

GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE  
HOUSE OF LORDS

**TODAY'S LISTS**  
**THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2019**

*[Notes about this document are set out at the end]*

**Business in the Chamber at 11.00am**

*Prayers by the Bishop of Peterborough (5 mins)*

*Oral Questions (30 mins)*

- \* The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their current assessment of religious persecution in China. **(Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, FCO)**
- \* Baroness Jones of Whitchurch to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure the long-term viability of upland farming. **(Lord Gardiner of Kimble, DEFRA)**
- \* Baroness Donaghy to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of households in fuel poverty; and what action they intend to take to reduce that number. **(Lord Henley, BEIS)**
- \* Lord Watson of Invergowrie to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the decision by some teachers to take a 20 per cent pay cut in order to prevent staff redundancies in their schools. **(Lord Agnew of Oulton, DfE)**

**Business of the House Motion – Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town**

- Amendment to the motion – Lord Forsyth of Drumlean
- Amendment to the motion – Lord True
- Amendment to the motion – Baroness Noakes
- Amendment to the motion – Viscount Ridley
- Amendment to the motion – Lord Robathan
- Amendment to the motion – Lord Hamilton of Epsom
- Amendment to the motion – Lord Blencathra

*Oral Statement Repeat*

**After either the debates in the name of Lord Forsyth of Drumlean, or, in the event Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town's Business of the House motion is agreed to, after the second reading of the EU (Withdrawal) (No. 5) Bill, Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon will repeat a statement entitled 'Statement on the final implementation of Sharia Penal Code in Brunei Darussalam.'**

*Main Business*

*The following two motions are expected to be debated together:*

**Lord Forsyth of Drumlean to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *Making Tax Digital for VAT: Treating Small Businesses Fairly* (3rd Report, HL Paper 229).**

**Lord Forsyth of Drumlean to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *The Powers of HMRC: Treating Taxpayers Fairly* (4th Report, HL Paper 242).**

*Advisory backbench speaking time:*

*Speakers:*

L Forsyth of Drumlean

B Noakes

B Burt of Solihull

L Hamilton of Epsom

5 L Judge

V Ridley

L Mancroft

L Robathan

V Trenchard

10 B Kramer

L Davies of Oldham

L Bates

L Forsyth of Drumlean

## European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 5) Bill – Second Reading

*(Subject to the decisions of the House a Speakers' List will be issued later today, as well as groupings of any amendments to the Bill during subsequent stages)*

### *Estimated rising time*

We have not set an estimated rising time. Further advice will be supplied during the course of the day, subject to the decisions of the House.

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### *Notes:*

- *This document sets out the matters for the day's business which the Government Whips' Office coordinates: Speakers' Lists (Companion 4.26), ministerial statements (Companion 6.02) and the grouping of amendments (Companion 8.70). It is not the formal order paper, which is produced by the Clerk of the Parliaments and is available from the Printed Paper Office and [www.parliament.uk/lords](http://www.parliament.uk/lords)*
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- *The number of sessions shown for a stage of a bill represents the Government's assessment of reasonable time given the balance of bills and remaining days to the likely end of the session. Progress remains in the hands of the House. Report stage is usually half the length of Committee.*
- *The grouping of amendments is informal. Although every effort is made to secure agreement to groupings, any peer may speak to an amendment in its place on the Marshalled List. "g" before an amendment indicates a Government amendment.*
- *Speaking in debates (Companion 4.34): A member of the House who is taking part in a debate (including general debates and debates on amendments or motions) should attend the start, end and greater part of that debate. In addition, it is considered discourteous for members not to be present for at least the opening speeches, the speeches before and after their own, and for the winding-up speeches. Ministers may decide not to answer, orally or in writing, points made by a speaker who does not stay to hear the Minister's closing speech. Members who believe that they are unlikely to be able to stay until the end of a debate should not seek to participate in it (and if the debate has a speakers' list, should remove their names from the list).*