the Royal Household simplifying the ceremony for the State Opening of Parliament. (21 June)

Baroness Howe of Idlicote to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the challenges faced by parents to keep their children safe online; and what action they are taking to address those challenges. (21 June)

The Countess of Mar to ask Her Majesty's Government what is the current provision for research, diagnosis, treatment and social support for people with myalgic encephalomyelitis and chronic fatigue syndrome. (21 June)

Baroness Burt of Solihull to ask Her Majesty's Government how they plan to ensure the protection of equalities and human rights throughout the Brexit process. (21 June)

Baroness Quin to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure systematic and regular consultation in the ongoing Brexit negotiations with British businesses, trade unions, economic interest groups, and the United Kingdom's nations, regions and localities. (21 June)

Baroness Eaton to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking (1) to ensure that all local authorities provide effective family support outside school, particularly where there are children in need, and (2) to foster the development of family hubs. *(21 June)*

Baroness Coussins to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the importance of modern foreign language teaching in schools and universities; and of the impact of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union on the sustainability of that teaching. *(21 June)*

Lord Wigley to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to create a mechanism for the ongoing formal involvement of the devolved administrations in discussions about the United Kingdom's Brexit negotiating position. *(21 June)*

Lord Adonis to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to introduce legislation to lower the voting age to 16. *(21 June)*

Baroness Tyler of Enfield to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of high street bank closures on financial exclusion. *(21 June)*

Lord Sterling of Plaistow to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to conduct a full defence review, in the light of the capability of the Armed Forces to meet global defence needs. *(21 June)* [I]

Lord Lisvane to ask Her Majesty's Government what their policy is on bringing into force the Easter Act 1928 which fixes the date of Easter. *(21 June)*

Baroness Wheeler to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the priority given to the reconfiguration and improvement in stroke services under Sustainability and Transformation Plans, and the availability of community support services for stroke recoverers. *(21 June)*

Lord Harrison to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they have taken to improve productivity in the economy. *(22 June)*

Lord Addington to ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to reviewing the guidance given to UK Sport about which sports are to receive funding for elite programmes, to take into account the potential growth of grassroots participation. *(22 June)*

Baroness Berridge to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to celebrate the 70th anniversary in 2018 of the arrival of MV Empire Windrush. *(26 June)*

Lord Mendelsohn to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress they have made in establishing the role of the Small Business Commissioner; and what further action they are taking to support small and medium-sized enterprises, including tackling the issue of late payments. *(11 July)*

Lord Carlile of Berriew to ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of recent developments in the precision of IVF treatment and analytical techniques, what plans they have to review NHS provision for women who carry the genetic marker for Huntingdon's Disease. *(12 July)*

Lord Cashman to ask Her Majesty's Government what are their human rights priorities in the light of Brexit. *(18 July)*

Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to increase access to nursery education. *(19 July)*

Lord Bassam of Brighton to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to evaluate innovative cancer treatments and make them available through the National Health Service, and to raise life expectancy for cancer patients. *(20 July)*

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to increase recycling and reduce food waste. *(31 August)*

Viscount Waverley to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their current strategy towards relations with Russia. (5 September)

Lord Stevenson of Balmacara to ask Her Majesty's Government how they intend to ensure that a sustainable independent radio production sector is operating over the period to 2027, with particular reference to maintaining the quality of programming across the BBC and the commercial services, and to ensuring appropriate skills and working conditions. (8 September)

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have considered extending the 2026 cut-off date for the inclusion of rights of way on the definitive maps in England. (11 September)

Lord Dykes to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they will take to resolve issues relating to control of the United Kingdom's borders while retaining an open border with Ireland following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union. (11 September)

Lord Allen of Kensington to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the ability of the United Kingdom to make sector-specific trade agreements with other nations, in the event that the United Kingdom leaves the European Union without a trade deal and falls back on World Trade Organisation rules. (12 September)

Lord Scriven to ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the 2016 annual report by the Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material, published on 13 September, what assessment they have made of the storage and use by police forces of biometric data and facial images. (14 September)

Baroness Walmsley to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address the epidemic of obesity among children and young people. (6 October)

Lord German to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the future of United Kingdom inland waterways. (9 October)

