

# HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

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*Items marked † are new or have been altered.*

**Thursday 25 March 2021 at 12 noon**

**Baroness Blake of Leeds** will be introduced.

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

\***Lord Scriven** to ask Her Majesty's Government what evidence they have, if any, that the number of human rights abuses in Bahrain has declined in the last two years; and what assessment they have made of the impact of their Integrated Activity Fund on human rights in that country.

\***Lord Young of Cookham** to ask Her Majesty's Government what progress they have made towards enabling children with learning disabilities to access their Child Trust Funds.

\***Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to resolve the famine in Yemen.

\***Lord Woolley of Woodford** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to reports of the blacklisting of Irish Travellers by Pontins, what steps they are taking to tackle racism and discrimination against Gypsies, Travellers and Roma.

*Oral questions to the Minister of State at the Cabinet Office (Lord Frost) (30 minutes)*

\***Lord Rooker** to ask the Minister of State at the Cabinet Office (Lord Frost) what evidence-based analysis Her Majesty's Government are using to oversee the cross-government work on maximising the economic and political opportunities flowing from the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union.

\***Lord Hain** to ask the Minister of State at the Cabinet Office (Lord Frost) what initiatives Her Majesty's Government will pursue in the European Union–United Kingdom Joint Committee to reduce the burdens for businesses in Northern Ireland trading with Great Britain.

\***Baroness Crawley** to ask the Minister of State at the Cabinet Office (Lord Frost) why Her Majesty's Government unilaterally extended the grace period for checks on trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland.

*†At a convenient point after 1.30pm*

**Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill** Consideration of Commons Amendments [Baroness Williams of Trafford]

†*At a convenient point after 2.30pm, the following five motions are expected to be debated together for up to 5 hours:*

**Lord Bethell** to move that, for the purposes of section 99 of the Coronavirus Act 2020, this House takes note of the *One year report on the status of the non-devolved provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020*, published on 22 March 2021.

**Baroness Brinton** to move that this House expresses its sorrow at the 126,000 deaths in the United Kingdom caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; regrets that Her Majesty's Government failed to learn the lessons from the earlier stages of the pandemic in order to prepare for the winter of 2020/21 and is therefore continuing to treat each development as a new public health emergency; further regrets that some of the powers in the Coronavirus Act 2020 have caused confusion amongst police and prosecutors, leading to more than 252 people being wrongfully charged; further regrets that despite provision for payments to the self-employed and those self-isolating, too many have been unable to claim payments due to the rules; regrets that the one year status report was presented to Parliament only three days before debate, along with substantial Regulations for the House to consider at the same time; and therefore calls on Her Majesty's Government to publish a comprehensive plan to manage surges in cases through quarantine, test, trace and isolate to prevent the importation and increase in the number of cases of COVID-19 and any new variants.

†**Baroness Thornton** to move that this House regrets that the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic by Her Majesty's Government has resulted in one of the highest death tolls in the world and the worst economic crisis of any major economy; and calls on Her Majesty's Government (1) not to end economic support related to the pandemic before restrictions are lifted, enabling the safe reopening of society and the protection of jobs, (2) to support the NHS in facing the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19 and in driving up vaccination rates in hard to reach areas, and to ensure that all those who are required to self-isolate are able to do so, (3) to ensure that all the powers used in the Coronavirus Act 2020 are transparent and proportionate for all citizens, (4) to give consideration to reviewing the Act in three months' time, (5) to lay before each House of Parliament no later than 16 April a report on prosecutions that have been made under section 21 of the Act, including an assessment of the proportionality of such prosecutions, and an equality impact assessment thereof, and (6) to lay before each House of Parliament no later than 16 April and each month thereafter a report on any disproportionate impact of the Coronavirus Act 2020 on individuals or groups.

†**Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place and Restrictions: All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021** Lord Bethell to move that the Regulations laid before the House on 5 March be approved. *49th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, 45th Report*

**Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021** Lord Bethell to move that the Regulations laid before the House on 22 March be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 50th Report. Instrument not yet reported by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments*