

GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS

TODAY'S LISTS
WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2020

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

Business in the Chamber at 3.00pm

Prayers by the Bishop of Birmingham (5 mins)

Oral Questions (30 mins)

- * Baroness Hollins to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for (1) prohibiting expiry dates on gift vouchers, (2) requiring retailers to notify purchasers of any expiry dates, and (3) requiring retailers to publish the proportion of vouchers sold that are not redeemed. **(Lord Duncan of Springbank, BEIS)**
- * Lord Black of Brentwood to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that those responsible for violence against journalists in the Commonwealth and globally are brought to justice; and what discussions they have had (1) with the government of South Sudan about the death of Christopher Allen and (2) with the government of Malta about the death of Daphne Caruana Galizia. **(Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, FCO)**
- * Lord Blunkett to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to review the continuation of the BBC Licence fee at the next BBC Charter Review. **(Baroness Barran, DCMS)**
- * Lord Grade of Yarmouth to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the University of Washington's Global Burden of Disease Report, published on 16 January, what steps they are taking to address incidents of sepsis in the United Kingdom which is ranked 132 out of 195 countries for deaths caused by sepsis. **(Baroness Blackwood of North Oxford, DHSC)**

Private Notice Question

To ask HMG what is their strategy for protecting UK citizens from the threat posed by the spread of wuhan novel coronavirus (WN-CoV). **(Baroness Blackwood of North Oxford, DHSC).**

Senior Deputy Speaker's Business

Two Select Committee appointment motions en bloc - Lord McFall of Alcluith
Four Select Committee appointment motions en bloc - Lord McFall of Alcluith

Main Business

The following two motions are expected to be debated together:

Release of Prisoners (Alteration of Relevant Proportion of Sentence) Order 2019-approval motion - Lord Keen of Elie

Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2019 - approval motion - Lord Keen of Elie

European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill - Consideration of Commons Amendments - Lord Callanan

A further Today's List will be issued before the stage commences.

Estimated rising time

The House is expected to rise at the conclusion of the proceedings on the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill.

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*
- *Time estimates are best endeavours: there is no certainty other than for formally time-limited business. It is the duty of individual members to observe the rules on attendance at debate (Companion 4.32) and, in particular, to ensure that they are present for the start of business in which they wish to take part.*
- *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.*
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