Baroness Garden of Frognal to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress is being made in developing a sustainable lifelong learning culture in England. (10 October)

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask Her Majesty's Government what proposals they have for the use of facial recognition technology in security and policing. (12 October)

Lord Mawson to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they intend to take to promote integrated cross-government working to minimise the risk of silo thinking and to promote processes that are fit for a digital society. (16 October)

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)

Baroness Ford to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address the issue of prescribing valproate-based medicines to pregnant women. (24 October)

Baroness McGregor-Smith to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve public procurement. (30 October)

Lord Bradshaw to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they propose to take to reverse the decline in the use of buses in England outside London. (30 October)

Lord Marlesford to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of upgrades to security at Sharm El Sheikh airport and their implications for the resumption of flights there from the United Kingdom. (30 October)

Lord Shinkwin to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for a disability commissioner on the Equality and Human Rights Commission. (2 November) [I]

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask Her Majesty's Government in the light of the report by Dr Jermaine Ravalier *Social Workers—Working Conditions and Wellbeing*, published in July, what strategies they have considered to alleviate the workload demands faced by social workers. (6 November)

Lord Crisp to ask Her Majesty's Government what priority they will give to investing in nursing globally, in the light of the impact of such investment on improving health, promoting gender equality and strengthening local economies. (6 November)

Lord Faulkner of Worcester to ask Her Majesty's Government what was the outcome of their review of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013. (7 November)

Lord Shipley to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to help homeless people to access private rented accommodation. (13 November)

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the effectiveness of the Adults at Risk policy for women in immigration detention, in the light of the report *We are Still Here*, published by Women for Refugee Women. (13 November)

Lord Freeman to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the condition of private sector pension funds. (13 November)

Lord Black of Brentwood to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to promote and improve the welfare of domestic animals. (15 November)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 16 November and due for answer by 30 November.

Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports of interference by Russian sources with the referendum in the UK on 23 June 2016. HL3305

Lord Blencathra to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the statement by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 15 November (HL Deb, col 2028) that Robert Mugabe's "followers were looting and plundering that richly endowed country", and in the light of sanctions having previously been imposed on Robert and Grace Mugabe, why financial sanctions have not been imposed on other persons involved or connected with the Mugabe regime. HL3306

Lord Blencathra to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to make representations at the UN to have Robert Mugabe brought before the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity and the killing of 20,000 of the Matabele people in Zimbabwe. HL3309

Lord Blencathra to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have, in conjunction with international partners, to support efforts to recover the billions reportedly stolen by Robert Mugabe over the last 36 years as President of Zimbabwe. HL3310

Lord Boateng to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the possibility of Zimbabwe's return to the Commonwealth, and of the steps necessary to secure this. HL3319

Lord Boateng to ask Her Majesty's Government what support they have offered to the African Union for its activities in Zimbabwe. HL3320

Lord Boateng to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have made representations to the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth to support the Commonwealth's re-engagement with Zimbabwe. HL3321

Lord Boateng to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the timing, and the possible impact of, a Ministerial visit to Zimbabwe and its neighbouring states to discuss UK support for political and economic stability in Zimbabwe; and if so, when. HL3322

Lord Clark of Windermere to ask Her Majesty's Government which institutions provide undergraduate courses in nursing. HL3304

Baroness Cox to ask Her Majesty's Government, with reference to the commitment in a letter to the APPG on Sudan and South Sudan by the Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Rory Stewart MP, dated 23 August to "support Sudan to achieve sustainable peace, an improved human rights situation and political reform", how they define "political reform"; and what steps they propose to take to promote such reform. HL3323

Baroness Cox to ask Her Majesty's Government, with reference to the letter from the Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Rory Stewart MP, to the APPG on Sudan and South Sudan dated 23 August, how they propose to "press for a genuine, inclusive and transparent National Dialogue process in Sudan", given that the provision in the Road Map Agreement to hold a preparatory meeting with the opposition to discuss how to make the National Dialogue was not taken forward and that President Bashir proceeded to close the National Dialogue in October 2016. HL3324

