

Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 2.30pm

**Oral Questions, 30 minutes*

***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 for the disabled students' allowance 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.

***Baroness Helic** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the impact of the government of Russia's policy towards the Western Balkans on prospects for Euro-Atlantic enlargement in the Balkans.

City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill Third Reading

Space Industry Bill [HL] Consideration of Commons Amendments [Baroness Sugg]

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.

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



Grand Committee in 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]

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]

Future Business

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.

†***Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are taking measures to ensure that British ISIS members captured overseas are tried for crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide; if so, what steps they are taking; whether those individuals will be tried in Britain; and where British citizens who have had their citizenship revoked will be tried.

†**European Union (Withdrawal) Bill** Committee (day 3) [Lord Callanan] *12th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee, 9th Report from the Constitution Committee*

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 to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 27 February.

Nuclear Safeguards Bill Committee (day 2) [Lord Henley] *13th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee*

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.

Baroness Walmsley to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address obesity among children and young people. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

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.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

Lord Freeman to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the condition of private sector pension funds. (1 hour)

Lord German to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the future of United Kingdom inland waterways. (1 hour)

Lord Bradshaw to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they propose to take to reverse the decline in the use of buses in England outside London. (1 hour)

Baroness Whitaker to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address health issues in the Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities. (1 hour)

Baroness Greengross to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risks of anti-microbial resistance. (1 hour)

Monday 12 March 2018 at 2.30pm

***Lord Balfe** 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.

Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 3.00pm

***Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** to ask Her Majesty's Government what communications they have had, over the last 30 years, with police forces regarding the tactic of undercover police officers forming sexual relationships to develop their cover stories.

***Baroness Berridge** to ask Her Majesty's Government what are their human rights priorities for the communiqué of the Commonwealth Summit in April 2018. [I]

***Baroness Brinton** to ask Her Majesty's Government what guidance is provided to Clinical Commissioning Groups in exercising their duty to provide medical respite care for seriously ill and disabled children, following the High Court decision of 21 February.

Thursday 22 March 2018 at 11.00am

***Lord Stevenson of Balmacara** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the recently launched review of press sustainability in the United Kingdom will have the power to call for evidence; whether all such evidence received will be published; and whether all meetings held as part of the review will be public.

***Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to permit United States companies to bid for NHS contracts as part of any future United Kingdom–United States trade deal.

***Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will consider establishing a statutory regulator of media advertising.

Monday 26 March 2018 at 2.30pm

†***Baroness Cox** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of recent developments in Nigeria, with particular reference to attacks on civilians by Boko Haram and the Fulani.

†***The Lord Bishop of Durham** to ask Her Majesty's Government what specific measures they are taking to monitor the impact of the two-child limit policy in the child element of Child Tax Credit and Universal Credit on the well-being of children.

†***Lord Holmes of Richmond** to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will now consider removing international students from the net migration statistics.

†***Baroness Altmann** to ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the recent decision to offer HPV vaccinations to gay men, whether they plan to provide HPV vaccinations to all boys; and if so, when.

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*

Other Motions for Debate

†**Viscount Waverley** to move that this House takes note of the synergy between United Kingdom foreign policy and trade.

†**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to move that this House takes note of the humanitarian crisis in Syria.

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).

†**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to move that this House regrets that the Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 extend the normal student maintenance regime to more categories of nursing students as a replacement for the NHS Bursary Scheme; and calls on Her Majesty's Government to postpone the introduction of the Regulations until the current review of post-18 education and funding has been completed (SI 2018/136).

Questions for Short Debate

Time limit 1 hour or 1½ hours.

