

Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 3.00pm

**Oral Questions, 30 minutes*

***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]

***Baroness Meacher** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will issue a special licence under section 30 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 to enable the family of Alfie Dingley to import cannabis-based medication to treat his epilepsy.

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*)

Future Business**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.

†***The Lord Bishop of Gloucester** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their vision for the long-term future of the prison system.

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Nuclear Safeguards Bill Committee [Lord Henley] *13th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee*

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. (*Lunch break business, 1 hour*)

Friday 23 February 2018 at 10.00am

Ecumenical Marriage Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Deben]

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

Family Relationships (Impact Assessment and Targets) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Farmer]

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

Criminal Records Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Ramsbotham]

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

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.

It is expected that the Committee stage of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill will continue.

†**Baroness Garden of Frognal** to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress is being made in developing a sustainable lifelong learning culture in England. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Wednesday 21 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 23 February.*

City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill Third Reading

†**Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill [HL]** Report [Baroness Sugg]

†**Transparency of Donations and Loans etc. (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2018** Lord Duncan of Springbank to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 23 November 2017 be approved.

†**Baroness Suttie** to move, as an amendment to the above motion at end insert “but this House regrets that the draft Order 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.”

†**Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Bill [HL]** Second Reading [Baroness Sugg]

If the bill is read a second time, Baroness Sugg to move that the bill be committed to a Grand Committee.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.30pm

†*Baroness Buscombe intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

†**Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Buscombe]

†**Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Buscombe]

†*Baroness Stedman-Scott intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

†**Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Stedman-Scott]

†**Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Stedman-Scott]

†*Baroness Buscombe intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

†**Automatic Enrolment (Earnings Trigger and Qualifying Earnings Band) Order 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Buscombe]

†**National Employment Savings Trust (Amendment) Order 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Buscombe] *Instrument not reported by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments*

†**Waste Enforcement (England and Wales) Regulations 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Gardiner of Kimble]

†*Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

†**Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Regulations 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen]

†**Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) (Amendment) Regulations 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen]

†*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.*

†**Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Young of Cookham]

†**Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Young of Cookham]

†**Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Young of Cookham]

†**Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2018** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Williams of Trafford]

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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 22 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 26 February.*

It is expected that the Committee stage of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill will continue.

†**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. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Thursday 1 March 2018 at 11.00am

***Lord Rooker** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the article in Public Health Reviews, *Public health failure in the prevention of neural tube defects: time to abandon the tolerable upper intake level of folate*, published 31 January; and whether they will meet with the authors.

***Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting will discuss the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; and what objectives they have for Commonwealth action on those goals.

***Lord Sherbourne of Didsbury** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of Police and Crime Commissioners in holding their chief constables and police forces to account.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 23 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 27 February.*

†*It is expected that the Committee stage of the Nuclear Safeguards Bill will continue, and that it will conclude.*

†**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. (*Lunch break business, 1 hour*)

Monday 5 March 2018 at 2.30pm

***Lord Black of Brentwood** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce a regime for the purchase, possession and use of air guns.

***Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of general practitioners taking early retirement; and what steps they are taking to increase the size of the general practitioner workforce. [I]

***Lord Teverson** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to issue a sovereign green bond to support the United Kingdom's position in the global green finance market.

***Baroness Burt of Solihull** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the suitability of bids for replacement services for women prisons made following the closure of HM Prison Holloway.

It is expected that the Committee stage of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill will continue.

Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 2.30pm

***Lord Polak** to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to promote co-existence between Israelis and Palestinians.

***Viscount Ridley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to encourage the use of gene editing in agriculture.

***Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate** to ask Her Majesty's Government, following the appointment of their General Aviation Champion, when they will set out how future regulation of general aviation will be handled after the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union; and how this will fit in with plans to reform United Kingdom airspace policy.

Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 3.00pm

***Baroness Gardner of Parkes** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the availability of long-term housing for rent of holiday lets, including those listed as rooms to let, particularly in London.

***The Earl of Clancarty** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will take steps to improve opportunities for the study of music in schools.

***Lord Clark of Windermere** to ask Her Majesty's Government what specific proposals they have to increase the number of fully trained nurses working in the National Health Service and the associated care services.

It is expected that the Committee stage of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill will continue.

Thursday 8 March 2018 at 11.00am

***Baroness Bertin** to ask Her Majesty's Government what support they are giving to women who are victims of domestic violence.

***Baroness Gale** to ask Her Majesty's Government how they will ensure that employment protections for women currently provided by European Union law will be maintained when the United Kingdom leaves the European Union.

***Lord Berkeley** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the security of undersea cables linking the United Kingdom with the United States and other countries.

Monday 12 March 2018 at 2.30pm

***Lord Balfé** to ask Her Majesty's Government how many British nationals are currently employed in the European External Action Service (1) directly, and (2) on secondment from Her Majesty's Government; and what is their assessment of the impact on the effectiveness of the Government's diplomatic efforts when those staff leave that Service.

***Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether it is their objective to maintain authoritative immigration statistics to allow the development of sound policies and plans for the future.

***Lord Beecham** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they propose to take any action in relation to the outsourcing by police forces of digital forensic investigation work to unaccredited private laboratories.

***Baroness Meacher** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have plans to revisit the inclusion of cannabis in Schedule 2 to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, in the light of claims regarding its medicinal significance.

†*It is expected that the Committee stage of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill will continue.*

Tuesday 13 March 2018 at 2.30pm

***Lord Beith** to ask Her Majesty's Government what arrangements they propose for the continuation of train services on the East Coast mainline.

***Lord Blunkett** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to make adjustments to the Apprenticeship Levy to facilitate the improved working of that programme and to reverse the fall in apprenticeship starts, including the redistribution and effective use of any current underspend.

***Lord Pearson of Rannoch** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the national scale of the "grooming gang scandal", including sexual exploitation of non Muslim children by Muslim men, as emerged recently in Rotherham, Rochdale, Oxford and elsewhere; and what steps they are taking to enable the prosecution of those in the police and local authorities who have failed to prevent it.

Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 3.00pm

***Lord Kirkwood of Kirkhope** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effect on Universal Credit work incentives of the recently announced proposals for passporting family entitlement to free school meals.

***Baroness Randerson** to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they have taken to improve rural bus services.

***Lord Storey** to ask Her Majesty's Government what checks are undertaken on individuals before they meet the Prime Minister or Cabinet ministers.

†*It is expected that the Committee stage of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill will continue.*

Thursday 15 March 2018 at 11.00am

***Lord Clement-Jones** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the fashion and other design-based industries of the potential loss of European unregistered design rights for United Kingdom-generated designs following Brexit.

***Baroness Massey of Darwen** to ask Her Majesty's Government how they plan to respond to the National Children's Bureau report, *Children Missing Education*, published on 31 January; and what plans they have to improve the collection of national-level data on such children.

***Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer** to ask Her Majesty's Government how they plan to support Outdoor Classroom Day, to be held on 17 May; and whether they intend to increase the opportunities for children to learn in an outdoor environment.

Monday 19 March 2018 at 2.30pm

***Baroness Kennedy of Cradley** to ask Her Majesty's Government, over the last 10 years, how many children trafficked into the United Kingdom who have subsequently applied for asylum have had their applications approved.

***Viscount Waverley** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to abide by all rulings made by the European Court of Justice during any transition period following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

***Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have plans to provide a network of support, nationally and locally, for people affected by dependence on prescribed drugs.

***Lord Fox** to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress has been made in implementing the Universal Service Obligation for broadband.

†*It is expected that the Committee stage of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill will continue.*

Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 2.30pm

†***Baroness Watkins of Tavistock** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord O'Shaughnessy on 21 January (HL5321), why there are no plans to enable women undergoing early medical abortion to take the second dose of the medication, misoprostol, at home, if they so wish.

†***Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they intend to take to improve the speed of the processing of immigration applications.

†***Lord Robathan** to ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to including litter picking in the National Curriculum for Year 6 children, to tidy up the roads and encourage civic responsibility.

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*

Lord Howell of Guildford to move that this House takes note of the Report from the International Relations Committee *Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2018* (2nd Report, HL Paper 74). *7 February*

Baroness Verma to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Union Committee *Brexit: sanctions policy* (8th Report, HL Paper 50). *17 December 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).

Lord Bassam of Brighton to move that this House regrets Her Majesty's Government bringing forward reductions in entitlement to free school meals through the Free School Lunches and Milk, and School and Early Years Finance (Amendments Relating to Universal Credit) (England) Regulations 2018 and calls on Her Majesty's Government not to implement the Regulations until a full poverty impact assessment has been completed and considered by both Houses, and not before six months has elapsed (SI 2018/148).

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 20 February and due for answer by 6 March.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support birth registration activities in relation to Rohingya children born in Bangladesh to ensure that their rights are protected while they are refugees and when, or if, they return to Myanmar. HL5557

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they expect the number of children in hostels and other temporary accommodation in England to rise; and what steps they are taking to reduce this number. HL5558

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with Westminster City Council about deaths and hospital admissions of homeless people sleeping rough in the borough. HL5559

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government on average, each night, how many homeless people in England sleep outside; and whether they expect that number to increase in 2018, compared to 2017. HL5560

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recent report by Refugee Rights Europe *A Hostile Environment* on the challenges facing asylum-seekers currently residing in asylum accommodation in the UK, particularly with regard to concerns about (1) safety, (2) welfare, and (3) sanitary conditions. HL5561

Lord Balfe to ask Her Majesty's Government how many British nationals serve as EU Ambassadors or heads of mission in the European External Action Service; and how many of them are employed (1) directly, and (2) on secondment, from Her Majesty's Government. HL5562

Lord Bassam of Brighton to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to close the projected £2.3 billion funding gap in adult social care by 2020 as forecast by the Local Government Association. HL5563

Lord Bassam of Brighton to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on adults receiving social care of the projected £2.3 billion shortfall in funding for adult social care by 2020 as forecast by the Local Government Association. HL5564

Lord Bassam of Brighton to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the costs to local authorities of children referred to children's services in each of the last five years. HL5565

Lord Bassam of Brighton to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that local authorities are properly funded to deal with all children referred to children's services. HL5566

Lord Bassam of Brighton to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on service users of the projected £2 billion funding shortfall in children's services by 2020 as forecast by the Local Government Association. HL5567

Lord Bassam of Brighton to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Young of Cookham on 8 February (HL5130), whether they will now set out which private sector contracts with Carillion have been either suspended or curtailed; and whether they will provide details of the value of those contracts. HL5568

Lord Beecham to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have responded to a letter sent to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Prisons and Probation on 17 January by the Prisoner Learning Alliance in relation to their decision not to extend its contract for in-custody provision. HL5569

Lord Beecham to ask Her Majesty's Government whether, and if so with whom, any consultation took place on the decision not to extend the National Career Services contract in prisons in England; and if so, whether that consultation requested information on the provision of an alternative service. HL5570

Lord Beecham to ask Her Majesty's Government whether suicide awareness training for prison officers is specifically designed for prisons and the special circumstances which prevail in them. HL5571

