

Monday 11 December 2017 at 2.30pm

**Oral Questions, 30 minutes*

***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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[†] 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*)

Future Business

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.

†***Baroness Randerson** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of increases in train fares due to be introduced in January 2018.

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 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 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)

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 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]

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)*

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)

Lord Berkeley to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the evacuation, search and rescue plans for large United Kingdom passenger ships operating in distant locations. (20 November)

Baroness Finlay of Llandaff to ask Her Majesty's Government how they plan to improve cancer patient outcomes. (20 November) [I]

Baroness Bloomfield of Hinton Waldrist to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to encourage a recovery in the population of bees and other pollinators. (22 November)

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the concerns of the Scar Free Foundation that treatments for victims of acid attacks have moved on "little from the Victorian age". (23 November)

Lord Touhig to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to eradicate health inequalities for autistic people and people with learning disabilities. (24 November)

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of recent developments in Myanmar. (28 November)

Lord Higgins to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the advantages and disadvantages of holding advisory or mandatory referendums. (28 November)

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. (28 November)

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to improve health services for people living with Alzheimer's disease. (29 November)

Lord Alderdice to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service about the governance of Northern Ireland since the suspension of the Northern Ireland Executive. (4 December)

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the implementation to date of the recommendations of the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards and opportunities for further banking reform. (4 December)

The Earl of Sandwich to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they still support the European Union's policy of enlargement. (6 December)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 8 December and due for answer by 22 December.

Lord Balfe to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the feasibility of introducing mandatory fortification of flour with folic acid, following recommendations from the Food Standards Agency and the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition to do so. HL3984 [I]

Lord Balfe to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that the fortification of flour with folic acid could have prevented approximately 2,000 cases of serious neural tube birth defects in the UK since 1998. HL3985 [I]

Lord Balfe to ask Her Majesty's Government following the joint letter from the Scottish Government's Minister for Public Health and Sport and the Welsh Government's Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services to the Secretary of State for Health on 1 December, whether they have any plans to introduce mandatory fortification of flour with folic acid on a UK-wide basis to help reduce neural tube defects in unborn babies. HL3986 [I]

Lord Campbell-Savours to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the Customs Declaration Service for managing customs declarations at UK borders will be fully operational by March 2019. HL3987

Lord Campbell-Savours to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight system for managing customs declarations at UK borders will be capable of managing the volume of customs declarations in 2019–20 and 2020–21 if required. HL3988

Lord Campbell-Savours to ask Her Majesty's Government how many UK-based freight forwarding companies have Authorised Economic Operator status; and what support HMRC are providing to help such companies secure that status. HL3989

Lord Campbell-Savours to ask Her Majesty's Government what back-up arrangements are to be put in place in the event of a failure of the Customs Declaration Service after March 2019. HL3990

Lord Campbell-Savours to ask Her Majesty's Government whether all local authorities in the UK have reported to HM Government that they are prepared and resourced to take on responsibility for food safety and phytosanitary checks as part of clearance processes at UK ports after March 2019; and if not, which have not so reported. HL3991

Lord Campbell-Savours to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of additional customs officers who will be required after March 2019. HL3992

Lord Colwyn to ask Her Majesty's Government how much revenue was raised from patient charges for NHS dental services in each of the last ten years for which figures are available. HL3993 [I]

Lord Colwyn to ask Her Majesty's Government what was the total number of fines issued for incorrectly claiming an exemption on NHS dental fees in each of the last ten years for which figures are available. HL3994 [I]

Lord Jay of Ewelme to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to provide copies of the 39 Brexit sectoral analyses, which were provided to the European Union Committee on 27 November, to relevant committees of the Scottish Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales. HL3995

Lord Jay of Ewelme to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the terms on which they provided copies of the 39 Brexit sectoral analyses to the governments of Scotland and Wales allow those governments to share the analyses with relevant committees of the Scottish Parliament and the National Assembly of Wales. HL3996

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports of abuse and assault of shopworkers during "Black Friday" sales, and of the adequacy of protections against such abuse and assault. HL3997

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask Her Majesty’s Government what action are they taking to deal with websites offering fake Government services, and charging for those services. HL3998

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask Her Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the Pharmacists’ Defence Association’s “Safer Pharmacies Charter”. HL3999

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they have received any representations which oppose mandatory electrical safety checks in the private rented sector. HL4000

Lord Lipsey to ask Her Majesty’s Government what is the saving in public expenditure resulting from the transfer of the cost of providing free TV licences for those aged 75 and over to the BBC. HL4001

Baroness Manzoor to ask Her Majesty’s Government how many cases involving the UK the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) gave rulings on in (1) 2015, (2) 2016, and (3) 2017 to date; what were the broad subject-matters covered by those actions; and what proportion of the CJEU’s rulings in those cases went in the UK’s favour. HL4002