†**Lord McColl of Dulwich** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to address the incidence of obesity. (*26 February*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 26 February and due for answer by 12 March.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recommendation to establish an international tribunal to prosecute Daesh fighters for genocide and other crimes set out in the Council of Europe report of Special Rapporteur, Pieter Omtzigt, *Prosecuting and punishing the crimes against humanity or even possible genocide committed by Daesh*, published on 22 September 2017. HL5858

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of the Netherlands concerning (1) that government's recognition of Daesh atrocities as genocide, and (2) the steps taken by that government towards a proposal for prosecuting Daesh fighters. HL5859

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with their international partners, including the government of the Netherlands, about the application of the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide to crimes perpetrated by Daesh fighters against religious minorities in Syria and Iraq; and what stance they took in those discussions. HL5860

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Anelay of St Johns on 14 March 2016 (HL6611), what "international judicial system" bodies they accept as legitimate to make a determination on whether genocide has occurred. HL5861

Lord Bassam of Brighton to ask Her Majesty's Government how many vacancies existed for (1) nurses, (2) junior doctors, (3) doctors, and (4) consultants, in the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust, in each year since 2010. HL5862

Lord Berkeley to ask Her Majesty's Government what restrictions or changes to air and sea transport services are required on any operation within the Special Protection Area of the Isles of Scilly. HL5863

Lord Berkeley to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are requiring all new-build passenger coaches to be equipped with compatible European Train Control System equipment to reduce the delays and costs of retrofitting. HL5864

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Henley on 20 February 2018 (HL5467), whether the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) will make a statement to its levy payers that the charges it has levied were not required to be paid; and whether they will make an assessment of the impact of improper charging including (1) whether the practice of speculative invoicing has created grounds for full refunds in a similar way to which Payment Protection Insurance (PPI) mis-selling has, (2) whether such practices have affected tax deductibility of payments made given that voluntary payments may not be tax deductible, (3) additional legal issues that the FRC is considering, (4) whether the FRC's own auditors have raised the matter as a concern, and (5) whether the amount received from Carillion plc by the FRC will be refunded to Carillion's liquidator. HL5865

Lord Chadlington to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are taking steps to establish an independent regulator for the gambling industry; and if so, what. HL5866

Lord De Mauley to ask Her Majesty's Government whether Ofsted recognises the contribution of an in-school cadet movement when reporting on its inspection of a school; and if so, how. HL5867 [I]

Lord De Mauley to ask Her Majesty's Government when they expect the Defence Recruiting System to be able to process enlistments to the Army Reserve. HL5868 [I]

The Lord Bishop of Durham to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Bates on 25 January (HL4633) and 19 February (HL5367), whether they have collected statistics on the number of families affected by the two-child limit policy in the child element of Child Tax Credit and Universal Credit since its introduction in April 2017. HL5869

The Lord Bishop of Durham to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Bates on 25 January (HL4633) and 19 February (HL5367), (1) how many families have had their tax credits reduced as a result of the two-child limit policy in the child element of Child Tax Credit and Universal Credit, in each month since its introduction in April 2017; and (2) how many children the families had in each case. HL5870

The Lord Bishop of Durham to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Bates on 25 January (HL4633) and 19 February (HL5367), of those families affected by the two-child limit policy in the child element of Child Tax Credit and Universal Credit since its introduction in April 2017, how many (1) had one or more parents in work, (2) were single parent families, and (3) were two-parent families. HL5871

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of proposals to increase the capacity of the railway line east of Leeds station by building two more tracks or in other ways. HL5872

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government what is (1) the process, and (2) the timetable, for taking decisions on the electrification of all or part of the railway line between Stalybridge and Leeds. HL5873

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government which organisations are responsible for drawing up proposals for a new high-speed railway line between Leeds, Bradford and Manchester; and what is (1) the timetable, and (2) the budget, for that work. HL5874

Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the Northern rail franchise is still intended to result in the withdrawal of all Pacer trains by the end of 2019. HL5875

Baroness Helic to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 20 February (HL5413), what are the staff savings made in (1) Asia, (2) the Americas, and (3) Africa, broken down by (a) country, (b) diplomatic post, and (c) nature of staff saving. HL5876

Baroness Helic to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 20 February (HL5413), how many UK-based staff there were at UK diplomatic posts in (1) Asia, (2) the Americas, and (3) Africa, (a) before the staff savings made to fund the creation of 50 new posts in Europe, and (b) after those staff savings. HL5877

Baroness Helic to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 20 February (HL5413), whether the staff savings being made in Asia, the Americas and Africa include (1) the planned closure of any UK diplomatic posts, and (2) the localisation of positions previously held by UK-based staff; and what is the breakdown of any such changes. HL5878

Baroness Helic to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 20 February (HL5413), whether the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will receive additional funds from HM Treasury to offset the £4.2 million cost of creating 50 new diplomatic posts in Europe. HL5879

Baroness Helic to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 20 February (HL5413), whether the proposals being developed to generate £4.2 million of savings from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office budget to fund the creation of 50 new diplomatic posts in Europe includes the sale of any properties in the UK diplomatic network overseas; and if so, in which countries any such property sales are being considered. HL5880

Baroness Helic to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 20 February (HL5413), what are the 50 new diplomatic posts being created in Europe, broken down by (1) country, (2) diplomatic post, (3) grade of post holder, and (4) whether the post is currently filled or vacant. HL5881

Lord Inglewood to ask Her Majesty's Government what estimate they have made on the effect on tax revenues of a one per cent (1) increase, and (2) decrease, in GNP. HL5882

Lord Inglewood to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the statement by Baroness Evans of Bowes Park on 29 March 2017 (HL Deb, col 611), what is their definition of "frictionless trade". HL5883

Lord Myners to ask Her Majesty's Government whether the Office for Students has the power to compel or direct universities to increase contributions to employee pension schemes to reduce funding deficits. HL5884

Lord Myners to ask Her Majesty's Government what action, if any, they propose to take to improve the funding of the Universities Staff Superannuation Fund; and whether they intend to consider taking steps to allow universities to increase income, including through commercial activities, to increase employer contributions to pension schemes. HL5885

Lord Richards of Herstmonceux to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Earl Howe on 12 February (HL5176), what are the figures for the Medical Deployability Standard categories for (1) the army, (2) the Royal Navy, and (3) the Royal Air Force. HL5886

Lord Scriven to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the statement issued by the Minister for the Middle East on the sentencing of Nabeel Rajab on 21 February, whether they consider the case and sentencing a breach of Mr Rajab's freedom of expression; and, if so, whether they will call for his immediate and unconditional release. HL5887

Lord Scriven to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the statement issued by the Bahraini Embassy in the UK on the sentencing of Nabeel Rajab on 21 February, what is their response to the Embassy's view that Mr Rajab's cases "do not relate to political views or political expression". HL5888

Lord Scriven to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Bahrain regarding the fairness of trials of female pro-democracy activists on 21 February and the three-year prison sentences handed down by the Bahraini High Criminal Court. HL5889

Lord Scriven to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Bahrain regarding the decision of the Bahraini High Military Court of Appeals to uphold the death sentences issued to six civilians in December 2017 for planning to target Bahraini security forces; and what assessment they have made of the case and the Court's decision to reject the appeal. HL5890

Lord Scriven to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 14 February (HL5316), what steps they are taking to seek clarification from the government of Bahrain regarding the charges brought against Duaa Alwadaei. HL5891

Lord Scriven to ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Bahrain regarding (1) the alleged torture of Ali Mohamed Hakeem al-Arab at the Criminal Investigation Directorate and the Dry Dock prison; and (2) the sentencing to death of Mr al-Arab on 31 January. HL5892

Lord Swinfen to ask Her Majesty's Government whether community service sentences may include picking up litter in (1) rural, and (2) urban, areas. HL5893

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the reports that the government of Spain is seeking joint management of the airport in Gibraltar after Brexit. HL5894

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that the requirements for gender pay gap reporting could allow employers to submit fabricated information or avoid reporting. HL5895

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask Her Majesty's Government what specific measures they will take to address the issues with the Northern Ireland border in the withdrawal negotiations with the EU. HL5896

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of the Equalities and Human Rights Commission in addressing the gender pay gap. HL5897