Lord Beecham to ask Her Majesty's Government whether any public transport is available for visitors to (1) HMP Berwyn in Wrexham, and (2) the Oakwood, Brinsford, and Featherstone group of prisons; and if so, what. HL5572

Lord Beecham to ask Her Majesty's Government how many staff have been deployed on detached duty to each of the London prisons each month in the past year. HL5573

Lord Berkeley to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they intend to take to ensure the continuing operation of Eurostar and rail freight through the Channel Tunnel after the UK leaves the EU; and to ensure that the necessary licences, approvals and permissions are available for the rolling stock, the services and crews to be able to operate both in the UK and on the continent. HL5574 [I]

Lord Berkeley to ask Her Majesty's Government when HS2 phase one construction plans and timetables for the Chilterns will be published. HL5575

Lord Berkeley to ask Her Majesty's Government how much funding they have set aside for HS2 phase one enabling works, design and pre-construction activity; and how much of that funding has already been spent and on what. HL5576

Lord Berkeley to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the collapse of Carillion Construction Limited on the timetable and budget for HS2 phase one enabling works, design and pre-construction activity. HL5577

Lord Berkeley to ask Her Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of any additional expenditure on HS2 phase one enabling works, design and pre-construction activity required because of the collapse of Carillion Construction Limited. HL5578

Lord Berkeley to ask Her Majesty's Government what additional costs have been incurred by HS2 phase one contractors working on the C2 North Portal Chiltern Tunnels to Brackley section because of the collapse of Carillion Construction Limited. HL5579

Lord Bird to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Buscombe on 12 December 2017 (HL3812), which (1) ministers, (2) departments, (3) agencies, and (4) arm's length government bodies, including non-ministerial departments, executive agencies, non-departmental public bodies and public corporations, have responsibility for poverty, and issues relating to poverty. HL5580

Lord Bird to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of their preventative approach with regard to addressing the root causes of poverty in the long term. HL5581

Lord Bird to ask Her Majesty's Government how many children were living in poverty in working families in each year since 2010. HL5582

Lord Bird to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will establish a specific funding stream within the proposed UK Shared Prosperity Fund to focus on tackling child poverty and providing opportunities to disadvantaged young people, as exists under the current European Social Fund programme. HL5583

Lord Bird to ask Her Majesty's Government whether there will be a full and public consultation on the detail of the proposed UK Shared Prosperity Fund; and whether they will engage with young people currently benefiting from projects supported by EU funds. HL5584

Lord Birt to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the comments made by Robert Chote, Chairman of the Office for Budget Responsibility, in the *New Statesman* on 24 January, that most of the work that trade economists have done shows that the costs of leaving the single market and the customs union are greater than the benefits. HL5585

Lord Birt to ask Her Majesty's Government, what assessment they have made of (1) the potential impact on the UK economy if Japanese companies decided to relocate away from the UK following the UK's exit from the EU, and (2) any comments by the Japanese Ambassador on this issue. HL5586

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Henley on 12 February (HL5215 and HL5281), what role they played in commissioning and approving the legal opinion provided by Martin Moore QC, in the light of a Freedom of Information request (BEIS/FOI2016/15803) recording a Department for Business and Industrial Strategy (BIS) official stating that: "I agree; we will need to jointly commission with the FRC an opinion from an eminent QC which could be published" and the Financial Reporting Council later stating to an official that: "We have now developed the Martin Moore opinion to an advanced stage and I thought it would be useful to share it with you to see whether you would like to discuss any points or seek the inclusions of any points"; and whether they will publish any instructions provided to Mr Moore and any insertions added to the legal opinion that he produced. HL5587

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Henley on 12 February (HL5281) which stated that "the FRC has to form its own view, for the fulfilment of its regulatory functions, of what it considers the law to be. The statement above is an example of the Government and the FRC working together to confirm such an interpretation", whether the legal opinion by Michael Moore QC, published on 8 October 2013, was dependent upon the Ministerial Statement published by BIS on 3 October 2013, or whether the Ministerial Statement was dependent upon the Moore opinion. HL5588

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Henley on 12 February (HL5212) which stated that "The Financial Reporting Council published a statement in June 2014 confirming that the true and fair requirement remains of fundamental importance in the preparation of accounts", whether they have identified any mistakes in the description of requirements deriving from section 393 of the Companies Act 2006 within the June 2014 FRC statement; and when any such mistakes will be corrected. HL5589

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Henley on 12 February (HL5280) which stated that "the Government has stated previously that it does not consider that the Companies Act requires the accounts of the company to state the company's distributable profits", what assessment they have made of the Financial Reporting Council guidance on section 837 of the Companies Act 2006 which states that "A disclaimer of opinion on the financial statements as a whole would be material as the auditor would be unable to form an opinion on the amount at which the company's distributable profits are stated". HL5590

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Henley on 12 February (HL5215), whether any member of the Financial Reporting Council board acted as an instructing solicitor when Michael Moore QC was asked to provide a legal opinion; and if so, which board member acted in this capacity; what remuneration they received; and on how many other occasions they had also instructed Mr Moore on behalf of the FRC. HL5591

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Henley on 1 February (HL4991 and HL4993), on what basis were members of the Financial Reporting Review Panel omitted from the Financial Reporting Council Register of Interests; which members of the Panel have previously served as Financial Reporting Council employees; which members of the Panel are serving or previous members of accounting firms and, for each such member, which firms they have worked for; which remaining Panel members have had any professional relationships with accounting firms; and, for each such member, (1) what the nature of the relationship was, (2) which accounting firm the relationship was with, and (3) when the relationship occurred. HL5592

Lord Bradshaw to ask Her Majesty's Government when they will consider and respond to relevant parts of the (1) Clean Growth Strategy, (2) Industrial Strategy, and (3) Hendry Review, in order that a decision is reached on progressing the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon. HL5593

Lord Bradshaw to ask Her Majesty's Government, in carrying out the analysis for the report *Evaluation of concessionary bus travel: the impacts of the free bus pass* published on 20 December 2017, what consideration they gave to the social benefits of concessionary bus travel including (1) access to services, (2) isolation, and (3) the de-congestion effects of encouraging bus travel. HL5594

Baroness Burt of Solihull to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report by the Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation, *The Dependency Trap—are we fit to face the future*, published in January, in particular its proposal that working partners should be able to contribute to the pension funds of non-working partners in order to help tackle the gender pay gap in pensions. HL5595

Baroness Burt of Solihull to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the proposal in the Cridland review, published in March 2017, that couples should be able to combine their pension savings. HL5596

Baroness Burt of Solihull to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to encourage employers to continue contributing to an individual's automatic enrolment pension fund during maternity leave and carer's leave. HL5597

Baroness Burt of Solihull to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress has been made in reducing rates of economic inactivity due to disability caused by preventable chronic conditions among those aged over 50. HL5598

Baroness Burt of Solihull to ask Her Majesty's Government how many people are in receipt of working age disability benefits; and what is their estimate of the number of people who will be in receipt of such benefits following the introduction of planned increases to the state pension age from 65 to (1) 66, (2) 67, and (3) 68. HL5599

Baroness Burt of Solihull to ask Her Majesty's Government how the number of women in receipt of working age disability benefits has been affected by the rise in the state pension age from 60 to 65 between 2010 and 2018. HL5600

Baroness Campbell of Surbiton to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on personal budget holders as a consequence of the retrospective implementation of the change in guidance on the national minimum wage and national living wage for sleep-in shifts for care workers. HL5601

Lord Clement-Jones to ask Her Majesty's Government when they plan to announce the dates for digital television transmitter changes that will take place after 2018. HL5602

The Lord Bishop of Coventry to ask Her Majesty's Government when their strategy covering freedom of religion or belief will be published. HL5603

The Lord Bishop of Coventry to ask Her Majesty's Government what are the details of the £600,000 worth of projects funded by the Magna Carta Fund in 2016–17 which the Foreign and Commonwealth Office stated have directly led to positive freedom of religion or belief outcomes in 20 countries; and what are those outcomes. HL5604

Lord Crisp to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether Clinical Commissioning Groups are allocating the additional investment promised by Her Majesty's Government for mental health to mental health services. HL5605

Lord Crisp to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that 50 per cent of Clinical Commissioning Groups in England are planning to reduce the proportion of their budgets spent on mental health support in 2017–18, compared to 2016–17. HL5606

Lord Crisp to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress has been made in ensuring that mental health has parity of esteem with physical health with regard to funding. HL5607

Lord Crisp to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will consider ring-fencing existing levels of funding for mental health services in 2018–19. HL5608

Baroness Deech to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the Palestinian National Authority regarding the incidence of "honour killings" and domestic violence in the Palestinian Territories reported by the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its Causes and Consequences in 2017. HL5609

Baroness Deech to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the Palestinian National Authority regarding the reported banning of a new women's television station in Gaza by the Ministry of Information there. HL5610

Lord Faulkner of Worcester to ask Her Majesty's Government why reverse charge VAT has been applied to products such as mobile phones and gold, but not to scrap metal. HL5611

Lord Faulkner of Worcester to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps HMRC is taking to tackle carousel or missing trader intra-community fraud in the scrap metal sector. HL5612

Lord Faulkner of Worcester to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with scrap metal trade bodies about reverse charge VAT. HL5613

Lord Faulkner of Worcester to ask Her Majesty's Government how much potential revenue they estimate the Government is losing each year through carousel or missing trader intra-community fraud. HL5614

Baroness Featherstone to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment, if any, they have made of the potential benefits of implementing a regulatory definition of electricity storage based upon the definition currently used for interconnector capacity. HL5615

Baroness Featherstone to ask Her Majesty's Government how many gigawatts of large scale long duration electricity storage, of over four hours, was on the National Grid last year; and what assessment they have made of the total requirement for this year. HL5616

Baroness Featherstone to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have made any estimates of the potential cost savings that could be made by securing a greater supply of large scale, long duration electricity storage. HL5617

Baroness Garden of Frognal to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the findings and recommendations of the Service Complaint Ombudsman are legally binding on the Ministry of Defence; and if not, what further recourse is open to service personnel with a grievance. HL5618

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government following the issuing of a section 114 notice by Northamptonshire County Council, what information they have about the likelihood of other councils issuing such notices; and with which councils they have had discussions on the possible issuing of such notices. HL5619

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government, following the announcement of a study into the possible reopening of the railway line between Colne and Skipton and related matters, when, where and by whom the announcement was made; what was the text of that announcement; and who was invited to attend the announcement. HL5620

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government, in relation to the study into the possible reopening of the railway line between Colne and Skipton and related matters, what are the terms of reference of the study; what is its estimated cost; which are the commissioning bodies; what is the expected timetable for the study; whom it will report to; what consultations will take place as part of the study; and whether the full results will be published. HL5621

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their policy in relation to the integration of health and social care in England. HL5622

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the standards of passenger comfort in newly ordered and delivered rolling stock, particularly in Thameslink Class 700 trains, in Class 707 and 717 trains, and in IEP Classes 80X. HL5623

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask Her Majesty's Government what were the total numbers of EU nationals working in the occupational sectors of (1) agriculture, forestry and fishing, (2) human health and social work activities, (3) residential care, and (4) accommodation and food services activities; and in each case, what proportion of the total workforce of each sector those EU nationals comprised, in each of the years between 2010 and 2017 and in each (a) region, (b) local authority area, and (c) Parliamentary constituency, of the UK. HL5624

Lord Hylton to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Saudi Arabia about the detention without charge of Noha al-Balawi; and whether they will press for her release. HL5625

Lord Hylton to ask Her Majesty's Government what support they are providing to speed up the assessment for refugees and migrants arriving in Greece. HL5626

Lord Hylton to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by the Minister of State for the Middle East on 7 February (HC Deb, col WH604), when they last discussed the detention of Ahed Tamimi with the government of Israel; and what assessment they have made of any progress being made to implement the recommendations of the report *Children in Military Custody* published by a delegation of nine UK lawyers in June 2012. HL5627

Lord Hylton to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the conclusions of the report by various organisations *Dangerous Ground: Syria's refugees face an uncertain future* published on 5 February. HL5628

Lord Hylton to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Egypt for the immediate release of Dr Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh following his arrest on 14 February. HL5629

Baroness Kinnoch of Holyhead to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to impose targeted sanctions against Major-General Maung Maung Soe in response to his role in the persecution and violence against the Rohingya Muslim minority, and other peoples, in Burma. HL5630

Lord Kinnoch to ask Her Majesty's Government whether any assurances about access to markets and component supplies following the UK's departure from the EU were given by the Prime Minister to senior representatives of Japanese vehicle manufacturing companies and other commercial concerns in their meeting at 10 Downing Street on 8 February; and if so, what they were. HL5631

Lord Kinnoch to ask Her Majesty's Government what arrangements they have made, or are making, to ensure that the 75,000 UK road freight trucks which currently undertake commercial journeys within the other 27 member states of the EU are able to continue with their operations after Brexit, and are not limited by EU permit restrictions on third country operations. HL5632

Lord Kinnoch to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the remarks made by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union on 30 January (HC Deb, col 687) that civil service economic forecasts "are always wrong, and wrong for good reasons", whether arrangements have been made for an alternative modelling and analysis of possible trade conditions after the UK's departure from the EU; and if so, what changes in forecasting methods are to be made. HL5633

Lord Kinnoch to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the speech by the Foreign Secretary on 14 February, which current EU regulations or directives complicate planning and inhibit housebuilding in the UK. HL5634

Lord Kinnock to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the speech by the Foreign Secretary on 14 February, which provisions in the current regulatory framework of the EU inhibit the development of new stem cell technology in the UK. HL5635

Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate to ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to applying for a derogation from the European Aviation Safety Authority to allow pilots over the age of 65 to continue to fly commercial aircraft. HL5636

Lord Lipsey to ask Her Majesty's Government what is the average time taken by customers to fill out the online application for people over 70 to renew their driving licence. HL5637

Lord Lipsey to ask Her Majesty's Government how the online application system for people over 70 to renew their driving licences was piloted. HL5638

Lord Lipsey to ask Her Majesty's Government what information they hold on the number of failed attempts by people over 70 to renew their driving licences online. HL5639

Lord Lisvane to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the maximum acceptable (1) distance, and (2) travel time, for witnesses and related parties to get to their nearest (a) Magistrates' Court, (b) County Court, and (c) Crown Court. HL5640

Lord Loomba to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 25 January (HL4647), what steps they are taking to ensure that widows' rights are a focus of the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. HL5641

Lord Loomba to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 25 January (HL4791), what steps they are taking to ensure any discussions on preventing sexual violence in conflict at the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting will also address the specific issues that affect widows and their children. HL5642

Lord Loomba to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure women's participation in, and that the views of the women are adequately heard at, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in April. HL5643

Lord Lucas to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for pupils who have done most of their schoolwork on a laptop, not for reasons of disability, to be permitted to use a laptop for (1) GCSE, and (2) A-level examinations. HL5644

Lord Lucas to ask Her Majesty's Government what proportion of pupils who have done most of their schoolwork on a laptop, not for reasons of disability, are permitted to use a laptop for (1) GCSE and (2) A-level examinations. HL5645

Lord Lucas to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the comprehensiveness of the data gathered by the police about online fraud and attempted online fraud. HL5646

Lord Luce to ask Her Majesty's Government how many deaths in England over the past five years were caused by or linked to prescription opioids. HL5647

Lord Luce to ask Her Majesty's Government how many deaths in England over the past five years were caused by or linked to the use of over the counter opioids. HL5648

Lord Luce to ask Her Majesty's Government how many people in England they estimate are currently addicted to prescription opioids, excluding cancer patients. HL5649

Lord Luce to ask Her Majesty's Government, in view of the consumption of codeine for pain relief, whether they have any plans to extend the remit of the Public Health England inquiry into prescription drug addiction and dependence to include over the counter painkillers. HL5650

Lord Luce to ask Her Majesty's Government what proportion of opioids dispensed for pain relief contain a warning on the package that the medication may cause dependence or addiction. HL5651

Lord Luce to ask Her Majesty's Government whether GPs are being advised to carry out regular medication reviews for patients who are prescribed painkillers for chronic pain, in particular patients who are prescribed opioids; and if not, why not. HL5652

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to celebrate World Encephalitis Day on 22 February. HL5653 [I]

Lord Mawson to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord O'Shaughnessy on 8 February (HL5380), what percentage of mental health patients in England are referred to money advice services. HL5654

Lord Mawson to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord O'Shaughnessy on 8 February (HL5380), whether they have considered trialling the integration of money advice in mental health settings in England. HL5655

Lord Myners to ask Her Majesty's Government whether assessments produced by HM Treasury economists concur with the Bank of England's assessment of the impact of Brexit on capital investment. HL5656

Lord Myners to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the Secretary of State for Transport has the capacity to restrict or ban (1) companies, (2) individuals, and (3) associates, from bidding for rail franchises. HL5657

Baroness Northover to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Technical Mission to the State of Qatar's December 2017 report on the impact of the Gulf Crisis on human rights, particularly with regard to that report's conclusions on the impact of the crisis on (1) freedom of expression, (2) freedom of movement, (3) the separation of families, (4) economic rights, (5) the right to health, (6), the right to education, and (7) other matters. HL5658

Baroness Northover to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to help resolve the Gulf Crisis. HL5659

Lord Patel of Bradford to ask Her Majesty's Government how NHS-led Sustainability and Transformation Plans, including accountable care systems of integrated health and social care, will work with local authority procured substance misuse services to ensure vulnerable service users are given the right priority of access to treatment and care. HL5660

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask Her Majesty's Government what is the value of the UK's powdered milk stockpile; what other products they are stockpiling under the Common Agricultural Policy; and in what quantity and value; and what they expect to be the final destination and selling price of the stockpiled products. HL5661

Baroness Pinnock to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to consider the views of fire service and governance experts when reviewing the independent assessments relating to Police and Crime Commissioners taking over responsibility from fire and rescue authorities. HL5662

Baroness Pinnock to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether the principle that the governance of fire and rescue services should be determined by residents within the area served will continue in the light of proposals to make these services subject to governance by Police and Crime Commissioners. HL5663

Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede to ask Her Majesty's Government which magistrates' courts in each of Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service regions in England and Wales are, in terms of their access arrangements for people with disabilities, (1) compliant with the Equality Act 2010, and (2) not compliant with the Equality Act 2010. HL5664

Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans are in place to ensure that magistrates' courts in England and Wales are compliant with the Equality Act 2010 in terms of access arrangements for people with disabilities. HL5665

Baroness Quin to ask Her Majesty's Government whether it is their policy to ensure that no region of the UK will see economic growth reduce as a result of Brexit. HL5666

Baroness Quin to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions members of the Cabinet have held on the impact of Brexit with (1) business, and (2) local government, representatives of the north east of England in the last three months. HL5667

Baroness Quin to ask Her Majesty's Government what meetings are planned to discuss the impact of Brexit on the north east of England between Ministers and representatives of (1) business, and (2) local government. HL5668

Lord Radice to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of nationals of other EU states who will leave the UK between now and the end of the Brexit transition period; and what are the principal skills categories expected to be affected by their departure, if any. HL5669

Lord Radice to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the decrease in net EU migration to the UK as a result of Brexit, if any. HL5670

Lord Radice to ask Her Majesty's Government what additional skills training they plan to replace any skills lost to the UK economy through any departure of nationals from other EU countries due to Brexit. HL5671

Lord Radice to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have plans to provide any additional help to any regions that experience negative economic impacts due to Brexit. HL5672

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of the United States on behalf of Kris Maharaj, a British citizen held in prison in Florida. HL5673

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask Her Majesty's Government whether a decision has been made on whether the £1 million received by the UK Overseas Territories per year from the EU's Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Territories of Europe Overseas Fund will be replaced after the UK leaves the EU. HL5674

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the replacement for the EU's Financial Instrument for the Environment will allow Overseas Territories to access funding for large scale environmental projects which smaller instruments cannot address. HL5675

Lord Temple-Morris to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to participate in international defence exercises with allies during 2018–19; and at what scale. HL5676

Lord Temple-Morris to ask Her Majesty's Government how many incidents of unidentified submarines close to the north west coast of the UK were recorded during (1) 2016, and (2) 2017. HL5677

Lord Temple-Morris to ask Her Majesty's Government how many approaches to UK airspace by Russian military aircraft were detected during (1) 2016, and (2) 2017. HL5678

Baroness Thomas of Winchester to ask Her Majesty's Government why VAT is payable on the provision of British Sign Language interpreters for deaf people and people with hearing loss in full-time employment. HL5679

Baroness Thomas of Winchester to ask Her Majesty's Government why VAT is payable on the provision of palantypists for deaf people and people with hearing loss in full time employment. HL5680

Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of Yesh Din's December 2017 annual data sheet on law enforcement on Israeli civilians suspected of ideologically motivated crime against Palestinians in the West Bank, particularly with regard to the finding that only three per cent of investigations of such crimes have resulted in a conviction. HL5681

Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Israel regarding the payment of compensation to Palestinians whose homes were officially demolished in 2017. HL5682

Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Israel regarding the demolition of two classrooms in the school of the Abu al-Nawwar Bedouin community in East Jerusalem. HL5683

Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the criteria necessary to achieve a two-state solution with a contiguous, economically viable, and independent Palestinian state. HL5684

Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government what military and crowd control equipment they purchased from Israel in 2017. HL5685

Baroness Tonge to ask Her Majesty's Government with regard to human rights and international law violations, under what circumstances they would consider imposing selective trade sanctions on Israel. HL5686

Lord Truscott to ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to extending the existing renewable energy subsidy for offshore wind beyond October. HL5687

Viscount Waverley to ask Her Majesty's Government which state actors they originally identified to have levied cyber-attacks against UK institutions in the past five years; and whether their assessment of the origins of those attacks has subsequently altered. HL5688

Viscount Waverley to ask Her Majesty's Government what criteria they use to determine whether cyber aggression constitutes an act of war; and in such cases, what plans they have to allow for Parliamentary scrutiny of any evidence. HL5689

Viscount Waverley to ask Her Majesty's Government what advice they have given to UK institutions and companies to minimise their being a victim of cyber-attacks in the event of cyber warfare. HL5690

Viscount Waverley to ask Her Majesty's Government whether, following the speech of the Prime Minister at the Security Conference in Munich on 17 February, they plan to cooperate with the EU Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) after Brexit; and if so, what form any such cooperation would take; and whether they consider that ENISA's programme of implementation of EU policy and laws falls under the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice of the European Union. HL5691

Viscount Waverley to ask Her Majesty's Government whether Foreign Minister Lavrov of Russia extended an invitation to the UK Foreign Secretary during the bilateral meeting on 22 December 2017 in Moscow for respective state cyber agencies to meet to address areas of concern; and if so, how the Foreign Secretary responded and if he has not responded when he will. HL5692

Viscount Waverley to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have made formal representations to the government of Russia regarding recent accusations by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of cyber-attacks originating in Russia; whether they plan to present evidence in support of their accusations; and whether they consider that the government of Russia was instrumental in these cyber-attacks. HL5693

Lord West of Spithead to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Earl Howe on 1 February (HL4977), on what grounds any changes were made to the privileges accorded to previous Heads of Service; and whether the Chief of Defence Staff or Defence Services Secretary discussed such changes with previous Heads of Service prior to the changes being made. HL5694

Lord West of Spithead to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Earl Howe on 30 November 2017 (HL3468), whether any Long Service and Good Conduct Medals for retired Heads of Service were produced but have not subsequently been issued. HL5695

Lord West of Spithead to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Earl Howe on 1 February (HL5091), whether they have produced any estimates of the difference in cost per ship if long-lead items had been ordered for all eight Type 26 Frigates, rather than for an initial batch of three ships. HL5696

Lord Willoughby de Broke to ask Her Majesty's Government how much foreign aid money was provided to the Democratic Republic of the Congo by the Department for International Development in each year since 2010. HL5697

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]

25 January (8 February)

HL5093 Lord Berkeley [Cabinet Office]

31 January (14 February)

HL5322 Viscount Waverley [Foreign and Commonwealth Office]

5 February (19 February)

HL5372 Lord Hylton [Department for Education]

6 February (20 February)

HL5449 Lord Taylor of Warwick [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

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

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Department for Education (1)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (1)

Foreign and Commonwealth 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	23 February
Family Relationships (Impact Assessment and Targets) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	23 February
Criminal Records Bill [HL]	Private Member's	23 February
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	

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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	
Smart Meters Bill	Government	
Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Bill [HL]	Government	27 February
Committed to an Unopposed Bill Committee		
Richmond Burgage Pastures Bill [HL]	Private	
University of London Bill [HL]	Private	
Committed to a Grand Committee		
Automated and Electric Vehicles Bill	Government	
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	
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 (<i>Queen's consent to be signified</i>)	Government	21 February
Nuclear Safeguards Bill (<i>Queen's consent to be signified</i>)	Government	22 February
Waiting for Report		
Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill [HL]	Government	27 February
Secure Tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Bill [HL]	Government	

Waiting for Third Reading

City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill	Private	27 February
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Financial Guidance and Claims Bill [HL]	Government
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Data Protection Bill [HL]	Government
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Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Bill [HL]	Government
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Asset Freezing (Compensation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's
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Waiting for Consideration of Commons Amendments and Reasons

Space Industry Bill [HL]	Government
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Statutory Instruments in Progress**Affirmative Instruments waiting for consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

Draft Armed Forces Act (Continuation) Order 2018

Draft Electronic Commerce Directive (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2018

Draft National Employment Savings Trust (Amendment) Order 2018 (*27 February*)

Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Powers of Seizure) Order 2018 *19th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Electricity Supplier Payments (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Amendment) Order 2018

Draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Insolvency of Registered Providers of Social Housing Regulations 2018

Draft Police Powers of Designated Civilian Staff and Volunteers (Excluded Powers and Duties of Constables) Regulations 2018

Draft Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations 2018

Draft Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

Draft Employment Rights Act 1996 (Itemised Pay Statement) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2018

Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention and Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Draft Data Protection (Charges and Information) Regulations 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*

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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 *(27 February)*

Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Regulations 2018 *(27 February)*

Draft Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 *(27 February)*

Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 *(27 February)*

Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 *(27 February)*

Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 *(27 February)*

Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2018 *(27 February)*

Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2018 *(27 February)*

Draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 *(27 February)*

Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 *(27 February)*

Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2018 *(27 February)*

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

Draft Waste Enforcement (England and Wales) Regulations 2018 *(27 February)*

Draft Automatic Enrolment (Earnings Trigger and Qualifying Earnings Band) Order 2018 *(27 February)*

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

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.*

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.*

Free School Lunches and Milk, and School and Early Years Finance (Amendments Relating to Universal Credit) (England) Regulations 2018 *Not reported by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 29 March.*

Enterprise Act 2002 (Part 9 Restrictions on Disclosure of Information) (Specification) Order 2018 *19th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 23 March.*

National Emission Ceilings Regulations 2018 *19th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time expires 23 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

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.

Wednesday 21 February

European Union Committee	in Brussels	10.00am
EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee	Room 2	10.00am
EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 3	10.15am
House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Office	10.30am
Citizenship and Civic Engagement Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 2A	10.30am
International Relations Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 1	3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Room 7	3.45pm
Finance Committee	Other (Parliamentary Estate)	4.15pm

Thursday 22 February

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

Tuesday 27 February

Science and Technology Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
EU Justice Sub-Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Communications Committee	Room 2	3.15pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm

Wednesday 28 February

EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
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Monday 5 March

Procedure Committee	Room 1	5.00pm
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Tuesday 6 March

Political Polling and Digital Media Committee	Room 2	10.30am
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 Committee	Room 1	11.00am
Audit Committee	Room 2A	4.15pm

Thursday 8 March

Services Committee	Committee Room G	2.00pm
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Monday 12 March

Liaison Committee	Room 1	4.30pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday 20 February 2018

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Winchester.

1 **Leave of Absence** Leave of absence was granted to Lord Davies of Coity for the remainder of this Parliament.

2 **Black Rod** The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Evans of Bowes Park) informed the House that Her Majesty had appointed Sarah Clarke to be Lady Usher of the Black Rod in succession to Lieutenant-General David Leakey CMG CVO CBE; and that she was at the door, ready to receive their Lordships' commands; whereupon the House directed that she should be called in; accordingly she was called in and officiated in her place.

Select Committee Report

3 Secondary Legislation Scrutiny

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

Report on certain instruments, including:

Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Powers of Seizure) Order 2018

Enterprise Act 2002 (Part 9 Restrictions on Disclosure of Information) (Specification) Order 2018

National Emission Ceilings Regulations 2018

Correspondence: Homes and Communities Agency (Transfer of Property etc.) Regulations 2018. (19th Report, HL Paper 78)

Public Business

4 **Charities, social enterprises and voluntary organisations** A question was asked by Baroness Barker and answered by Lord Ashton of Hyde.

5 **Commonwealth Summit** A question was asked by Baroness Berridge and answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.

6 **Disabled people: social care** A question was asked by Baroness Campbell of Surbiton and answered by Lord O'Shaughnessy.

7 **Apprenticeships** A question was asked by the Lord Bishop of Winchester and answered by Viscount Younger of Leckie.

8 **Automated and Electric Vehicles Bill** Baroness Sugg moved that the bill be now read a second time. After debate, the motion was agreed to and the bill was committed to a Grand Committee.

9 **Northern Ireland update** Lord Duncan of Springbank repeated a ministerial statement made in the House of Commons.

10 **Andrey Lugovoy and Dmitri Kovtun Freezing Order 2018** Lord Young of Cookham moved that the Order laid before the House on 19 January be approved. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

11 **Review of post-18 education and funding** Viscount Younger of Leckie repeated a ministerial statement made in the House of Commons.

12 **Safeguarding in the aid sector** Lord Bates repeated a ministerial statement made in the House of Commons.

13 **Nuclear weapons** A question was asked by Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer and, after debate, answered by Baroness Goldie.

The House adjourned at 10.01pm until Wednesday 21 February at 3.00pm.

Ed Ollard
Clerk of the Parliaments

Papers

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

Command Papers

The following papers were presented to the House by command of Her Majesty on the dates shown:

1. Health—Government Response to the Report from the Select Committee on the Long-Term Sustainability of the NHS, Session 2016–17, on Long-Term Sustainability of the NHS and Adult Social Care (20 February). (9504)
2. Justice—Monitoring places of detention: Eighth annual report of the United Kingdom’s National Preventive Mechanism for the year 2016–17 (20 February). (9563)
3. Explanatory Memorandum (Revised)—Replacement Explanatory Memorandum to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2018, originally laid on 31 January (13 February). (—)

Statutory Instruments laid under Standing Order 70

The following instruments were laid before the House on the date shown:

1. Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) Amendment Regulations 2018 (*Negative Instrument, No. 141, laid on 9 February*)
2. School Teachers (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (*Negative Instrument, No. 166, laid on 9 February*)
3. Further Education Loans (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (*Negative Instrument, No. 182, laid on 12 February*)
4. Public Service Pensions Act 2013 (Judicial Offices) (Amendment) Order 2018 (*Negative Instrument, No. 186, laid on 13 February*)
5. Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2018 (*Negative Instrument, No. 173, laid on 14 February*)
6. Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution from Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulations 2018 (*Negative Instrument, No. 68, laid on 15 February*)
7. Merchant Shipping (International Load Line Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (*Negative Instrument, No. 155, laid on 15 February*)
8. Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2018 (*Negative Instrument, No. 178, laid on 15 February*)
9. Freedom of Information (Removal of References to Public Authorities) Order 2018 (*Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings, No. 185, laid on 14 February*)
10. Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions (Amendment) Order 2018 (*Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings, No. 176, laid on 15 February*)
11. Venezuela (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2018 (*Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings, No. 179, laid on 15 February*)
12. United Nations (International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals) Order 2018 (*Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings, No. 187, laid on 15 February*)

13. Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order 2018 (*Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings, No. 194, laid on 19 February*)

Affirmative Instrument

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

1. Draft Data Protection (Charges and Information) Regulations 2018

Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

1. Statute, dated 4th October 2017, made by the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, revising the existing Statutes of the University (—)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

1. Report by the Secretary of State for Transport on the use of his powers under section 70 of the Charities Act 2006 for the year 2016–17
2. Report of the Bank of England’s supervision of financial infrastructures for the period 23 February 2017 to 20 February 2018
3. Reserve Land Forces Regulations 2016 Amendment No 1