

Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 2.30pm*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

***Lord Black of Brentwood** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to tackle the increasing rates of sexually transmitted infections in England.

***Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government, in the past two years, how many unaccompanied children seeking asylum aged 12 and under have been placed in hotels while waiting for local authority placement.

***Baroness Sherlock** to ask His Majesty's Government how the Department for Work and Pensions is using artificial intelligence and what governance process is in place for such use.

†***Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report *Longer Better Lives: A Manifesto for Cancer Research and Care*, published by Cancer Research UK on 28 November, regarding their priorities for investment in clinical research and innovation.

Four questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (40 minutes).

***Lord Robertson of Port Ellen** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what additional humanitarian and economic support he is providing to Ukraine.

***Lord Foulkes of Cumnock** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what action he is taking, bilaterally and multilaterally, to put pressure on the government of Belarus (1) to restore democracy, and (2) to release political prisoners.

***Baroness D'Souza** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs whether he has plans to develop formal relations with the Taliban, and whether he has made representations to the government of Pakistan about the deportation of Afghan refugees.

***Baroness Hoey** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what discussions he has had with the European Union about the future development of the UK–EU relationship.

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[†] indicates that the member concerned has a relevant registered interest.



Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill Second Reading [Lord Offord of Garvel] *Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Offord of Garvel to move that the bill be committed to a Grand Committee, and that it be an instruction to the Grand Committee that they consider the bill in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 36	Schedule 16
Schedule 1	Clauses 208 to 213
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Clauses 150 to 207	Title.

Future Business

Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness D’Souza** to ask His Majesty’s Government what further consideration they have given to the appointment of a Children’s Minister at Cabinet level to coordinate cross-departmental Government programmes concerning the welfare of children.

***Lord Grocott** to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they have any plans to review the functions of the House of Lords Appointments Commission.

***Lord Naseby** to ask His Majesty’s Government what proposals they have to reverse the trend of falling rates of owner-occupation among the 25–34 age group.

†***Baroness Boycott** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the comments by the COP28 President that there is “no science” to suggest that phasing out fossil fuels will limit global warming to 1.5 degrees.

†**Business of the House** The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) to move that Standing Order 44 (*No two stages of a Bill to be taken on one day*) be dispensed with on Tuesday 12 December to enable the National Insurance Contributions (Reductions in Rates) Bill to be taken through its remaining stages that day and that, in accordance with Standing Order 47 (*Amendments on Third Reading*), amendments shall not be moved on Third Reading.

Code of Practice on Reasonable Steps to be taken by a Trade Union (Minimum Service Levels) Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Code of Practice laid before the House on 13 November be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report.*

†**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Johnson of Lainston, to leave out all the words after “that” and to insert “this House declines to approve the draft Code of Practice on Reasonable Steps to be taken by a Trade Union (Minimum Service Levels) because it exposes trade unions to liability of up to £1 million, makes trade unions act as enforcement agents on behalf of employers and His Majesty’s Government, reduces the rights of workers to withdraw their labour, introduces legal uncertainty, and breaches international labour commitments.”

Lord Collins of Highbury to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Johnson of Lainston, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Code of Practice imposes significant new duties on trade unions, beyond the scope of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023; could exacerbate conflict in the workplace; and despite its intention to provide additional clarification to unions, still contains significant areas of uncertainty.”

Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: NHS Ambulance Services and the NHS Patient Transport Service) Regulations 2023 Lord Markham to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report*

†**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Markham, to leave out all the words after “that” and to insert “this House declines to approve the draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: NHS Ambulance Services and the NHS Patient Transport Service) Regulations 2023 because they expose trade unions to liability of up to £1 million, make trade unions act as enforcement agents on behalf of employers and His Majesty’s Government, and will add strain to industrial relationships when the National Health Service needs to protect them.”

Baroness Merron to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Markham, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Regulations contain policy detail that was not included in primary legislation, contrary to the recommendation of the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee; do not reflect the policy positions taken by the Government in its response to the relevant consultation; and go against evidence received by the Government which suggests that their implementation will be challenging.”

Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023 Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report*

†**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Sharpe of Epsom, to leave out all the words after “that” and to insert “this House declines to approve the draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023 because they expose trade unions to liability of up to £1 million, make trade unions act as enforcement agents on behalf of employers and His Majesty’s Government, and reduce the rights of workers to withdraw their labour, and will prohibit around 75 per cent of Border Force workers from taking part in strike action.”

Lord Coaker to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Sharpe of Epsom, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Regulations contain policy detail that was not included in primary legislation, contrary to the recommendation of the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee; and considers, given that the impact assessment acknowledges that some workers’ right to take industrial action will be affected or denied, that they are too prohibitive.”

Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Passenger Railway Services) Regulations 2023 Lord Davies of Gower to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report*

†**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Davies of Gower, to leave out all the words after “that” and to insert “this House declines to approve the draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Passenger Railway Services) Regulations 2023 because they expose trade unions to liability of up to £1 million, make trade unions act as enforcement agents on behalf of employers and His Majesty’s Government, are likely to prohibit more than 40 per cent of rail industry workers from taking part in strike action, and fail to ensure that rail services will be safe on strike days.”

Lord Liddle to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Davies of Gower, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Regulations contain policy detail that was not included in primary legislation, contrary to the recommendation of the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee; that their retrospective element will create uncertainty; that the impact assessment is not sufficiently robust; that it is unclear whether contractual relationships will impact the issue of work notices; and that they may prevent workers from being able to take industrial action.”

