

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.

Future Business**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.

Lord Young of Cookham intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.

Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (Amendment) Order 2017 Lord Young of Cookham to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 13 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 Lord Young of Cookham to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 13 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

Pharmacy (Preparation and Dispensing Errors—Registered Pharmacies) Order 2018 Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 13 November be approved. *11th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

†**Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017** Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 1 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

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Items marked † are new or have been altered

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



Lord Ashton of Hyde intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.

Electronic Communications Code (Jurisdiction) Regulations 2017 Lord Ashton of Hyde to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 1 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

Communications Act 2003 and the Digital Economy Act 2017 (Consequential Amendments to Primary Legislation) Regulations 2017 Lord Ashton of Hyde to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 1 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

Data Protection Bill [HL] Report [Lord Ashton of Hyde] *6th and 9th Reports from the Delegated Powers Committee*

Baroness Cox to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of recent developments in Sudan and South Sudan. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Tuesday 12 December 2017 at 2.30pm

Lord Houghton of Richmond will be introduced.

***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 Pinnock** 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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 8 December.

Lord Henley intends to move the following three motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately to the extent desired.

Small Business Commissioner (Scope and Scheme) Regulations 2017 Lord Henley to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 1 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

Unified Patent Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2017 Lord Henley to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 1 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

Designs (International Registration of Industrial Designs) Order 2017 Lord Henley to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 1 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Bill [HL] Committee (day 4) [Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon] *7th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee, 8th Report from the Constitution Committee*

Lord Cashman to ask Her Majesty's Government what are their human rights priorities in the light of Brexit. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

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.

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

***Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number and percentage of students who will pay back their student loans in full.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 11 December.

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

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. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

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.

***Lord Addington** to ask Her Majesty's Government, following the transfer of responsibilities relating to Disabled Students' Allowances for some students to higher education providers, whether they intend to publish a best practice guide for those institutions; if so, when; and if not, why not.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 8 December, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 12 December.

Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde to move that this House takes note of the report by the Children's Commissioner for England, *On measuring the number of vulnerable children in England*, published in July.

Lord Bird to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to address the root causes of poverty and disadvantage in the United Kingdom. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

Lord Bach to move that this House takes note of the report of the Bach Commission, *The Right to Justice*, published in September.

Friday 15 December 2017 at 10.00am

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Baroness Hamwee]

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

Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws]

If the bill is read a second time, Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Local Government Elections (Referendum) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Balfe]

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

Monday 18 December 2017 at 2.30pm

***Lord Holmes of Richmond** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to enforce minimum wage legislation to end the practice of unpaid internships, and whether they have considered any legislative change.

***Baroness Sheehan** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Disaster and Emergencies Preparedness Programme.

***Baroness Tyler of Enfield** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by Lord Nash on 23 November 2016 (HL Deb, col 1947), what progress they have made with testing new approaches to mental health assessments for looked-after children which were due to commence in April or May this year.

***Lord Wallace of Saltaire** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they plan to take to improve surveillance of the United Kingdom's borders, including at smaller ports and harbours, coastal waters and private airstrips.

Procedure The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the 2nd Report from the Select Committee *Revisions of Private Business Standing Orders* (HL Paper 34), and the proposed changes to those Standing Orders, be agreed to.

Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 2.30pm

***Lord Naseby** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to review their policy on capping domestic energy prices in the light of measures taken by the energy industry to change tariffs to help those most at risk, and to increase competition.

***Viscount Ridley** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether, in the light of Public Health England's decision to include vaping within its stop smoking campaign for 2017, they will review vaping regulations in line with the commitment in the Tobacco Control Plan for England; and if so, when.

***Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support women to use the legal system to challenge sexual harassment in the workplace. [I]

Lord Burns to move that this House takes note of the Report of the Lord Speaker's committee on the size of the House.

Wednesday 20 December 2017 at 3.00pm

***Lord Oxburgh** to ask Her Majesty's Government when and how they intend to respond to the September 2016 report of the Parliamentary Advisory Group on Carbon Capture and Storage.

***Baroness Cox** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the current situation in Syria.

***Lord Thomas of Gresford** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will publish the advice they received from the Attorney General on the revocability of the notice to the European Council that was given by the Prime Minister on 29 March 2017, in accordance with Article 50(2) of the Treaty on European Union, of the United Kingdom's intention to withdraw from the European Union.

Thursday 21 December 2017 at 11.00am

***Lord Greaves** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the impact of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union on the provision of housing that people can afford. [I]

***Lord Shipley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of social homes that will be built as a consequence of the Budget Statement. [I]

***Baroness Hussein-Ece** to ask Her Majesty's Government what equalities impact assessment they have undertaken into the implications of Brexit.

Baroness Walmsley to move that this House takes note of the global effects of climate change on health. (*Balloted Debate, 2½ hours*)

Lord Carrington of Fulham to move that this House takes note of the impact of the trade in ivory on endangered species, and of the efforts being made to eliminate that trade while protecting the cultural heritage of antique ivory. (*Balloted Debate, 2½ hours*)

Select Committee Reports

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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*

†**Lord Jay of Ewelme** to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Union Committee *Brexit: judicial oversight of the European Arrest Warrant* (6th Report, HL Paper 16). *27 July*

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

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

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

Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts to move that this House regrets that the Universal Credit (Tenant Incentive Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2017 may disadvantage some of the poorest members of society (SI 2017/427).

Baroness Suttie to move that this House regrets that the draft Transparency of Donations and Loans etc. (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2018 does not provide for transparency of political donations in Northern Ireland dating back to 1 January 2014 as provided for in the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014, thereby preventing proper scrutiny of donations to political parties in Northern Ireland during the European Union referendum campaign.

Lord Foulkes of Cumnock to move that this House regrets that the draft Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2017 includes provisions relating to the British Transport Police; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to review the operation of those provisions in the light of concerns that incorporating British Transport Police into Police Scotland will reduce operational effectiveness.

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 7 December and due for answer by 21 December.

Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the NHS of their decision to freeze duties on alcohol other than white cider. HL3961

Lord Campbell-Savours to ask Her Majesty's Government what has been the cost to (1) local authorities, and (2) the Electoral Commission, of preparation for, and administration of, the scheme of individual electoral registration, since that scheme was introduced. HL3962

Baroness Coussins to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they were represented at the 6th United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights, held in Geneva in November; and if so, by whom. HL3963

Baroness Gardner of Parkes to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of jury service on the availability of GPs; and whether the Department of Health has any plans to request that the Ministry of Justice exempt GPs from jury service from where there is a shortage of NHS provision. HL3964

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to removing the requirement for a permanent residence card in the case of EU citizens wishing to apply for British citizenship. HL3965

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government with which (1) other government departments, (2) government agencies, (3) other public bodies, (4) voluntary sector bodies, and (5) private sector bodies, the Home Office has regular data sharing arrangements in connection with the identification of individuals' rights to receive public services or to reside in the UK, and other matters. HL3966

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they are giving to, and what discussions they propose to hold with, the authors of the study *Riding Sunbeams: Powering our railways with solar PV*, published on 6 December. HL3967

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of seasonal workers who were employed in (1) the horticultural sector, and (2) other forms of agriculture, in (a) 2017 to date, and (b) each of the preceding five years; and how many of those workers were migrants from EU countries. HL3968

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of any shortfall in seasonal workers in (1) the horticultural sector, and (2) other forms of agriculture, in each month of this year between April and October; and what steps they are taking to prevent a shortfall in future years. HL3969

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to change the operation of (1) the environmental stewardship schemes, and (2) other aspects of the farm payment regime, in England in (a) 2018, and (b) subsequent years. HL3970

Lord Jones of Cheltenham to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of additional construction workers required to build 300,000 homes a year; and where any additional workers required will be sourced from. HL3971

Lord Jones of Cheltenham to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the survey conducted by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, published in September, which stated that more than half of construction workers deem labour shortages to be a serious challenge. HL3972

Lord Jones of Cheltenham to ask Her Majesty's Government how many construction workers from the EU have been employed in the UK in each of the past five years for which figures are available. HL3973

Lord Jones of Cheltenham to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to review or amend the rules for issuing Tier 2 visas, in the light of reported shortages of Asian food chefs in the UK. HL3974

Lord Maginnis of Drumglass to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth on 13 October (HL1671), 15 September (HL1448) and 3 July (HL3), whether they are now able to provide an update, including a summary of activity, on the review of absent voting procedures undertaken by the Chief Electoral Officer of Northern Ireland; and if, and when, any matters resulting from the review were referred to the Police Service of Northern Ireland for criminal investigation. HL3975

Lord Patten to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they retain a definitive list of countries suspected of money laundering; and if so, which countries are specified on that list. HL3976

Baroness Redfern to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they intend to take to increase public awareness of the availability of free NHS dental treatment for under 19s. HL3977

Baroness Redfern to ask Her Majesty's Government what guidance they have given local authorities regarding the percentage of parking spaces in new developments which should be required to have charging points for electric vehicles. HL3978

Baroness Redfern to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have a general strategy for electric vehicles. HL3979

Baroness Redfern to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they intend to take to improve the attainment of, and outcomes for, pupils attending schools in rural and coastal areas; and, in particular, what assessment they have made of the use of partnerships between schools. HL3980

Baroness Redfern to ask Her Majesty's Government how much was spent in each of the past ten years on biosecurity in England in relation to (1) animal health, (2) bee health, (3) fish health, (4) invasive non-native species, (5) plant health, and (6) tree health, broken down by (a) policy functions, (b) inspectorate functions, (c) technical support functions, (d) response and control functions, and (e) research. HL3981

Baroness Redfern to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the annual cost to the economy in each of the past ten years of (1) animal diseases, (2) bee diseases, (3) fish diseases, (4) invasive non-native species, (5) plant diseases, and (6) tree diseases, in England. HL3982

Lord Storey to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the brace position that forms part of passenger airline safety instructions is a Government approved safety procedure. HL3983

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Succession to Peerages Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	15 December
Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	15 December
Local Government Elections (Referendum) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	15 December
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	
Learning Disabilities (Review of Services) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
European Union (Referendum on the Withdrawal Agreement) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	

LEGISLATION

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	13 December, 12 noon
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	
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	12 December
Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) (Disabled Access) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Home Education (Duty of Local Authorities) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Creditworthiness Assessment Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Waiting for Report		
Data Protection Bill [HL] (<i>Queen's and Prince of Wales's consents to be signified</i>)	Government	11 December
Sent to the Commons		
Armed Forces (Flexible Working) Bill [HL]	Government	
Financial Guidance and Claims Bill [HL]	Government	
Space Industry Bill [HL]	Government	
Returned to the Commons amended		
Telecommunications Infrastructure (Relief from Non-Domestic Rates) Bill	Government	

Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

Draft Sub-national Transport Body (Transport for the North) Regulations 2017 *11th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Draft European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Draft Armed Forces Act 2006 (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order 2017

Draft Housing and Planning Act 2016 (Banning Order Offences) Regulations 2017

Draft Judicial Pensions (Fee-Paid Judges) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Draft Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (Amendments to Audit Requirements) Order 2017

Draft Higher Education (Access and Participation Plans) (England) Regulations 2017

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

Draft Transfer of Responsibility for Relevant Children (Extension to Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) 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 *(12 December)*

Draft Small Business Commissioner (Scope and Scheme) Regulations 2017 *(12 December)*

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

Draft Communications Act 2003 and the Digital Economy Act 2017 (Consequential Amendments to Primary Legislation) Regulations 2017 *(11 December)*

Draft Designs (International Registration of Industrial Designs) Order 2017 *(12 December)*

Draft Electronic Communications Code (Jurisdiction) Regulations 2017 *(11 December)*

Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 *(11 December)*

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 (*11 December*)

Draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (*11 December*)

Draft Pharmacy (Preparation and Dispensing Errors—Registered Pharmacies) Order 2018 *11th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (11 December)*

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

Draft Transparency of Donations and Loans etc. (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2018

Draft Environmental Protection (Microbeads) (England) Regulations 2017

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.*

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 Blyth of Rowington (1 January 2018)

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 11 December

EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 1	4.00pm
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Tuesday 12 December

Science and Technology Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
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EU Justice Sub-Committee	Room 3	10.15am
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Political Polling and Digital Media Committee	Room 2	10.30am
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Artificial Intelligence Committee	Room 4A	3.15pm
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Communications Committee	Room 2	3.15pm
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Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm
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European Union Committee	Room 3	4.00pm
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Wednesday 13 December

Constitution Committee	Room 1	9.30am
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EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
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Citizenship and Civic Engagement Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
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City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill	Room 2A	12 noon
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Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 4A	3.00pm
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Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Room 7	3.45pm
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Finance Committee	Other (Parliamentary Estate)	4.15pm
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Thursday 14 December

Services Committee	Other (Parliamentary Estate)	2.00pm
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Wednesday 20 December

EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee	Room 2	10.30am
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Tuesday 9 January

Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 Committee	Room 1	11.00am
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Economic Affairs Committee	Room 1	3.30pm
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Monday 15 January

Liaison Committee	Room 1	4.30pm
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Monday 5 March

Procedure Committee	Room 1	5.00pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday 7 December 2017

The House met at 11.00am.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Worcester.

1 **Royal Assent** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord McFall of Alcluith) notified the Queen's Assent to the following Act:

European Union (Approvals) Act

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Public Business

2 **Homelessness: emergency housing** A question was asked by Baroness Gardner of Parkes and answered by Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth.

3 **Social care: sleep-in payments** A question was asked by Baroness Hollins and answered by Lord O'Shaughnessy.

4 **Youth orchestras** A question was asked by Lord Storey, on behalf of Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury, and answered by Lord Ashton of Hyde.

5 **Brexit: negotiations** A question was asked by Lord Robathan and answered by Baroness Goldie.

6 **Business of the House** Lord Taylor of Holbeach, on behalf of the Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Evans of Bowes Park), moved that the debates on the motions in the names of Baroness Neville-Rolfe and the Earl of Caithness set down for today shall each be limited to 2½ hours. The motion was agreed to.

7 **Better regulation** (2½-hour debate) Baroness Neville-Rolfe moved 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. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

8 **Social care** Lord O'Shaughnessy repeated a ministerial statement made in the House of Commons.

9 **Israel: United States diplomatic representation** Baroness Goldie repeated as a ministerial statement the answer given to an Urgent Question in the House of Commons.

10 **Zimbabwe** A question was asked by Lord Luce and, after debate, answered by Baroness Goldie

11 **Plans to improve the natural environment and animal welfare** (2½-hour debate) The Earl of Caithness moved that this House takes note of Her Majesty's Government's plans to improve the natural environment and animal welfare. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

12 **Islam: tenets** A question was asked by Lord Pearson of Rannoch and, after debate, answered by Baroness Williams of Trafford.

The House adjourned at 7.35pm until Friday 8 December at 10.00am.

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.

Command Paper

The following paper was presented to the House by command of Her Majesty:

1. Finance—Treasury Minutes on the Government response to the First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts. (9549)

Affirmative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House for approval by resolution:

1. Draft Transfer of Responsibility for Relevant Children (Extension to Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2017

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

1. Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (1208)
2. West Northamptonshire Joint Committee (Revocation) Order 2017 (1211)
3. Ringing of Certain Captive-bred Birds (England and Wales) Regulations 2017 (1213)
4. Fishing Boats Designation (England) (Amendment) Order 2017 (1219)
5. Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (1221)
6. Statute, dated 26 September 2017, made by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, revising the existing Statutes of the College. (—)

Paper subject to disapproval

The following paper was laid before the House:

1. Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules