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& MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Friday 24 March 2023 at 10.00am

†Energy Bill [HL] Lord Callanan to move that the amendments for the Report stage be marshalled and considered in the following order:

| Clauses 1 to 16 | Clause 155 |
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| Schedule 1 | Schedule 12 |
| Clauses 17 to 21 | Clause 156 |
| Schedule 2 | Schedule 13 |
| Clauses 22 to 32 | Clause 157 |
| Schedule 3 | Schedule 14 |
| Clauses 33 to 52 | Clauses 158 to 163 |
| Schedule 4 | Schedule 15 |
| Clauses 53 and 54 | Clauses 164 to 170 |
| Schedule 5 | Schedule 16 |
| Clauses 55 to 95 | Clauses 171 to 199 |
| Schedule 6 | Schedule 17 |
| Clauses 96 to 128 | Clauses 200 to 234 |
| Schedule 7 | Schedule 18 |
| Clause 129 | Clauses 235 to 249 |
| Schedule 8 | Schedule 19 |
| Clauses 130 to 133 | Clauses 250 to 254 |
| Schedule 9 | Schedule 20 |
| Clauses 134 to 154 | Clauses 255 to 270 |
| Schedules 10 and 11 | Title. |

Mobile Homes (Pitch Fees) Bill Third Reading [Lord Udny-Lister]

Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Bill [HL] Third Reading [the Lord Bishop of Durham]

†Co-operatives, Mutuals and Friendly Societies Bill Second Reading [Lord Kennedy of Southwark] 30th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Kennedy of Southwark to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Neonatal Care (Leave and Pay) Bill Second Reading [Baroness Wyld]

If the bill is read a second time, Baroness Wyld to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Shark Fins Bill Second Reading [Baroness Jones of Whitchurch]

If the bill is read a second time, Baroness Jones of Whitchurch to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Bill Second Reading [Baroness Burt of Solihull]

If the bill is read a second time, Baroness Burt of Solihull to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

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Future Business

Monday 27 March 2023 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

*Baroness Janke to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the recent transfer of governance powers in parts of the Occupied Palestinian Territories from Israeli military authorities to Israeli civilian ministries, and (2) the implications of this transfer for securing a lasting peace in the region.

*Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government, given the increased use of food banks, what assessment they have made of ways of reducing dependence on the charitable sector for the provision of food.

*Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to review and revise the children's school meal regulations to reduce the levels of processed sugar and to provide incentives to encourage the use of alternatives such as stevia.

*Lord Carey of Clifton to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, on the grounds of compassion and morality, to reconsider their decision to refuse citizenship to Shamima Begum.

Artificial intelligence in weapon systems The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Lord Sarfraz be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Viscount Camrose.

Employment (Allocation of Tips) Bill Committee [Lord Robathan]

†Lord Robathan to move that the order of commitment be discharged.

Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill Committee (day 8) [Baroness Scott of Bybrook] 24th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee, 12th Report from the Constitution Committee. Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston] 27th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee. Scottish, Welsh, and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought

Tuesday 28 March 2023 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

*Lord Mann to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce queues at ports and airports for United Kingdom citizens returning to the UK.

*Baroness Berridge to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the emotional, psychological and mental health impact on jurors of sitting in serious criminal trials.

*Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the NHS and vaccine manufacturers regarding expanding the Respiratory Syncytial Virus immunisation programme for winter 2023/24, and the potential for making a universal offer of that vaccine.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 24 March.

Pensions Dashboards (Prohibition of Indemnification) Bill Committee [Lord Young of Cookham]

†Lord Young of Cookham to move that the order of commitment be discharged.

†Public Order Bill Consideration of Commons Amendments and Reason [Lord Sharpe of Epsom]

Energy Bill [HL] Report [Lord Callanan] 4th Report from the Constitution Committee. Scottish, Welsh, and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought

Direct Payments to Farmers (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2023 Lord Benyon to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 31 January be approved. (*Dinner break business*)

Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Benyon, to leave out all the words after "that" and insert "that this House declines to approve the Direct Payments to Farmers (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2023 as they would reduce the direct payments made to farmers for the 2023 year of the Basic Payments Scheme; considers that the implementation of this reduction in payments, combined with rising input and energy costs to produce food, risks the livelihoods of British farmers as they transition their businesses to producing food and public goods like environmental protection; and calls on His Majesty's Government to accelerate urgently the roll-out of the Environmental Land Management scheme".

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Benyon, at end insert "but that this House regrets that the Direct Payments to Farmers (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2023 introduce significant reductions to the basic payments provided to many farmers at a time when input costs are high, supplies of certain produce are scarce, and His Majesty's Government have not fully implemented the Environmental Land Management schemes which will replace the Basic Payment Scheme; notes that the latest release of the Farmer Opinion Tracker for England highlighted falling confidence among farmers in His Majesty's Government's agricultural policy; further notes that this is the last year that His Majesty's Government intends to lay these regulations, with payments for 2024 and beyond to be delinked payments administered through alternative means; and calls on His Majesty's Government to re-evaluate urgently their approach to the ongoing agricultural transition, in order to better support and increase the confidence of domestic producers".