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask Her Majesty’s Government, further to the answer by Baroness Vere of Norbiton (HL Deb, col 1052) on 6 December, whether the Crown Prosecution Service’s definition of hate crime includes any action or speech which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated by prejudice based on a person’s religion; and where such action or speech leads to a successful prosecution, what is the maximum sentence. HL4003

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask Her Majesty’s Government, further to the answer by Baroness Vere of Norbiton (HL Deb, col 1052) on 6 December, whether the Crown Prosecution Service’s definition of hate crime covers cases in which a Christian says that Jesus is the only Son of the one true God if this offends anyone of any other religion. HL4004

Baroness Randerson to ask Her Majesty’s Government how many additional staff have been employed by the Civil Aviation Authority as a direct result of the need to renegotiate EU Open Skies Agreements after Brexit; and at what grades those staff are employed. HL4005

Baroness Randerson to ask Her Majesty’s Government how many additional staff have been employed by the Civil Aviation Authority in order to support any efforts to renegotiate membership of the European Aviation Safety Agency, after Brexit; and at what grades those are staff employed. HL4006

Baroness Randerson to ask Her Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the growth of bike-share schemes in the UK. HL4007

Baroness Randerson to ask Her Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to ensure that local authorities have powers to regulate and manage any bike-share schemes that exist within their areas. HL4008

Baroness Randerson to ask Her Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to promote bike-share schemes in urban areas; and what assessment they have made of their potential to lower congestion and improve air quality. HL4009

Baroness Randerson to ask Her Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the impact of delays to legislation on the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation on companies producing bioethanol. HL4010

Baroness Redfern to ask Her Majesty’s Government what steps they intend to take in response to the findings of the UK Climate Change Risk Assessment 2017 that new and emerging invasive non-native species are one of six urgent climate change risks for the UK. HL4011

Baroness Redfern to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they intend to offer screening for bowel cancer to all over 45s. HL4012

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask Her Majesty's Government what support and assistance they are providing to parish and town councils and parish meetings to help them get ready for, and mitigate the financial impact on taxpayers of, the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May 2018; whether they have undertaken an impact assessment on the application of the Data Protection Bill and GDPR on parish and town councils and parish meetings; if so, whether that assessment has been published; and what discussions they have held with the National Association of Local Councils concerning the impact of the Data Protection Bill and GDPR on parish and town councils. HL4013

Lord Storey to ask Her Majesty's Government what arrangements they have put in place for monitoring the work of the Video Standards Council, and for holding the Video Standards Council Board to account. HL4014

Lord Storey to ask Her Majesty's Government when they last met representatives of the Video Standards Council; and whether they have any plans to review the work of that body. HL4015

Lord Storey to ask Her Majesty's Government what qualifications are required of employees and members of the Video Standards Council who are involved in determining age classifications for video games. HL4016

Lord Storey to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the independence of the Video Standards Council in respect of the discharge of the Council's responsibility for determining age classifications for video games. HL4017

Lord Storey to ask Her Majesty's Government how many prosecutions for (1) selling, and (2) supplying, age-rated video games to under-age children have taken place in each of the last five years for which figures are available. HL4018

Lord Truscott to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to increase biofuel use for transport in the UK by raising the blend level of biofuels in fuel, and introducing the use of E10 fuel, a mix of petrol with ten per cent bioethanol. HL4019

Lord Wasserman to ask Her Majesty's Government which police forces in England and Wales use drones for operational purposes; and what training is provided to officers and staff in the use of such drones. HL4020

Lord Wasserman to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 7 December (HL3560), how many times the National Oversight Group on domestic abuse has met since 13 July 2016; and when the next meeting is scheduled to take place. HL4021

Lord Wasserman to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 7 December (HL3560), what advice on good practice to tackle domestic abuse has been disseminated by (1) the National Police Lead for domestic abuse, and (2) the College of Policing, to police forces in England and Wales in the last 12 months. HL4022

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	

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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

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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Political Polling and Digital Media Committee	Room 4	2.00pm
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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 3	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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Monday 18 December

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Office	10.30am
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Wednesday 20 December

EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee	Room 2	10.30am
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International Relations Committee	Room 4	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 Friday 8 December 2017

The House met at 10.00am.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Derby.

Public Business

1 **Education and society** The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury moved that this House takes note of the role of education in building a flourishing and skilled society. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 3.35pm until Monday 11 December at 2.30pm.

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. Explanatory Memorandum (Revised)—Replacement Explanatory Memorandum to the Common Agricultural Policy Basic Payment and Support Schemes (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (4 December). (—)

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

1. Plant Health (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2017 (1220)
2. Charitable Incorporated Organisations (Conversion) Regulations 2017 (1232)
3. Index of Company Names (Listed Bodies) Order 2017 (1233)
4. Civil Legal Aid (Procedure) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2017 (1237)