

# HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

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*Items marked † are new or have been altered. Bills marked § have been set down before the expiry of the recommended minimum interval between stages.*

## Wednesday 4 November 2020 at 12 noon

### †Royal Assent

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

\***Lord West of Spithead** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to change the level of support that will accompany HMS Queen Elizabeth's deployment to the South China Sea in 2021.

\***Lord Lexden** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to strengthen the union between Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom.

\***Baroness Greengross** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that changes to the planning system will deliver more homes that are accessible for people with disabilities.

\***Lord Harris of Haringey** to ask Her Majesty's Government how many contracts they have placed for the purchase of (1) personal protective equipment, and (2) the mass COVID-19 testing programme, (a) with suppliers identified as "VIPs", and (b) using fast-track procurement procedures since 1 March; what is the total value of any such contracts; and what steps they are taking to demonstrate that such contracts (a) represented value for money, and (b) involved no favouritism.

†*At a convenient point after 1.00pm*

†Questions on an answer to an Urgent Question on the economic support available to individuals and businesses (1) during, and (2) after, the next lockdown in England to address the COVID-19 pandemic, asked in the House of Commons on 3 November. (10 minutes)

†Questions on an answer to an Urgent Question on Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, asked in the House of Commons on 3 November. (10 minutes)

†*At a convenient point after 1.30pm*

§**United Kingdom Internal Market Bill** Committee (day 4) [Lord Callanan] *14th Report from the EU Select Committee, 24th and 26th Reports from the Delegated Powers Committee, 17th Report from the Constitution Committee, 8th Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights*

†*At a convenient point after 5.00pm*

†**Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (England) (No. 4) Regulations 2020** Lord Bethell to move that the Regulations laid before the House on 3 November be approved. *Instrument not yet reported by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments (4 hours)*

†**Lord Robathan** to move, as an amendment to the above motion, to leave out from "that" to the end and insert "this House declines to approve the draft Regulations because no impact analysis of the social, economic and health costs of a national lockdown, compared to the benefits of addressing the transmission of COVID-19 of such a lockdown, has been laid before Parliament, and because Her Majesty's Government have not published a comprehensive long-term strategy for the lifting of all the restrictions put in place to address the pandemic."

†**Lord Forsyth of Drumlean** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Bethell, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that no impact assessment has been published which sets out the (1) number of jobs lost, (2) businesses permanently destroyed, (3) costs to taxpayers, and (4) consequences for mental and physical health, of a national lockdown; and regrets that Her Majesty’s Government have not provided a strategy for the lifting of the restrictions put in place to address the COVID-19 pandemic.”

†**Baroness Noakes** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Bethell, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the modelling used to support the claims that (1) the National Health Service would be overwhelmed, and (2) daily deaths from COVID-19 would be 4,000 or more, has not been subjected to independent review and challenge.”

†**Lord Shinkwin** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Bethell, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that a further national lockdown to address the COVID-19 pandemic signals to totalitarian regimes that Her Majesty’s Government have failed to address the pandemic effectively, and that the United Kingdom’s parliamentary democracy is weak.”

†**Baroness Meyer** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Bethell, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the Regulations will result in an increase in mental illness and other long-term psychological harm.”

†**Lord Lilley** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Bethell, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the Regulations have been laid under the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984, which does not give specific powers to Her Majesty’s Government to impose restrictions on uninfected persons, and not the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, which does.”

### ***Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A at 2.30pm***

**Medicines and Medical Devices Bill** Committee (day 4) [Lord Bethell] *19th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee, 10th Report from the Constitution Committee*