No. 90

& MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## Thursday 1 February 2018 at 11.00am

\*Oral Questions, 30 minutes

- \*Baroness Kennedy of Cradley to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to improve dental care in England.
- \*Lord West of Spithead to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the work being undertaken by the National Security Adviser has led to any changes to the planned paying off of any Royal Navy warships.
- \*Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale to ask Her Majesty's Government when they intend to publish the Voluntary National Review of the United Kingdom in relation to the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development.
- \*Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the *Rough Sleeping Statistics Autumn 2017, England*, published on 25 January, which demonstrate the largest number of people sleeping on the streets of England since those statistics were first compiled in 2010.

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

**Select Committees** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Lord McAvoy be appointed a member of the following Committees, in place of Lord Bassam of Brighton: Privileges and Conduct, Procedure, Selection and Services.

**Deputy Chairmen of Committees** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Lord McAvoy be appointed to the panel of members to act as Deputy Chairmen of Committees for this session.

Baroness Williams of Trafford intends to move the following four motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately to the extent desired.

**Investigatory Powers (Codes of Practice) Regulations 2018** Baroness Williams of Trafford to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2017 be approved. *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee* 

**Investigatory Powers (Interception by Businesses etc. for Monitoring and Record-keeping Purposes) Regulations 2018** Baroness Williams of Trafford to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2017 be approved. *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee* 

**Investigatory Powers (Review of Notices and Technical Advisory Board) Regulations 2018** Baroness Williams of Trafford to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2017 be approved. *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee* 

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### **FUTURE BUSINESS**

**Investigatory Powers (Technical Capability) Regulations 2018** Baroness Williams of Trafford to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2017 be approved. *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee* 

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

Legal Services Act 2007 (Appeals from Licensing Authority Decisions) (General Council of the Bar) Order 2018 Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 19 December 2017 be approved.

Legal Services Act 2007 (General Council of the Bar) (Modification of Functions) Order 2018 Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 19 December 2017 be approved.

Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 21 December 2017 be approved.

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

†Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (Amendments to Audit Requirements) Order 2017 Lord Young of Cookham to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 4 December 2017 be approved.

**†Financial Services Act 2012 (Mutual Societies) Order 2018** Lord Young of Cookham to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 19 December 2017 be approved.

†Building Societies (Restricted Transactions) (Amendment to the Prohibition on Entering into Derivatives Transactions) Order 2018 Lord Young of Cookham to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 20 December 2017 be approved.

†Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Carrying on Regulated Activities by Way of Business) (Amendment) Order 2018 Lord Young of Cookham to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 21 December 2017 be approved.

**Gambling Act 2005 (Amendment of Schedule 6) Order 2018** Lord Ashton of Hyde to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 14 December 2017 be approved.

**Particulars of Proposed Designation of Age-Verification Regulator** Lord Ashton of Hyde to move that the Paper laid before the House on 14 December 2017 be approved.

**Littering From Vehicles Outside London (Keepers: Civil Penalties) Regulations 2018** Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 21 December 2017 be approved.

**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 commercial services, and to ensuring appropriate skills and working conditions. ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours)

### **Future Business**

## Monday 5 February 2018 at 2.30pm

- \*Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask Her Majesty's Government what measures they are taking to ensure that materials collected for recycling by local authorities are not incinerated as a result of the Chinese ban on taking plastic and other waste materials.
- \*Lord Holmes of Richmond to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking, or plan to take, to ensure that people are aware of their rights and obligations in respect of data protection and privacy.
- \*Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to ensure that every failed asylum seeker, and anyone facing removal from the United Kingdom for whatever reason, has access to adequate legal advice.
- \*Lord Harries of Pentregarth to ask Her Majesty's Government how many British businesses have taken action and reported their efforts to prevent modern slavery in supply chains from India.

**Baroness Williams of Trafford** to move that this House takes note of the role of women in public life and the progress made in increasing their representation in Parliament 100 years after the Representation of the People Act 1918 received Royal Assent.

## Tuesday 6 February 2018 at 2.30pm

- \*Baroness Donaghy to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of women's economic freedom; and what steps they are taking to promote equal pay.
- \*Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to provide additional resources to programmes for the teaching of English to refugees.
- \*Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to review the safety of the use of pelvic mesh implants.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 2 February.

## Wednesday 7 February 2018 at 3.00pm

- \*Lord Trees to ask Her Majesty's Government what measures they are taking to minimise the number of animals slaughtered without stunning in abattoirs in the United Kingdom.
- \*Lord Clark of Windermere to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of their planning for the winter crisis in the National Health Service.
- \*Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to reduce the use of plastic and to ensure that the maximum amount of plastic can be recycled.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 1 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 5 February.

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

**Policing and Crime Act 2017 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2018** Baroness Williams of Trafford to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 11 January be approved.

### Nuclear Safeguards Bill Second Reading [Lord Henley]

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

## Thursday 8 February 2018 at 11.00am

- \*Lord Lee of Trafford to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the size of the prison population and conditions within prisons.
- \*Lord Scriven to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the governments of the Gulf States regarding human rights abuses in those states.
- \*Lord Harris of Haringey to ask Her Majesty's Government what measures they are taking to protect nurseries and schools from terrorist attack.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 2 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 6 February.

**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).

**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).

### Tuesday 20 February 2018 at 2.30pm

- \*Baroness Barker to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have plans to improve the regulation of charities, social enterprises, and voluntary organisations. [I]
- \*Baroness Berridge to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to promote the forthcoming Commonwealth Summit with schools, universities, non-governmental organisations, and businesses.
- \*Baroness Campbell of Surbiton to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have plans to improve social care for disabled people below retirement age in the light of the change in title of the Department of Health.

### Automated and Electric Vehicles Bill Second Reading [Baroness Sugg]

**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. (1½ hours)

### Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 3.00pm

- \*Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of living conditions in Gaza.
- \*Lord Aberdare to ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the loss of retention monies by small firms following the insolvency of Carillion, what steps they are taking to provide protection against such losses in the future.
- \*Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what priority they give to the provision of and funding for local neighbourhood services. [I]

- †European Union (Withdrawal) Bill Committee [Lord Callanan] 12th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee, 9th Report from the Constitution Committee
- †Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to promote the importance of volunteering. (*Dinner break business*, *1 hour*)

## Thursday 22 February 2018 at 11.00am

- \*Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord O'Shaughnessy on 20 December 2017 (HL4078), why they have no plans to provide patients with the costs of their treatment in order to encourage charitable donations to the National Health Service.
- \*Lord Lexden to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress has been made in discussion with political parties in Northern Ireland on the re-establishment of devolved government in the province.
- \*Baroness Cox to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the situation in Sudan, with particular reference to violations of human rights and access to those in need of humanitarian aid.

## Monday 26 February 2018 at 2.30pm

- \*Baroness Benjamin to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have for publicising a detailed evaluation of stage one of the National Child Obesity Strategy; and when a publication timetable for stage two will be produced.
- \*Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have received, if any, opposing electrical safety checks in the private rented housing sector. [I]
- \*Baroness Thornton to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to reduce the waiting lists for consultant-led NHS treatment; and to what timetable they intend to carry out such plans.
- \*Baroness Rawlings to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress they have made in establishing the Northern Forest.

## Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 2.30pm

- \*Lord Lea of Crondall to ask Her Majesty's Government whether remaining in the European Single Market, post-Brexit, would require the United Kingdom to retain membership of the European Economic Area and associated European Union agencies through re-joining the European Free Trade Association.
- \*Lord Addington to ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to removing the need for candidates for higher education with dyslexia and other specific learning disabilities to pay for new assessments if they have an existing diagnosis acquired before the age of 16 and a history of support. [I]
- \*Lord Goddard of Stockport to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they have taken to rebuild the lives of people affected by the Grenfell Tower fire.

## Wednesday 28 February 2018 at 3.00pm

- †\*Lord Naseby to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Competition and Markets Authority about the impact on the United Kingdom retail trade of online suppliers, such as Amazon.
- †\*Lord Rennard to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the cost benefits to the National Health Service and police of introducing minimum unit pricing for alcohol in England.
- †\*Baroness Deech to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to address the criticism in the 2017 report of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the lack of obligatory and implemented accessibility standards in the United Kingdom, in particular in relation to transport and the physical environment.

## **Select Committee Reports**

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

**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 2017* 

**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 2017* 

**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 2017

## **Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation**

**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.

## **Questions for Written Answer**

Tabled on 31 January and due for answer by 14 February.

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking, if any, to fund independent scientific research into hormone pregnancy tests; and whether they are planning to set up an independent public inquiry into such tests.

HL5267

**Baroness Anelay of St Johns** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the remarks made by the Rt Hon Mark Field MP on 26 October 2017 (HC Deb, col 233 WH) that in partnership with Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon he would write to the embassies and high commissions in key countries for which he had responsibility, asking them to report on precisely what they are doing to promote freedom of religion or belief, which embassies and high commissions responded; and what they reported.

HL5268

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the remarks made by the Rt Hon Mark Field MP on 26 October 2017 (HC Deb, col 233 WH) that in partnership with Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon he would reissue the freedom of religion or belief toolkit to all ambassadors and high commissioners, what training has been given to staff in post overseas in the use of that toolkit; and whether the toolkit is publicly available.

HL5269

**Baroness Anelay of St Johns** to ask Her Majesty's Government what training in the use of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's freedom of religion or belief toolkit is given to UK employed staff before deployment to posts overseas; and how frequently that training is updated.

HL5270

**Baroness Barker** to ask Her Majesty's Government what checks they conduct to ascertain the adequacy of non-governmental organisation support to prevent hate crime attacks upon the return of LGBT deportees to their countries of origin.

HL5271

**Baroness Barker** to ask Her Majesty's Government how many individuals deported from the UK to (1) Nigeria, and (2) Ghana, have identified as (a) lesbian, (b) gay, (c) bisexual, or (d) transgender, since 2 October 2012.

HL5272

**Baroness Barker** to ask Her Majesty's Government what proportion of people deported to (1) Nigeria, and (2) Ghana, raised their LGBT status as a factor in their applications to remain in the UK, since 2 October 2012.

HL5273

**Baroness Barker** to ask Her Majesty's Government how many of the individuals who were scheduled to be on the charter flight going to Nigeria and Ghana, leaving from Stansted Airport on 28 March 2017 had disclosed that they feared persecution due to their sexual identity or gender identity were they to be deported.

HL5274

**Baroness Barker** to ask Her Majesty's Government, of the individuals who were due to be on the charter flight going to Nigeria and Ghana which was scheduled to leave Stanstead Airport on 28 March 2017, how many (1) remain in the UK, and (2) still have legal applications to remain in the UK; of such applications how many (a) relate to asylum claims, and (b) relate to claims that a deportation would be contrary to Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

HL5275

**Lord Bassam of Brighton** to ask Her Majesty's Government when the economic impact assessments on Brexit were commissioned; and for what purpose.

HL5276

**Lord Bassam of Brighton** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to use the economic impact assessments on Brexit for decisive policy planning.

HL5277

**Lord Bassam of Brighton** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will make available to the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee, the European Union Committee, and its sub-committees, the data, modelling methodology and conclusions drawn from the Brexit economic impact assessments; and if so, when.

HL5278

**Lord Berkeley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what, in 2016–17, were the remuneration packages, including bonuses, of the top three executive directors of Tideway; and what assessment they have made of that remuneration given that the Thames Tideway Tunnel will not be completed, and available to deliver a service, for another six to seven years.

HL5279

**Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted** to ask Her Majesty's Government what immediate action, if any, was taken as a result of a letter from the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) to the Department of Trade and Industry of 8 April 2005 stating that (1) the FRC regarded the law relating to capital maintenance, which includes the net assets test of section 831 of the Companies Act 2006, then the Companies Act 1985, as outmoded, and (2) following the law did not form part of the FRC's thinking in setting and approving accounting standards; and if no action was taken, why not.

HL5280

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted to ask Her Majesty's Government why the Financial Reporting Council stated to the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee, in evidence taken on 22 July 2014, that government lawyers had "concluded that they agreed with" "legal advice from Martin Moore QC who [had] concluded almost exactly the opposite of what [George Bompas QC for the Local Authorities Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF)] had concluded"; and what assessment they have made of the compatibility of that statement with correspondence dated 3 December 2015, obtained from the Department for Business and Industrial Strategy (BIS) following a Freedom of Information Act request (BEIS/FOI2016/07497), in which a BIS official stated that "We have never said that the views [of the LAPFF] are incorrect and may be disregarded. ... Ultimately, whether the views of the LAPFF are incorrect would be a matter for the courts".

**Baroness Cavendish of Little Venice** to ask Her Majesty's Government what support they have given to the head and governors at St Stephen's School in Newham; and what assessment they have made of whether the head and governors have been harassed and threatened in their attempts to help integrate primary school children into British society.

HL5282

**Lord Colgrain** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the use of blockchain will not deprive HM Treasury of tax that might otherwise be chargeable on more conventional commercial and financial transactions and structures.

HL5283

**Viscount Colville of Culross** to ask Her Majesty's Government, following the publication of their *25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment*, when they will announce (1) to whom the Tree Champion will report, (2) the powers they will use, and (3) the budget dedicated to the delivery of their work plan. HL5284

**Baroness Garden of Frognal** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to introduce minimum age limits for trade and investment in digital currencies.

HL5285

**Baroness Garden of Frognal** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to send representatives to participate in discussions regarding international regulations for the digital currency sector to the G20 summit in Argentina; and whether they will report on the summit.

HL5286

**Lord Greaves** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the estimate made by the Local Government Association that it will cost £12 billion to bring roads in England "up to scratch".

HL5287

**Lord Greaves** to ask Her Majesty's Government what actions they have taken since the floods which took place in Earby on Boxing Day 2015, through the Environment Agency or otherwise, to reduce the probability of households in Earby being flooded, and to increase resilience against flooding in that town.

HL5288 [I]

**Lord Greaves** to ask Her Majesty's Government when the Environment Agency's flood alleviation study for Earby will be published; and when they will make a decision on the proposed community flood resilience scheme for Earby.

HL5289 [I]

**Lord Greaves** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will meet a delegation from Pendle Borough Council to discuss the problems relating to past and potential flooding in Earby. HL5290 [I]

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to commission research to evaluate the impact on patients of reduced access to liothyronine (T3) for the treatment of thyroid disease.

HL5291

**Lord Luce** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their policy towards the newly elected government of Somaliland; whether they intend to give support for any planned reform in that country; and if so, what form that support will take.

HL5292

**Lord Moonie** to ask Her Majesty's Government what inflation rates they are assuming for each of the next five years in planning for defence budgets to rise by inflation plus 0.5 per cent. HL5293

**Lord Moonie** to ask Her Majesty's Government what were the principal factors taken into account during preparation of the Mechanised Infantry Vehicle Initial Gate business case.

HL5294

**Lord Moonie** to ask Her Majesty's Government what proportion of defence spending over each of the past five years has been on (1) pensions, (2) pay and allowances, and (3) support and maintenance.

HL5295

**Lord Moonie** to ask Her Majesty's Government how many training flying hours have been completed in Merlin HC3 helicopters in each of the last three years.

HL5296

**Lord Morris of Aberavon** to ask Her Majesty's Government when they received the Joint Inspectorate report into disclosure of evidence; and when the Attorney General launched his review of the rules and guidance relating to the disclosure of evidence.

HL5297

**Lord Morris of Aberavon** to ask Her Majesty's Government, for the last available year, how many cases were not proceeded with in magistrates' courts on the date fixed for trial because of a failure by the prosecution to disclose evidence.

HL5298

**Lord Morris of Aberavon** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the Attorney General's review of disclosure procedures included a review of prosecutions in magistrates' courts; and if so, when they were included.

HL5299

**Lord Morris of Aberavon** to ask Her Majesty's Government when the Attorney General received a letter from the Chairman of the Criminal Cases Review Commission on the issue of disclosure of evidence; and whether that correspondence can, and will, be published.

HL5300

**Lord Morris of Aberavon** to ask Her Majesty's Government how many prosecution cases have collapsed because of a failure to disclose evidence in the last two years.

HL5301

**Lord Morris of Aberavon** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Young of Cookham on 25 January (HL Deb, cols 1083–1085), what action they are taking to widen the pool of talent for appointment to public bodies.

HL5302

**Lord Ouseley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the report by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust highlighting the number of taxis and private hire vehicles licences which have been granted to drivers with criminal convictions.

HL5303

**Lord Ouseley** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have considered introducing legislation to reform taxi licensing laws to establish national standards to secure passenger safety.

HL5304

**Lord Ouseley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the adequacy of measures in place to tackle knife crime; and what other measures they are considering to prevent more children and young people from carrying knives and other lethal weapons.

HL5305

**Lord Patten** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the benefit to the taxpayer when Her Majesty's Government use companies that offer both construction and public services provision within one business.

HL5306

**Lord Patten** to ask Her Majesty's Government how many Post Office branches provide automatic telling machines for customers.

HL5307

**Lord Patten** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth on 23 January (HL4567), whether, since the statutory guidance was revised, they are satisfied that all new blocks of flats over 30 metres in height have had sprinklers fitted; and in the same period, how many existing buildings have been retro-fitted with sprinklers.

HL5308

**Lord Patten** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Agnew of Oulton on 23 January (HL4568), why the Department for Education has not collected data about the preferences of parents from different faiths in relation to the schools they choose for their children. HL5309

**Lord Patten** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Agnew of Oulton on 23 January (HL4566), whether it is their policy to ensure that all Catholic parents are able to educate their children in Catholic schools; and if not, why not.

HL5310

**Lord Pendry** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ashton of Hyde on 25 January (HL4692) and in the light of the report by PricewaterhouseCoopers into on-air pay and the criticisms of its findings by the BBC Women campaign group, what discussions they have had with the BBC regarding its obligation to address the gender pay gap.

HL5311

**Lord Pendry** to ask Her Majesty's Government, what percentage of employers, with annual wage bills of £3 million or more, pay 0.5 per cent of their staff costs as part of the Apprenticeship Levy; and for whose who do not, what steps they are taking to make them do so.

HL5312

**Lord Porter of Spalding** to ask Her Majesty's Government how much funding they set aside to implement the cap on care costs, as previously scheduled for 2020; whether that money has been spent; and if so, how.

HL5313 [I]

**Lord Porter of Spalding** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the extension of the Housing Revenue Account borrowing cap in local authority areas of high affordability pressure.

HL5314 [I]

**Lord Scriven** to ask Her Majesty's Government what urgent representations, if any, they have made to the government of Bahrain concerning the decision of the Court of Cassation on 29 January to uphold the death sentence of Maher al-Khabbaz; and what assessment they have made of his case and trial. HL5315

**Lord Scriven** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 8 January (HL4428), whether they have received any updates from the British Embassy in Bahrain regarding the charges brought against Duaa Alwadaei.

HL5316

**Lord Scriven** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of case and trial of the human rights activist Nabeel Rajab, and of the decision of the Bahraini Court of Cassation on 15 January to uphold his two-year sentence.

HL5317

**Lord Scriven** to ask Her Majesty's Government further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 24 January (HL4611), whether the UK played any role in awarding the EU Chaillot Prize to the Bahraini Ministry of Interior Ombudsman in 2014; and if so, what efforts they made to lobby others to secure that result.

HL5318

**Lord Scriven** to ask Her Majesty's Government what measures, if any, they have taken to tackle reports of arbitrary revocations of citizenship in Bahrain; and what assessment they have made of the findings of the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy that, between 2012 and 2017, (1) 506 individuals have been stripped of their citizenship, and (2) in the overwhelming majority of cases, those individuals have consequently been rendered stateless.

HL5319

**Lord Scriven** to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations, if any, they have made to the government of Bahrain to stop the imminent deportations of Mohammed Ali, Abdul Amir, Abdulnabi Almosawi, and Maryam Redha, as reported by Amnesty International.

HL5320

**Baroness Watkins of Tavistock** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to enable women undergoing early medical abortion to take the second part of the medication, misoprostol, at home if they so wish.

HL5321

**Viscount Waverley** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to introduce a reciprocal allocation with the government of Russia, in place of existing arrangements, for four floating passes for use by accredited diplomats to access international airports in London and Moscow.

HL5322

## Questions unanswered after 10 working days

The questions asked on the dates shown in bold were due for answer by the dates in brackets. The Government department responsible for answering each Question is shown in square brackets.

16 January (30 January)

HL4733 Lord Bassam of Brighton [Cabinet Office]

HL4782 Lord Watson of Invergowrie [Department for Education]

HL4783 Lord Watson of Invergowrie [Department for Education]

17 January (31 January)

HL4828 Lord Lipsey [Home Office]

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

Cabinet Office (1)

Department for Education (2)

Home Office (1)

## **Bills in Progress**

|   | Type of Bill     | To be considered |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Waiting for Second Reading  |                  |                  |
| Succession to Peerages Bill [HL]  | Private Member's |                  |
| House of Lords 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 |                  |
| 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 |             |
| Official Development Assistance Target (Repeal) Bill [HL]   | Private Member's |             |
| Nuclear Safeguards Bill (Queen's consent to be signified)   | Government       | 7 February  |
| Automated and Electric Vehicles Bill  | Government       | 20 February |
| Committed to an Unopposed Bill Committee  |                  | J           |
| Richmond Burgage Pastures Bill [HL]   | Private          |             |
| University of London Bill [HL]  | Private          | 6 February  |
| Committed to a Committee of the Whole House   |                  | ,           |
| House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) Bill [HL] (Queen's consent to be signified) | Private Member's |             |
| Age of Criminal Responsibility Bill [HL]  | Private Member's |             |
| Modern Slavery (Victim Support) 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 |             |
| 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 |             |
| Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [HL]   | Private Member's |             |
| Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill [HL]   | Private Member's |             |
| Local Government Elections (Referendum) Bill [HL]   | Private Member's |             |
| Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill [HL]  | Private Member's |             |
| Registration of Marriage Bill [HL]  | Private Member's |             |
| Open Skies Agreement (Membership) Bill [HL]   | Private Member's |             |
| European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (Queen's consent to be signified)  | Government       | 21 February |
| Waiting for Report  |                  |             |
| Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill [HL]   | Government       |             |
| Secure Tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Bill [HL]  | Government       |             |
| Waiting for Third Reading   |                  |             |
| Asset Freezing (Compensation) Bill [HL]   | Private Member's | 7 February  |
| City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill   | Private          |             |
|   |                  |             |

Government

### **Sent to the Commons**

Financial Guidance and Claims Bill [HL]

Space Industry Bill [HL]

Government

Data Protection Bill [HL]

Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Bill [HL]

Government

Government

Waiting for Royal Assent

Telecommunications Infrastructure (Relief from Non-Domestic

Rates) Bill

Armed Forces (Flexible Working) Bill [HL] Government

## **Statutory Instruments in Progress**

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

Draft Armed Forces Act (Continuation) Order 2018

Draft Waste Enforcement (England and Wales) Regulations 2018

Draft Automatic Enrolment (Earnings Trigger and Qualifying Earnings Band) Order 2018

Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2018

Draft Passport (Fees) Regulations 2018

Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Electronic Commerce Directive (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2018

Draft National Employment Savings Trust (Amendment) Order 2018

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

Draft Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (Amendments to Audit Requirements) Order 2017 (1 February)

Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Amendment of Schedule 6) Order 2018 (1 February)

Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Investigatory Powers (Codes of Practice) Regulations 2018 16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (1 February)

Draft Investigatory Powers (Interception by Businesses etc. for Monitoring and Record-keeping Purposes) Regulations 2018 *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (1 February)* 

Draft Investigatory Powers (Review of Notices and Technical Advisory Board) Regulations 2018 16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (1 February)

Draft Investigatory Powers (Technical Capability) Regulations 2018 16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (1 February)

Draft Financial Services Act 2012 (Mutual Societies) Order 2018 (1 February)

Draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Appeals from Licensing Authority Decisions) (General Council of the Bar) Order 2018 (1 February)

Draft Legal Services Act 2007 (General Council of the Bar) (Modification of Functions) Order 2018 (*I February*)

Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Building Societies (Restricted Transactions) (Amendment to the Prohibition on Entering into Derivatives Transactions) Order 2018 (*I February*)

Draft Littering From Vehicles Outside London (Keepers: Civil Penalties) Regulations 2018 (1 February)

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Carrying on Regulated Activities by Way of Business) (Amendment) Order 2018 (*I February*)

Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (I February)

Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2018

Draft Policing and Crime Act 2017 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2018 (7 February)

Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2018

Draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2018

Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2018

Draft Tax Credits and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating etc. Regulations 2018

Draft Renewable Transport Fuels and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Regulations 2018 17th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Draft Seafarers (Insolvency, Collective Redundancies and Information and Consultation Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2018

Draft Enhanced Partnership Plans and Schemes (Objections) Regulations 2018

Draft Works Detrimental to Navigation (Powers and Duties of Inspectors) Regulations 2018

Andrey Lugovoy and Dmitri Kovtun Freezing Order 2018

### Paper waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Particulars of Proposed Designation of Age-Verification Regulator (1 February)

### **Negative Instruments**

Universal Credit (Tenant Incentive Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2017 31st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2016–17. Praying time expired 29 June 2017.

Social Security Benefit Up-rating Regulations 2017 Not reported by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expired 22 June 2017.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2017 14th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 31 January.

Homes and Communities Agency (Transfer of Property etc.) Regulations 2018 17th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 1 March.

School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2018 17th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 6 March.

### **Regulatory Reform Order in Progress**

Draft Order laid before the House and referred to the Regulatory Reform Committee

Draft Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) (Custodial Premises) Subordinate Provisions Order 2018 (22 January) Parliamentary procedure: affirmative

### **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*.

Draft National Policy Statement for Geological Disposal Infrastructure: A framework document for planning decisions on nationally significant infrastructure *Scrutiny period expires 28 September* 

## 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.

| Thursday 1 February   |                              |         |
|---|------------------------------|---------|
| EU Internal Market Sub-Committee                                | Room 4A                      | 10.00am |
| Monday 5 February   |                              |         |
| National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)                    | Room 4A                      | 3.30pm  |
| Tuesday 6 February  |                              | 5.5 °F  |
| Science and Technology Committee                                | Room 4                       | 10.00am |
| EU Justice Sub-Committee  | Room 3                       | 10.30am |
| University of London Bill [HL], Unopposed Bill Committee        | Room 2A                      | 11.00am |
| Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006<br>Committee | Room 1                       | 11.00am |
| European Union Committee  | Room 3                       | 3.00pm  |
| Communications Committee  | Room 2                       | 3.15pm  |
| Economic Affairs Committee                                      | Room 1                       | 3.30pm  |
| Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee                        | Room 3A                      | 3.45pm  |
| Wednesday 7 February  |                              |         |
| EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee                              | Room 2                       | 10.00am |
| EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee                         | Room 4A                      | 10.00am |
| EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee                                   | Room 3                       | 10.15am |
| Constitution Committee  | Room 1                       | 10.15am |
| International Relations Committee                               | Room 4                       | 10.30am |
| Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee                | Room 2A                      | 10.30am |
| Human Rights (Joint Committee)                                  | Room 1                       | 3.00pm  |
| Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)                         | Room 7                       | 3.45pm  |
| Thursday 8 February   |                              |         |
| EU External Affairs Sub-Committee                               | Room 1                       | 10.00am |
| Services Committee  | Committee Room G             | 2.00pm  |
| Tuesday 20 February   |                              |         |
| Political Polling and Digital Media Committee                   | Room 2                       | 10.45am |
| Wednesday 21 February   |                              |         |
| House of Lords Commission                                       | The Lord Speaker's Office    | 10.30am |
| Citizenship and Civic Engagement Committee                      | Room 3A                      | 10.30am |
| Finance Committee   | Other (Parliamentary Estate) | 4.15pm  |
| Monday 5 March  |                              |         |
| Procedure Committee   | Room 1                       | 5.00pm  |

## Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday 31 January 2018

The House met at 10.00am.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

## **Select Committee Reports**

### 1 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

The following Report from the Select Committee was made and ordered to be printed:

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill. (12th Report, HL Paper 73)

### **2 Statutory Instruments**

The following Report from the Joint Committee was made and ordered to be printed:

Report on certain statutory instruments, including the following affirmative instruments:

Andrey Lugovoy and Dmitri Kovtun Freezing Order 2018 (SI 2018/60)

Draft Enhanced Partnership Plans and Schemes (Objections) Regulations 2018

Draft Works Detrimental to Navigation (Powers and Duties of Inspectors) Regulations 2018. (11th Report, HL Paper 72)

### **Private Business**

3 **City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill** The bill was reported from the Unopposed Bill Committee without amendment.

### **Public Business**

4 **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill** The debate on the amendment to the motion that the bill be now read a second time, at end to insert "but that this House regrets that the bill makes no provision for the opinion of the people to be secured on the terms on which Her Majesty's Government propose that the United Kingdom withdraw from the European Union", was resumed. After debate, the debate was further adjourned.

The House adjourned. The House resumed.

- 5 **Income inequality** A question was asked by Baroness Lister of Burtersett and answered by Lord Taylor of Holbeach.
- 6 NHS: claims budgets A question was asked by Lord Sharkey and answered by Lord O'Shaughnessy.
- 7 **Brexit: transition period** A question was asked by Lord Lennie and answered by Lord Callanan.
- 8 **Prisons: careers guidance** A question was asked by Lord Beecham and answered by Lord Keen of Elie.
- 9 **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill** The debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading was resumed. After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to and the bill was committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House adjourned at 10.19pm until Thursday 01 February at 11.00am.

**Ed Ollard** 

Clerk of the Parliaments

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## **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. Criminal Justice—Government Response to the 1st Report from the House of Commons Justice Committee on Disclosure of Youth Criminal Records. (9559)

### **Affirmative Instrument**

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

1. Draft National Employment Savings Trust (Amendment) Order 2018

### **Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1. Natural History Museum (Authorised Repositories) Order 2018 (94)
- 2. Town and Country Planning General (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2018 (99)
- 3. Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (102)