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Occupational Pension Schemes (Administration, Investment, Charges and Governance) and Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Viscount Younger of Leckie] Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 30th Report

Building (Public Bodies and Higher-Risk Building Work) (England) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Scott of Bybrook]

Treasure (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay] *32nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Revised Code of Practice laid under the Treasure Act 1996 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay] *32nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Corporate Joint Committees) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Bloomfield of Hinton Waldrist]

Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

*Lord Craig of Radley to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Murray of Blidworth on 22 January (HL4546), when they will decide whether to grant Hong Kong military service veterans entitlement to British citizens passports and right of abode in the United Kingdom.

FUTURE BUSINESS

*Lord Wallace of Saltaire to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the identity and integrity of (1) electoral registration, (2) voting, and (3) political donations, by citizens resident overseas are verified as carefully as those from citizens resident in the United Kingdom.

*Lord Robathan to ask His Majesty's Government who is held accountable if money is wasted in the Ministry of Defence procurement programme; and what subsequent action is taken.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 27 March.

Windsor Framework (Democratic Scrutiny) Regulations 2023 Lord Caine to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 20 March be approved. Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 34th Report

Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill Committee [Lord Caine] 5th Report from the Constitution Committee. Scottish and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought

Thursday 30 March 2023 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

*Lord Young of Cookham to ask His Majesty's Government whether they remain committed to building 300,000 houses a year.

*Lord Goddard of Stockport to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the (1) jobs created, (2) revenue generated, and (3) tax receipts generated, by the introduction of arrivals duty free at UK airports.

*Baroness Taylor of Stevenage to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of trends in the provision of bus services in England since 2019.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 24 March, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 28 March.

Baroness Andrews to move that this House takes note of the future of adult social care given (1) the recent reports from the House of Lords Adult Social Care Committee (HL Paper 99) and the Archbishops' Commission on Reimagining Care, (2) the Care Quality Commission's local authority assessment duties which commence from 1 April, and (3) His Majesty's Government's stated intention to publish a social care plan in Spring 2023.

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce new economic policies to address the challenges of climate change in developing countries, particularly those that are members of the Commonwealth. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

Lord Knight of Weymouth to move that this House takes note of the financial pressures on Higher Education and the impact on (1) local communities, (2) the United Kingdom's science and innovation exports, and (3) the impact on delivering the Turing Scheme.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for providing more supported housing, given its impact on homelessness prevention, health and well-being. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

Baroness Featherstone to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to support the performing arts sectors throughout England. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government how bus and rail passengers will benefit from the investment plans for the transport network announced on 9 March. *Balloted Question for Short Debate* (1 hour)

Earl Attlee to ask His Majesty's Government what are their reasons for setting a retirement age of 68 for newly recruited prison officers; and what assessment they have made of whether that retirement age is appropriate and in the public interest. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

Monday 17 April 2023 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

- *Lord Black of Brentwood to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the health of the music industry in England. [I]
- *Lord Harries of Pentregarth to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made in obtaining access to West Papua for the United Nations' High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- *Lord Flight to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they made, if any, of the impact of the Khojaly massacre in 1992 in respect of the recent hostilities between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and what steps they took, if any, to send condolences to the people of Azerbaijan on the anniversary of the massacre on 26 February.
- *Baroness Thornton to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the statement by the United Nations' Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, published on 27 January, in which they said they were "deeply concerned about the human rights situation of people of African descent" in the United Kingdom and which recommended further efforts to address structural, institutional and systemic racism against people of African descent.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Lord Moylan to move that the Grand Committee takes note of the Report from the Built Environment Committee *Public Transport in Towns and Cities* (1st Report, HL Paper 89).

Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts to move that the Grand Committee takes note of the Report from the Liaison Committee *The Ties that Bind: Citizenship and Civic Engagement in the 21st Century Follow-up report* (5th Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 179).

Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

- *Baroness Thornhill to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report by the Trussell Trust and Joseph Rowntree Foundation *An Essentials Guarantee: Reforming Universal Credit to ensure we can all afford the essentials in hard times*, published on 27 February; and in particular, the recommendation to introduce an 'Essentials Guarantee' to support those living in relative poverty.
- *Lord Strathcarron to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support young female racing drivers to ensure that they enjoy the same opportunities as their male counterparts.
- *Lord Foulkes of Cumnock to ask His Majesty's Government what proposals they will be putting to the Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe in Reykjavik on 16–17 May.

Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

*Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for applying the same rate of VAT to building repairs and maintenance as to the construction of new homes.

FUTURE BUSINESS

*Lord Young of Norwood Green to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that, during the closure of the Tavistock gender identity clinic, young people who accessed those services receive appropriate counselling, as recommended by the Cass Review of gender identity services for children and young people.

*Baroness Tyler of Enfield to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Equality and Human Rights Commission's report *Challenging adult social care decisions in England and Wales*, published on 28 February; and what steps they will take to make local authority care challenge procedures more accessible and transparent.

Thursday 20 April 2023 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†*The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to promote financial literacy in schools.

†*Lord Singh of Wimbledon to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had at the United Nations about the case for introducing an obligation on countries intervening in conflicts to accept a moral and legal responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of individuals displaced by such conflicts.

†*Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the progress towards resolving the humanitarian crises in Yemen and South Sudan; and what assistance they have provided, along with international partners, to ensure that children and families in those countries have adequate access to food, water, and medical supplies.

Motions for Balloted Debate

The ballot to select two motions for debate closes at 5pm on Tuesday 18 April, to be drawn on Wednesday 19 April, for debate on Wednesday 3 May. Combined time limit of 5 hours.

Baroness Coussins to move that this House takes note of the relationship between free trade and human rights.

Baroness Hooper to move that this House takes note of political trends and developments in trade, investment, and tourism, in the countries of Latin America.

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to move that this House takes note of the role of (1) Islam, and (2) Islamism, in the United Kingdom.

Lord Boateng to move that this House takes note of the retention by the British Museum of artefacts with historical, cultural and religious significance, acquired during military action in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and the legislative obstacles to returning these artefacts to their countries of origin.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to move that this House takes note, in the light of the 75th anniversary of both The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and in the context of the 10th anniversary of the Daesh genocide in Iraq and the continuing human rights abuses in Xinjiang, of the failure of the UK to hold perpetrators of genocide and crimes against humanity to account.

Lord Popat to move that this House takes note of the business opportunities for the United Kingdom in African markets.

Lord Howell of Guildford to move that this House takes note of His Majesty's Government's civil nuclear power replacement programme.

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to move that this House takes note of the report by the Association for the Cannabinoid Industry and the Centre for Medicinal Cannabis, 'Green Shoots: Sowing the seeds of the new UK cannabinoid market', published in May 2021.

Lord Foster of Bath to move that this House takes note of the proposals by His Majesty's Government to reform gambling in Great Britain.

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to move that this House takes note of the state of the charity and voluntary sector, particularly with regard to the pressure of cost of living, staff retention, and volunteer recruitment.

Baroness Tyler of Enfield to move that this House takes note of the current state of children's mental health services in England.

Lord Oates to move that this House takes note of Russian influence in Africa and its implications for global security.

Baroness Hoey to move that this House takes note of inequities in opportunities to compete for national sports teams.

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to move that this House takes note of the United Kingdom's changing role in the world and its implications for foreign policy.

Select Committee Reports

The date on which the report was published is in italics.

Baroness Lane-Fox of Soho to move that this House takes note of the Report from the COVID-19 Committee *Beyond Digital: Planning for a Hybrid World* (1st Report, Session 2019–21, HL Paper 263). *21 April 2021*

The Earl of Kinnoull to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Affairs Committee *Citizens' Rights* (1st Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 46). 23 July 2021

Lord Jay of Ewelme to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Affairs Committee *Report from the Sub-Committee on the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland: Follow-up report* (2nd Report, HL Paper 57). 27 July 2022

Lord Bridges of Headley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *Investing in energy: price, security, and the transition to net zero* (1st Report, HL Paper 49). 21 July 2022

The Earl of Kinnoull to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Affairs Committee *The UK–EU relationship in financial services* (1st Report, HL Paper 21). *23 June 2022*

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Liaison Committee *The Licensing Act 2003: post-legislative scrutiny Follow-up report* (2nd Report, HL Paper 39). *11 July 2022*

Baroness Parminter to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Environment and Climate Change Committee *In our hands: Behaviour change for climate and environmental goals* (1st Report, HL Paper 64). *12 October 2022*

Baroness Tyler of Enfield to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Children and Families Act 2014 Committee *A Failure of implementation* (HL Paper 100). 6 December 2022

Baroness Brown of Cambridge to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Science and Technology Committee "Science and technology superpower": more than a slogan? (1st Report, HL Paper 47). 4 August 2022

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to move that this House takes note of the Report from the International Relations and Defence Committee *UK defence policy: from aspiration to reality?* (1st Report, HL Paper 124). *12 January*

Baroness Drake to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Constitution Committee *The roles of the Lord Chancellor and the Law Officers* (9th Report, HL Paper 118). *18 January*

Baroness Morgan of Cotes to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Fraud Act 2006 and Digital Fraud Committee *Fighting Fraud: Breaking the Chain* (HL Paper 87). *12 November 2022*

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to move that this House regrets that the Short-term Holding Facility (Amendment) Rules 2022 (SI 2022/1345) remove important safeguards and reduce the standards for the lawful detention beyond 24 hours of migrants, including children and vulnerable adults, at the immigration detention facility in Manston, Kent; that the Home Office has not provided an adequate policy justification for, nor consulted on these changes; and that this potentially contentious legislation was brought into effect while the House was in recess. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 25th Report*

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS FOR DEBATE

Lord Davies of Brixton to move that this House takes note of the Pension Protection Fund and Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) (No. 2) Order 2023, given the impact of current increases in the cost of living on pensions payable by the Pension Protection Fund. 30th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede to move that this House regrets that in laying the Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI 2023/298) His Majesty's Government have not yet published the evidence to justify this change of policy, which has potential ramifications for slowing down the justice system for victims, witnesses and defendants; further regrets that sitting magistrates have spent thousands of hours cumulatively on training to properly sentence using the 12 months training pack; and calls on His Majesty's Government to announce the expected date for the review of the effect of reducing sentencing powers to six months.

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to move that this House regrets that the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) Regulations 2023 represent a 20-year delay in the implementation of vital international safety resolutions; and calls on His Majesty's Government to take urgent action to address the backlog of international maritime legislation awaiting implementation. 33rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Questions for Short Debate

These Questions for Short Debate were drawn in the ballot on Wednesday 15 March in line with the recommendations of the 1st Report of the Procedure and Privileges Committee (Session 2021–22, HL Paper 41). These questions may be used as dinner break business or last business if time is available.

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the strength of parliamentary democracy in the United Kingdom.

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what is their strategy for promoting export and inward investment.

Lord Crisp to ask His Majesty's Government what is their vision for improving both (1) population health, and (2) health services in England.

Lord Wolfson of Aspley Guise to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase the supply and improve the quality of the homes people want, in the places they want to live, while ensuring that development does not adversely affect existing communities.

Baroness Doocey to ask His Majesty's Government what is their current assessment of the future of the tourism and heritage industries.

Baroness Burt of Solihull to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to implement a cross-departmental approach to addressing domestic violence.

Baroness Sater to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the financial literacy of children through the provision of financial education in schools.

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effect on tourism of the operation of Electronic Travel Authorisations across the land border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Lord Godson to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to build on the relationship between the United Kingdom and Japan.

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what progress the technical working group on loot boxes has made in strengthening industry-led measures to mitigate the risks of harms for children, young people and adults from loot boxes in video games.

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS FOR DEBATE

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to tackle the incidence of fatal stabbings with knives and other knife related crime.

Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the Soft Drinks Industry Levy five years after its introduction.

Baroness Cox to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the situation in Nigeria, with particular reference to reports of violence and mass displacement in the Middle Belt region.

Baroness Cumberlege to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for making the most effective use of community pharmacies.

Baroness Mobarik to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will ensure that four per cent of United Kingdom Official Development Assistance is directed towards women and girls, in particular in relation to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Questions for Short Debate ballot entries

The ballot for four Questions will close on Tuesday 9 May and be drawn on Wednesday 10 May for debate on Thursday 25 May. Time limit 1 hour.

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the role of (1) Islam, and (2) Islamism, in the United Kingdom. (*Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities*)

Lord McColl of Dulwich to ask His Majesty's Government what evidence they have of a correlation between obesity rates and life expectancy in England. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Lord Cameron of Dillington to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the geothermal potential for heat and power in Great Britain; and what plans they have, if any, to make use of it. (*Department for Energy Security and Net Zero*)

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of current relations with North Korea. (*Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office*)

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report commissioned by the Local Government Association entitled *Housing our Ageing Population*, published on 27 September 2022; and what steps they intend to take in response to the recommendations in that report. (*Department for Levelling-up, Housing and Communities*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 23 March and due for answer by 6 April.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government whether journalists from *The Guardian* were invited to accompany the Home Secretary on her recent visit to Rwanda with journalists from other UK newspapers; if not, why not; and, further to the Home Office spokesperson's comments reported in the Press Gazette on 25 April 2022 that the Home Office "fully adheres to the Government Communication Service Propriety Guidance when dealing with members of the media", whether the decision on whether to invite *Guardian* journalists took account of the Government Communication Service Propriety Guidance which states that to "work effectively, media officers must establish their impartiality and neutrality with the news media, and ensure that they deal with all news media evenhandedly".

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government how the list of news organisations that attended to report on the Home Secretary's visit to Rwanda was drawn up; and at what stage that list was considered against the Government Communications Service Propriety Guidance on the need for media officers to "establish their impartiality and neutrality with the news media", by dealing "with all news media evenhandedly."

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what advice the (1) Home Secretary, and (2) Permanent Secretary of the Government Communications Service, received concerning the exclusion of news organisations who may not support Government policy from attending the Home Secretary's recent trip to Rwanda; and in particular whether they considered the Government Communications Service Propriety Guidance requiring media officers to "establish their impartiality and neutrality with the news media", by dealing "with all news media evenhandedly.

HL6783

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 27 February 2022 (38774), when they intend to make an assessment of the environmental cost of single-use batteries in disposable vapes being improperly disposed.

HL6784

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address the environmental hazard posed by discarded disposable vapes; and what consideration they have given to banning the sale of these products.

HL6785

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to announce another competition for the Restoring Railway Fund; and if so, when.

HL6786

Lord Bird to ask His Majesty's Government what evidence they received from local authorities about the impact of Local Housing Allowance shortfalls on (1) homelessness levels, and (2) temporary accommodation costs, in the lead up to the Spring Budget 2023.

HL6787

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 21 March (HL6299), what are the (1) names, and (2) titles, of the EU rules for internal UK trade which are disapplied by the operation of the Windsor Framework; and which customs provisions are removed.

HL6788

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government which statutory instruments have been published to give effect to the Windsor Framework; and what plans they have to ensure that House of Lords select committees have sufficient time to scrutinise those instruments before motions are tabled for their approval.

HL6789

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 21 March (HL6296), what are the (1) names, and (2) titles, of the EU laws which will remain in force in Northern Ireland under the Windsor Framework, which would otherwise be subject to removal under the provisions of the Retained EU Law Bill.

HL6790

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government what regulations cover the retrofitting of headlights to vehicles; and when those regulations were last updated.

HL6791

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government what regulations apply to retrofitting car headlights with LED bulbs.

HL6792

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made with international partners to develop and introduce improved headlamp aiming requirements. HL6793

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government how many drivers have reported problems with their eyesight to the DVLA in the last 10 years; and what proportion of those have had their driving licences withdrawn as a result.

HL6794

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made towards fulfilling recommendation six of the Bishop of Truro's *Independent Review into the support for persecuted Christians* to make the Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion and Belief a permanent role. HL6795

Baroness Jolly to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of people using the NHS 111 online service have been recommended self-care in (1) all of England, (2) each NHS England region, and (3) former Clinical Commissioning Groups, in each year since that service was launched in December 2017.

HI.6796

Baroness Jolly to ask His Majesty's Government how many people visited the NHS 111 website in each year since 2017; and of those, what proportion were to pages relating to minor ailments in each year.

HL6797

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they plan to take, together with international partners, to ensure global water security and to advance the global sustainable development agenda after the UN 2023 Water Conference on 22–24 March; and whether this will include commitments to the Water Action Agenda, particularly in view of the conclusions of the UN World Water Development Report 2023.

HL6798

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government whether they had any metrics in place to quantify the soft power advantage of the BBC Arabic radio service during its 85 years of broadcasting; what assessment they have made of any loss of soft power to the UK following its closure on 27 January; and whether they have had any discussions on the matter with the BBC in 2023.

HL6799

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government, what discussions they have had with international partners about the possibility of opening a channel of communication to the insurgent group Hei'at Tahrir al-Sham in Idlib, in order to be able to combat the threat from ISIS in north western Syria more effectively.

HL6800

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government when they last raised human rights issues with the government of India; and, further to the US State Department's annual country report on human rights practices in India, published on 20 March, what assessment they have made of any increase in significant human rights issues in that country, including the reported targeting of religious minorities, dissidents and journalists.

HL6801

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what is the current situation of British citizen Jagtar Singh Johal, detained in India since 2017 on charges of terrorism; and when they last raised his case with the government of that country.

HL6802

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made any representations to the government of Israel following the remarks on 19 March by the Finance Minister of Israel, Bezalel Smotrich, concerning Palestinian history and culture; and whether they have made any assessment of the potential impact resulting from the Minister's remarks on peace and stability in the region. HL6803

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Lord McColl of Dulwich to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to adopt the definition of "wholegrain" developed by the Whole Grain Initiative.

HL6804

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to tackle rural homelessness.

HL6805

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to provide energy bill relief for businesses.

HL6806

The Earl of Sandwich to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken in response to the UNHCR 2023 Regional Refugee Response Plan to assist South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries; and what estimate has been made of how many of the refugees are returning to South Sudan through agencies such as the International Organisation for Migration.

HL6807

The Earl of Sandwich to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current state of food distribution among South Sudanese refugees in Arua district, northern Uganda; and what steps they have taken in response to the latest World Food Programme appeal for that area. HL6808

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on their commitment to ensure that everyone in England is 15 minutes' walk from green and blue spaces of their decision to re-impose a deadline for recording historic rights of way.

HL6809

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will provide additional funding for local highway authorities to address (1) the backlog of 4,000 applications for historic rights of way, and (2) the 41,000 miles of potentially unrecorded routes discovered by the Ramblers and its volunteers.

HL6810

Lord Storey to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Scott of Bybrook on 22 March (HL6323), whether they will now answer the question put; namely, what has been the total cost of the commissioners sent to Liverpool to set up the Strategic Futures Panel. HL6811

Baroness Taylor of Bolton to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ban the sale of single use vapes.

HL6812

Baroness Taylor of Bolton to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the damage to the marine environment caused by the disposal of single use vapes.

HL6813

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the infrastructure required to meet their goal for all new cars sold from 2030 to be electric vehicles. HL6814

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support sustainable rural bus services.

HL6815

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that green incentives and loans for renewable energy efficiency measures for domestic properties are easy to understand and apply.

HL6816

Lord Tope to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of Clearsprings Ready Homes' provision of basic humanitarian services to the asylum seekers housed in properties they manage.

HL6817

Lord Tope to ask His Majesty's Government what regulatory oversight is in place to ensure Clearsprings Ready Homes accommodation complies with its contractual obligations for the health and safety of the asylum seekers they house.

HL6818

Lord Tope to ask His Majesty's Government what regulatory oversight has been implemented to ensure that Clearsprings Ready Homes does not take financial advantage of asylum seekers housed in the accommodation they manage.

HL6819

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government what meetings (1) ministers, and (2) senior officials, at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs have had with the Unit for Future Skills.

HL6820

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government what skills gaps they have identified in the UK horticulture sector.

HL6821

Lord West of Spithead to ask Her Majesty's Government, other than the Ministry of Defence, which departments monitor shipping, potential illegal imports by sea, and other sea-based threats. HL6822

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.

27 February (13 March)

HL5936 Lord Mendelsohn [Department of Health and Social Care]

28 February (14 March)

HL6000 Lord Kilclooney [Cabinet Office]

HL6001 Lord Kilclooney [Cabinet Office]

HL5984 Baroness Eaton [Cabinet Office]

1 March (15 March)

HL6059 Lord Scriven [Department of Health and Social Care]

2 March (16 March)

HL6095 Lord Patten [Cabinet Office]

6 March (20 March)

HL6157 Baroness Merron [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL6158 Baroness Merron [Department of Health and Social Care]

7 March (21 March)

HL6203 Lord Marlesford [Home Office]

8 March (22 March)

HL6265 Lord Pearson of Rannoch [Department for Education]

HL6281 Lord Smith of Hindhead [Department for Business and Trade]

HL6286 Lord Warner [Department of Health and Social Care]

9 March (23 March)

HL6294 Lord Blunkett [Home Office]

HL6324 Lord Strasburger [Home Office]

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

Business and Trade (1)

Cabinet Office (4)

Education (1)

Health and Social Care (5)

Home Office (3)

Bills in Progress

| | Type of Bill | To be considered |
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| Referred to the Examiners | | |
| Holocaust Memorial Bill | Government | 17 April at 11.00am |
| Waiting for Second Reading | | |
| Public Advocate Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Water Safety (Curriculum) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Private Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Reengagement) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Marine Protected Areas (Bottom Trawling) Bill [HL] (King's consent to be signified) | Private Member's | |
| Marriage (Same Sex Couples) (Overseas Territories) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Road Traffic Offences (Cycling) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Inheritance Tax Act 1984 (Amendment) (Siblings) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Certificate of Loss Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Leasehold Reform (Reasonableness of Service Charges) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Leasehold Reform (Disclosure and Insurance Commissions) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) (No. 2) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Regulated and Other Activities (Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Public Service (Integrity and Ethics) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation (Freedom of Expression) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Leasehold Reform (Tribunal Judgments and Legal Costs) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Higher Education (Widening Access and Participation) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Bank Holidays (Wales) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Leasehold Reform (Forfeiture) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Protection of Care Recipients and Carers Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Neonatal Care (Leave and Pay) Bill | Private Member's | 24 March |
| Shark Fins Bill (Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent granted, Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought) | Private Member's | 24 March |
| Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Bill | Private Member's | 24 March |
| Co-operatives, Mutuals and Friendly Societies Bill | Private Member's | 24 March |
| Employment Relations (Flexible Working) Bill | Private Member's | |
| Electricity Transmission (Compensation) Bill | Private Member's | |
| Child Support Collection (Domestic Abuse) Bill | Private Member's | |

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| Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Bill | Private Member's Private Member's | |
| Equipment Theft (Prevention) Bill | Private Member's | |
| Offenders (Day of Release from Detention) Bill | Private Member's | |
| Hunting Trophies (Import Prohibition) Bill | | |
| Child Support (Enforcement) Bill | Private Member's | |
| Powers of Attorney Bill | Private Member's | |
| Animals (Low-Welfare Activities Abroad) Bill | Private Member's | |
| Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL] | Private | |
| Committed to a Select Committee | T | |
| Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [HL] | Private | |
| Committed to a Grand Committee | | |
| Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (Scottish, Welsh, and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought) | Government | 27 March |
| Committed to a Committee of the Whole House | | |
| Genocide Determination Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| House of Lords (Peerage Nominations) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (Scottish and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought) | Government | 29 March |
| Health Promotion Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| School (Reform of Pupil Selection) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Protection for Whistleblowing Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought, King's and Prince of Wales' consents to be signified) | Government | 27 March |
| Online Safety Bill | Government | |
| Education (Non-religious Philosophical Convictions) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Pensions Dashboards (Prohibition of Indemnification) Bill | Private Member's | 28 March |
| Employment (Allocation of Tips) Bill | Private Member's | 27 March |
| Protection from Redundancy (Pregnancy and Family Leave) Bill | Private Member's | |
| Carer's Leave Bill | Private Member's | |
| Waiting for Report | | |
| Northern Ireland Protocol Bill (King's consent to be signified. Welsh Legislative Consent withheld, Scottish and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought) | Government | |
| Front-loaded Child Benefit Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Energy Bill [HL] (King's and Prince of Wales' consents to be | Government | 28 March |
| signified. Scottish, Welsh, and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought) | 30,011111011 | 20 1/10/2011 |
| Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill (Scottish Legislative Consent withheld, Welsh, and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought, King's consent to be signified) | Government | |
| Financial Services and Markets Bill | Government | |
| Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill | Government | |
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Waiting for Third Reading

| watering for Time Accounts | | |
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| Schools Bill [HL] | Government | |
| Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | 24 March |
| Heritage Railways and Tramways (Voluntary Work) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Healthy Homes Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Government of Wales (Devolved Powers) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Ecology Bill [HL] (formerly Climate and Ecology Bill [HL]) | Private Member's | |
| Coroners (Determination of Suicide) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Mobile Homes (Pitch Fees) Bill | Private Member's | 24 March |
| Women, Peace and Security Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Local Authority (Housing Allocation) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| OFCOM (Duty regarding Prevention of Serious Self-harm and Suicide) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Sent to the Commons | | |
| Ballot Secrecy Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Clean Air (Human Rights) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Procurement Bill [HL] (Scottish Legislative Consent granted) | Government | |
| Domestic Premises (Electrical Safety Certificate) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Electronic Trade Documents Bill [HL] (Law Commission Bill) | Government | |
| Returned to the Commons amended | | |
| National Security Bill | Government | |
| Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill | Government | |
| Waiting for Consideration of Commons Amendments | | |
| Social Housing (Regulation) Bill [HL] (Welsh Legislative Consent granted) | Government | |
| Waiting for Consideration of Commons Amendments | | |
| and Reason | | |
| Public Order Bill (Scottish Legislative Consent granted) | Government | 28 March |
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Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

Draft Code of Practice on the Recording and Retention of Personal Data in relation to Non-Crime Hate Incidents

Draft Register of Overseas Entities (Definition of Foreign Limited Partner, Protection and Rectification) Regulations 2023

Draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Draft International Waste Shipments (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 41st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2019–21

Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Administration, Investment, Charges and Governance) and Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 30th Report (28 March)

Draft Direct Payments to Farmers (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2023 (28 March)

Draft Treasure (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2023 32nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (28 March)

Draft Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Corporate Joint Committees) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2023 (28 March)

Draft Service Police (Complaints etc.) Regulations 2023 32nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Draft Revised Code of Practice laid under the Treasure Act 1996 32nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (28 March)

Draft Building (Public Bodies and Higher-Risk Building Work) (England) Regulations 2023 (28 March)

Draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) Regulations 2023 33rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Draft Licensing Act 2003 (Coronation Licensing Hours) Order 2023

Amendments of the Law (Resolution of Silicon Valley Bank UK Limited) Order 2023

Draft Flags (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 34th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Draft Microchipping of Cats and Dogs (England) Regulations 2023

Draft Windsor Framework (Democratic Scrutiny) Regulations 2023 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 34th Report (29 March)

Negative Instruments

Short-term Holding Facility (Amendment) Rules 2022 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 25th Report. Praying time ended 20 February

Pension Protection Fund and Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) (No. 2) Order 2023 30th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 27 March

Market Measures Payment Schemes (Amendments, Revocation and Transitional Provision) (England) Regulations 2023 30th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 28 March

National Health Service (Amendments Relating to Pre-Payment Certificates, Hormone Replacement Therapy Treatments and Medicines Shortages) Regulations 2023 32nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 18 April

Valuation for Rating (Coronavirus) (England) Regulations 2023 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 33rd Report. Praying time ends 27 April

Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Care Functions) Regulations 2023 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 33rd Report. Praying time ends 27 April

Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *Praying time ends 9 May*

Gas Safety (Management) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 34th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 9 May

Gas Safety (Management) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 34th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 13 May

Branded Health Service Medicines (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 34th Report. Praying time ends 27 April

Human Rights Remedial Order

Draft order under paragraph 3(1) referred to the Joint Committee on Human Rights

Proposal for the Draft Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Remedial) Order 2023 Scrutiny period expires: 19 June

Treaties before the House

Agreement between the United Kingdom and Japan concerning the Facilitation of Reciprocal Access and Cooperation between the Self-Defense Forces of Japan and the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom Scrutiny period expires: 24 March

Agreement between the United Kingdom and Ukraine to amend the Political, Free Trade and Strategic Partnership Agreement between the two countries *Scrutiny period expires: 30 March*

Decision No. 2/2022 of the EEA EFTA-United Kingdom Joint Committee amending Annex XX to the Agreement on International Mobile Roaming Rates under the Free Trade Agreement between Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom *Scrutiny period expires: 17 May*

Committees

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.

| Monday 27 March | | |
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| Integration of Primary and Community Care | Room 3 | 3.00pm |
| Committee | | |
| National Security Strategy (Joint Committee) | Room 4A | 4.00pm |
| Tuesday 28 March | | |
| Science and Technology Committee | Room 4 | 10.00am |
| Justice and Home Affairs Committee | Room 1 | 10.00am |
| Common Frameworks Scrutiny Committee | Room 2A | 10.00am |
| Liaison Committee | | 10.00am |
| Built Environment Committee | Room 2 | 10.30am |
| Industry and Regulators Committee | Room 4A | 10.30am |
| Economic Affairs Committee | Room 4 | 3.00pm |
| Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee | Room 1 | 3.45pm |
| Wednesday 29 March | | |
| Constitution Committee | Room 4 | 10.00am |
| Environment and Climate Change Committee | Room G-32, Millbank House | 10.00am |
| International Relations and Defence Committee | Room 2 | 10.30am |
| Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland Sub-Committee | Room 3 | 10.30am |
| Human Rights (Joint Committee) | Room 16 | 2.00pm |
| Public Services Committee | Room 4 | 3.00pm |
| Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee) | Virtual meeting | 3.40pm |
| Thursday 30 March | | |
| Horticultural Sector Committee | Room 4 | 10.00am |
| AI in Weapon Systems Committee | Room 3 | 10.00am |
| Education for 11–16 Year Olds Committee | | 11.00am |
| Tuesday 18 April | | |
| Communications and Digital Committee | | 2.00pm |
| European Affairs Committee | | 4.00pm |
| Wednesday 19 April | | |
| Finance Committee | Room 3A | 3.45pm |
| Tuesday 25 April | | - |
| Ecclesiastical Committee (Joint Committee) | | 10.00am |
| Wednesday 26 April | | |
| House of Lords Commission | The Lord Speaker's Room | 10.00am |
| Thursday 27 April | | |
| Services Committee | Committee Room G | 12.15pm |
| Tuesday 9 May | | |
| Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission | Room 6 | 4.00pm |

COMMITTEES

Tuesday 16 May

Procedure and Privileges Committee Room 4A 11.30am

Monday 22 May

Restoration and Renewal Client Board The Boothroyd Room, 4.45pm

Portcullis House

Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday 23 March 2023

The House met at 11.00am.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Worcester.

Public Business

- 1 **Prison education** A question was asked by Baroness Blower and answered by Lord Bellamy.
- 2 **Leasehold reform** A question was asked by Lord Kennedy of Southwark and answered by Baroness Scott of Bybrook.
- 3 Data protection A question was asked by Lord Davies of Brixton and answered by Viscount Camrose.
- 4 **Avanti West Coast** A question was asked by Lord Goddard of Stockport and answered by Baroness Vere of Norbiton.
- 5 **Public Order Bill** The bill was returned from the Commons with amendments and a reason. It was ordered that the Commons amendments and reason be printed. (HL Bill 123)
- 6 Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill The bill was returned from the Commons agreed to.
- 7 UK Infrastructure Bank Bill [HL] The bill was returned from the Commons agreed to.
- 8 Electricity Supplier Obligations (Green Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Lord Callanan moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 8 February be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.
- 9 Electricity Supplier Obligations (Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Lord Callanan moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 20 February be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.
- 10 **Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 14. The House resumed after amendment 18.
- 11 **Food price inflation** Lord Benyon repeated as a statement the answer given to an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons.

The House adjourned. The House resumed.

- 12 **Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 18A. The House resumed and the bill was reported without amendment.
- 13 **Financial Services and Markets Bill** The bill was reported from the Grand Committee with amendments. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 124)
- 14 Royal Assent The Deputy Speaker (Baroness Henig) notified the King's Assent to the following Acts:

| Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Act 2023 | c 5 |
|--|------|
| Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 | c 6 |
| Social Security (Additional Payments) Act 2023 | c 7 |
| Seafarers' Wages Act 2023 | c 8 |
| Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Act 2023 | c 9 |
| UK Infrastructure Bank Act 2023 | c 10 |

The House adjourned at 6.42pm until Friday 24 March at 10.00am.

Simon Burton

Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

The Grand Committee met in the Moses Room at 1.00pm.

Financial Services and Markets Bill The Grand Committee further considered the bill, beginning with amendment 241FC. Amendments 242 and 243 were agreed to. It was ordered that the bill be reported with amendments.

The Committee adjourned at 2.43pm.

Papers

All statutory instruments laid before the House are accompanied by an Explanatory Memorandum presented by command of His Majesty, unless otherwise indicated.

Command Paper

The following paper was presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

1 Law—Supporting earlier resolution of private family law arrangements: A consultation on resolving private family disputes earlier through family mediation: Government consultation document. (824)

Affirmative Instrument

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

1 Draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023

Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

1 Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023 (341)

Treaty subject to scrutiny under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The following paper was laid before the House by command of His Majesty, accompanied by an Explanatory Memorandum:

1 Trade—Decision No. 2/2022 of the EEA EFTA–United Kingdom Joint Committee amending Annex XX to the Agreement on International Mobile Roaming Rates under the Free Trade Agreement between Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom (821)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Local nature recovery strategy statutory guidance
- 2 Plan of the Competition and Markets Authority 2023–24
- 3 Workless households and educational attainment statutory indicators
- 4 Report and Accounts of National Museums Liverpool 2021–22