Baroness Cox to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to invite the Sudan Call opposition alliance to visit the UK to discuss the peace process; whether UK engagement with opposition forces in Sudan is limited to those parties based in Khartoum; and what is their level of structured discussion with Sudan Call in comparison to that held with the government of Sudan. HL3325

Baroness Cox to ask Her Majesty's Government, with reference to the letter from the Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Rory Stewart MP, to the APPG on Sudan and South Sudan dated 23 August, whether they will publish the high level objectives document with agreed action points that they have developed with the government of Sudan; and what assessment they have made of progress made against these objectives. HL3326

Lord Elystan-Morgan to ask Her Majesty's Government, in respect of the compensation claimed by the EU on the UK's leaving, what part of that claim represents (1) the apportionment of benefits accruing in future to the UK, (2) restitution for breach of contract, if any, and in respect of what breach, and (3) damages claimed punitively; and what discount has been offered as being due to the UK in respect of EU assets. HL3317

Lord Elystan-Morgan to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to establish a convention of Members of the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly Members to consider and discuss the particular anticipated effects of Brexit upon the devolved administrations. HL3318

Baroness Falkner of Margravine to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 14 November (HL2794), whether they will clarify why information relating to failure rates of biometric passports, and resulting delays, raise national security concerns. HL3327

The Earl of Listowel to ask Her Majesty's Government whether an individual who has non-parental caring arrangements for two or more children of a family member will be denied tax credits at the birth of their next child. HL3308

Lord Mendelsohn to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the (1) performance, (2) management, and (3) governance, of the Student Loans Company; and what plans they have to review the Student Loans Company's performance and governance structures. HL3313

Lord Mendelsohn to ask Her Majesty's Government what reviews or audits of the Student Loans Company have been undertaken in the past five years; and what companies or individuals were employed to carry out those activities. HL3314

Lord Mendelsohn to ask Her Majesty's Government how many formal complaints they received about Steve Lamey while he was Chief Executive of the Student Loans Company; how many of those complaints were upheld; and what investigations were carried out into Steve Lamey's performance as Chief Executive of the Student Loans Company. HL3315

Lord Mendelsohn to ask Her Majesty's Government how many days were lost through sickness absence in each of the past five years (1) at the Student Loans Company, (2) at the Department for Education, and (3) for the average UK worker. HL3316

Baroness Stern to ask Her Majesty's Government by what criteria they assess an individual to have taken a direct role in hostilities in Iraq and Syria. HL3311

Baroness Stern to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of the United States regarding the legal criteria under which an individual is deemed to be a member of ISIS. HL3312

Lord Trimble to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth on 15 September (HL1347–1351) relating to prisoner release, whether they will now answer the questions asked. HL3307

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.

1 November (15 November)

HL2806 The Lord Bishop of Leeds [Foreign and Commonwealth Office]

HL2807 The Lord Bishop of Leeds [Foreign and Commonwealth Office]

HL2814 Lord Marlesford [Home Office]

HL2815 Lord Marlesford [Foreign and Commonwealth Office]

2 November (16 November)

HL2850 Lord Hague of Richmond [Foreign and Commonwealth Office]

HL2851 Baroness Healy of Primrose Hill [Ministry of Justice]

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

Foreign and Commonwealth Office (4)

Home Office (1)

Ministry of Justice (1)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Succession to Peerages Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) (Disabled Access) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	24 November
Home Education (Duty of Local Authorities) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	24 November
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	24 November
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	
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	

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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	
Committed to an Unopposed Bill Committee		
Richmond Burgage Pastures Bill [HL]	Private	
University of London Bill [HL]	Private	
City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill	Private	
Committed to a Committee of the Whole House		
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) Bill [HL] (<i>Queen's consent to be signified</i>)	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] (<i>Queen's and Prince of Wales's consents to be signified</i>)	Government	20 November
Asset Freezing (Compensation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Unpaid Work Experience (Prohibition) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Democratic Political Activity (Funding and Expenditure) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Bill [HL]	Government	21 November
Waiting for Report		
Telecommunications Infrastructure (Relief from Non-Domestic Rates) Bill	Government	28 November
Waiting for Third Reading		
Financial Guidance and Claims Bill [HL]	Government	21 November
European Union (Approvals) Bill	Government	
Space Industry Bill [HL]	Government	28 November
Sent to the Commons		
Armed Forces (Flexible Working) Bill [HL]	Government	

Statutory Instruments in Progress

Affirmative Instruments waiting for consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

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

Draft European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Kazakhstan) Order 2017

Draft European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Turkmenistan) Order 2017

Draft Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (Amendment) Order 2017

Draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Draft Pharmacy (Preparation and Dispensing Errors—Registered Pharmacies) Order 2018

Draft Policing and Crime Act 2017 (Maritime Enforcement Powers: Code of Practice) Regulations 2017

Draft Sub-national Transport Body (Transport for the North) Regulations 2017

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

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

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

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

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

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

Draft Small Business Commissioner (Scope and Scheme) Regulations 2017

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

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

Draft Community Drivers' Hours Offences (Enforcement) Regulations 2017

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 Communications Act 2003 and the Digital Economy Act 2017 (Consequential Amendments to Primary Legislation) Regulations 2017

Draft Designs (International Registration of Industrial Designs) Order 2017

Draft Electronic Communications Code (Jurisdiction) Regulations 2017

Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) Order 2018

Draft Criminal Finances Act 2017 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) Order 2018

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors: Code of Practice) Order 2018

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Recovery of Listed Assets: Code of Practice) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2018

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Seizure and Detention of Property: Code of Practice) Order 2018

Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Authorised Officers) Order 2018

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.*

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

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.*

Water Abstraction (Specified Enactments) Regulations 2017 *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 14 December.*

Water Abstraction and Impounding (Exemptions) Regulations 2017 *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 14 December.*

Water Abstraction (Revocations etc.) (England) Order 2017 *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 14 December.*

Water Abstraction (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 14 December.*

Other Instruments

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

Revised Draft Airports National Policy Statement: new runway capacity and infrastructure at airports in the South East of England *Scrutiny period expires 23 March 2018*

Retirements

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

Lord Condon (21 December)

Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth (22 December)

Lord Clinton-Davis (10 January 2018)

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.

Monday 20 November

National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 4A	3.00pm
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Tuesday 21 November

Constitution Committee	Room 3A	10.00am
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Science and Technology Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
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Political Polling and Digital Media Committee	Room 2	10.30am
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Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 Committee	Room 1	11.00am
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EU Justice Sub-Committee	Room 3	11.00am
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Standing Orders (Private Bills) Committee	Room 2A	12.45pm
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High Speed Rail (West Midlands–Crewe) Bill Communications Committee	Room 2	2.15pm
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Artificial Intelligence Committee	Room 4A	3.15pm
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Economic Affairs Committee	Millbank House	4.00pm
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European Union Committee	Room 3	4.00pm
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Wednesday 22 November

EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
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Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Room 7	10.00am
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EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 3	10.15am
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Citizenship and Civic Engagement Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
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Thursday 23 November

Services Committee	Other (Parliamentary Estate)	2.00pm
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Tuesday 28 November

Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm
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Wednesday 29 November

EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 4A	9.00am
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International Relations Committee	Room 4	10.30am
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Thursday 30 November

EU Internal Market Sub-Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
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EU External Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 1	10.00am
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Wednesday 13 December

Finance Committee	Other (Parliamentary Estate)	4.15pm
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Monday 15 January

Liaison Committee	Room 1	4.30pm
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Monday 29 January

Procedure Committee	Room 1	4.30pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday 16 November 2017

The House met at 11.00am.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Ely.

1 **Lord Geidt** The Rt Hon. Sir Christopher Edward Wollaston MacKenzie Geidt, GCVO, KCB, OBE, having been created Baron Geidt, of Crobeg in the county of Ross and Cromarty, for life by Letters Patent dated 3 November 2017, was introduced between Lord Mackay of Clashfern and Lord O’Donnell, took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

2 **Lord Hogan-Howe** Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, Knight, QPM, having been created Baron Hogan-Howe, of Sheffield in the county of South Yorkshire, for life by Letters Patent dated in the afternoon of 7 November 2017, was introduced between Lord Alton of Liverpool and Lord Dholakia, took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

3 **Royal Assent** The Lord Speaker (Lord Fowler) notified the Queen’s Assent to the following Acts:

Finance (No. 2) Act	c. 32
Air Travel Organisers’ Licensing Act	c. 33
Northern Ireland Budget Act	c. 34
New Southgate Cemetery Act	c. ii

Public Business

4 **Sudan: bilateral trade** A question was asked by Lord Sheikh and answered by the Earl of Courtown.

5 **Young women: self-harm** A question was asked by Baroness Walmsley, on behalf of Lord Storey, and answered by Lord O’Shaughnessy.

6 **Brexit: data transfers** A question was asked by Lord Paddick, on behalf of Baroness Ludford, and answered by Lord Callanan.

7 **Permanent Structured Cooperation** A question was asked by Lord West of Spithead and answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.

8 **Business of the House** The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Evans of Bowes Park) moved that the debate on the motion in the name of Baroness Hollis of Heigham set down for today shall be limited to 3 hours and that in the name of Lord Foulkes of Cumnock to 2 hours. The motion was agreed to.

9 **Universal Credit** (3-hour debate) Baroness Hollis of Heigham moved that this House takes note of the impact of Universal Credit on claimants. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

10 **Working age benefits** A question was asked by the Lord Bishop of St Albans and, after debate, answered by Lord Young of Cookham.

11 **Older persons: human rights and care** (2-hour debate) Lord Foulkes of Cumnock moved that this House takes note of the human rights of older persons, and their comprehensive care. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

12 **Independent complaints and grievance policy** Baroness Evans of Bowes Park repeated a ministerial statement made in the House of Commons.

13 **Hormone pregnancy tests** Lord O’Shaughnessy repeated as a ministerial statement the answer given to an Urgent Question in the House of Commons.

14 National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath moved 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). After debate, the motion was withdrawn.

The House adjourned at 6.58pm until Monday 20 November at 2.30pm.

Ed Ollard
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

The Grand Committee met in the Moses Room at 1.01pm

Schools A question was asked by Lord Bird and, after debate, answered by Lord Agnew of Oulton.

Farm support A question was asked by Baroness McIntosh of Pickering and, after debate, answered by Lord Gardiner of Kimble.

HS2: economic and environmental impact A question was asked by Lord Framlingham and, after debate, answered by Baroness Sugg.

Brexit: least developed countries A question was asked by the Earl of Sandwich and, after debate, answered by Lord Bates.

Arts: Government support A question was asked by the Earl of Clancarty and, after debate, answered by Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen.

The Committee adjourned at 5.55pm

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. Post-Legislative Scrutiny—Post Implementation Review of the Airport Charges Regulations 2011. (9507)
2. Contingent Liability—Minute from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, concerning a contingent liability in relation to the proposed purchase of a stake in Mercator Ocean. (—)

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House for approval by resolution:

1. Draft Policing and Crime Act 2017 (Maritime Enforcement Powers: Code of Practice) Regulations 2017
2. Draft Sub-national Transport Body (Transport for the North) Regulations 2017

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

1. Childcare Payments (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (1096)
2. Patents and Patents (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2017 (1100)
3. Childcare Payments (Eligibility) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (1101)
4. Insolvency (England and Wales) and Insolvency (Scotland) (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments) Rules 2017 (1115)
5. Insolvency (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2017 (1119)
6. Draft Test Valley (Electoral Changes) Order 2018 (—)
7. Draft Tewkesbury (Electoral Changes) Order 2018 (—)

Treaties subject to scrutiny under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The following papers were laid by command of Her Majesty:

1. Education—Agreement between the United Kingdom and Panama on the Establishment and Functioning of Private International Schools of Excellence in Panama (9539)
2. Environment—Minamata Convention on Mercury (9538)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

1. Government Indemnity Scheme: Statement to Parliament on the level of outstanding liabilities under the Scheme for the six-month period ending 30 September 2017
2. Intergovernmental Protocol on Water Resources, Water Supply and Water Quality

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3. Policing and Crime Act 2017 Maritime Enforcement Powers—Code of Practice to be followed by Law Enforcement Officers when arresting person under the power conferred by section 90 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017
4. Report and Accounts of Disclosure and Barring Service 2016–17