Viscount Waverley to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have sought legal advice on whether the withdrawal of the UK from the EU automatically leads to the loss by British nationals of EU citizenship and the consequent loss of the rights and freedoms deriving from that citizenship; and if so, what was that advice. HL5898

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]

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

Cabinet Office (1)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Finance (No. 2) Bill (<i>Money Bill</i> —22 February)	Government	
Succession to Peerages Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords 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	

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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	28 February
Nuclear Safeguards Bill (<i>Queen's consent to be signified</i>)	Government	1 March
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	
Waiting for Report		
Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill [HL]	Government	27 February
Secure Tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Bill [HL]	Government	
Waiting for Third Reading		

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

Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

- 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
- Draft Companies (Disclosure of Address) (Amendment) Regulations 2018
- Draft First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) (Amendment) Order 2018
- Draft European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Work in Fishing Convention) Order 2018
- Draft Mandatory Use of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses (England) Regulations 2018
- Draft Crime and Courts Act 2013 (Deferred Prosecution Agreements) (Amendment of Specified Offences) 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*

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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

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*

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.*

Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 *Praying time expires 28 March.*

Regulatory Reform Order in Progress

Affirmative draft Order reported by the Regulatory Reform Committee

Draft Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) (Custodial Premises) Subordinate Provisions Order 2018 (*22 January*) *Parliamentary procedure: affirmative. 14th Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee.*

Other Instruments

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.

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
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 1	3.30pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm
European Union Committee	Room 3	4.00pm

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EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 1	10.15am
International Relations Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 2A	10.30am
EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 1	3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Room 7	3.45pm

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
Artificial Intelligence Committee	Room 4A	3.15pm
Audit Committee	Room 2A	4.15pm

Wednesday 7 March

Citizen and Civic Engagement Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
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Thursday 8 March

EU External Affairs Sub-Committee	Room 1	10.00am
Services Committee	Committee Room G	2.00pm

Monday 12 March

Liaison Committee	Room 1	4.30pm
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Wednesday 28 March

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Office	10.30am
Finance Committee	Other (Parliamentary Estate)	4.15pm

Minutes of Proceedings of Monday 26 February 2018

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury.

Public Business

1 **National Child Obesity Strategy** A question was asked by Baroness Benjamin and answered by Lord O'Shaughnessy.

2 **Private rented housing: electrical safety checks** A question was asked by Lord Kennedy of Southwark and answered by Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth. [I]

3 **NHS: waiting lists** A question was asked by Baroness Thornton and answered by Lord O'Shaughnessy.

4 **Northern Forest** A question was asked by Baroness Rawlings and answered by Lord Gardiner of Kimble.

5 **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 9. Amendments were considered. The House resumed.

6 **Syria: humanitarian situation** Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon repeated as a ministerial statement the answer given to an Urgent Question in the House of Commons.

7 **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 12. The House resumed after clause 1 was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 12.16am on Tuesday 27 February until 2.30pm the same day.

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.

Paper Withdrawn

The following Paper, laid before the House on the date shown, was withdrawn:

1. Draft Airports National Policy Statement: new runway capacity and infrastructure at airports in the South East of England (2 February 2017)

Affirmative Instrument

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

1. Draft Crime and Courts Act 2013 (Deferred Prosecution Agreements) (Amendment of Specified Offences) Order 2018

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

1. Teachers' Pensions Schemes (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (218)
2. Blood Safety and Quality Regulations and the Care and Support (Business Failure) Regulations (Consequential Amendments) Order 2018 (231)
3. Occupational Pension Schemes (Administration and Disclosure) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (233)
4. Contracting-out (Transfer and Transfer Payment) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (234)
5. Occupational Pension Schemes (Employer Debt and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2018 (237)
6. Occupational Pension Schemes (Preservation of Benefit and Charges and Governance) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (240)
7. Draft Hertsmere (Electoral Changes) Order 2018 (—)
8. Draft Preston (Electoral Changes) Order 2018 (—)
9. Draft West Berkshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2018 (—)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

1. Civil List Pensions Warrant 2017–18
2. Report of the Care Quality Commission on Monitoring the Mental Health Act in 2016–17