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Davies of Gower]

Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Benyon] *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

Thursday 7 December 2023 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Wigley** to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have for increasing investment in universities to provide more opportunities for young people to acquire the skills needed to expand electricity generating capacity in the nuclear energy sector, including nuclear fusion technology.

***Lord Rooker** to ask His Majesty’s Government what consideration they have given to the proposal from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Trussell Trust for an ‘Essentials Guarantee’ in Universal Credit.

***The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they intend to take steps to improve support for classical music, particularly for orchestras and opera companies.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 5 December.

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington to move that this House takes note of the importance of safeguarding children in schools.

Baroness Hooper to move that this House takes note of the United Kingdom’s relationship with the countries of Latin America, and the political trends and economic developments in those countries.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL]
Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

Friday 8 December 2023 at 10.00am

The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury to move that this House takes note of *Love Matters*, the report of the Archbishops' Commission on Families and Households.

Monday 11 December 2023 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Sheehan** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the finding of the National Infrastructure Commission that there is no public policy case for hydrogen heating, set out in the Second National Infrastructure Assessment published in October.

***Baroness Tyler of Enfield** to ask His Majesty's Government how many banking hubs have been established in response to bank branch closures since January 2022, and whether they are taking steps to facilitate the establishment of a national network of banking hubs.

***Lord Aberdare** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they are making in determining how to end the practice of cash retentions in the construction sector, and whether they plan to meet the 2025 target date for achieving zero retentions proposed by the Build UK Roadmap and endorsed by the Construction Leadership Council in 2019.

***Lord Leong** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the ending of local enterprise partnerships' funding and the impact on local economic development.

Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Wallace of Saltaire** to ask His Majesty's Government what preparations they are making for the fourth European Political Community Summit, to be held in the United Kingdom in spring 2024.

***Baroness Pitkeathley** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the report of the National Audit Office *Reforming adult social care in England* published on 10 November (HC 184), how much of the £265 million allocated to reforming social care staffing between 2022–23 and 2024–25 has been spent so far, and what problems they have encountered in spending the allocated money.

***Lord Colgrain** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made towards identifying a vaccine for eradicating bovine tuberculosis.

Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment has been made of risks to financial stability from private equity firms experiencing difficulty in the current high interest rate environment.

***Lord Foster of Bath** to ask His Majesty's Government what measures they are planning to take to mitigate the risks caused by loot boxes in video games.

***Baroness Thornhill** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to increase the proportion of social housing built under the Affordable Homes Programme.

Thursday 14 December 2023 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure citizens are not excluded from accessing AI-generated public services.

***The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the sustainability and quality of existing buildings, including by cutting value added tax to incentivise building repairs and maintenance.

***Baroness Quin** to ask His Majesty's Government what are their levelling-up priorities for the North East of England.

Lord Goddard of Stockport to move that this House takes note of the current state of fire safety regulations in England and the case for a new integrated review to update fire safety guidance. (*Balloted debate*)

Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 5 December.

Lord Swire to move that this House takes note of the current threat posed by North Korea. (*Balloted debate*)

Monday 18 December 2023 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***The Lord Bishop of London** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to ensure that refugees are given 28 days' notice before they are required to leave their Home Office accommodation, having received documentation after being granted asylum or being given leave to enter or remain.

***Lord Shipley** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of people who will be homeless this Christmas; and what plans they have to reduce the number of people who have no home of their own.

***Lord Jordan** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are planning to issue a new road safety strategy, and if so, when.

***Baroness Smith of Newnham** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the number of Afghan nationals eligible under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy, or the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, who are currently in Pakistan and at risk of repatriation to Afghanistan.

Tuesday 19 December 2023 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Gohir** to ask His Majesty's Government whether there has been a rise in home schooling and online schooling, and what action they are taking to strengthen child safeguarding in this context.

***Lord Allan of Hallam** to ask His Majesty's Government what measures they have put in place to mitigate the risk of people being coerced into showing their confidential medical records to third parties as records become universally available through the NHS app.

***Lord Balfé** to ask His Majesty's Government why, having suffered a defeat in the High Court, they are seeking to revive the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

Select Committee Reports

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

Lord Bridges of Headley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *Where have all the workers gone?* (2nd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 115). *20 December 2022*

Baroness Stowell of Beeston to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Communications and Digital Committee *Digital exclusion* (3rd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 219). *29 June*

†**Lord Hollick** to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Industry and Regulators Committee *Committee Must do better: the Office for Students and the looming crisis facing higher education* (2nd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 246). *23 September*

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

†**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to move that this House regrets that the explanatory memorandum (EM) accompanying the Food (Promotion and Placement) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which delay for a further two years the ban on multibuy promotions of high fat, sugar and salt products, fails to provide sufficient evidence to justify this delay, and endorses recommendation of the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee that the Government should replace the EM “with one that is fit for purpose”. *55th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2022–23*

Lord Berkeley to move this House regrets that the Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 2023, while providing improved safety and visibility designs, do not set out the need, timing and costs for private crossing owners to replace existing signs. *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Lord Khan of Burnley to move that this House regrets that the draft Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 could dangerously weaken the restrictions on overseas political donations and allow foreign money to enter our democracy. *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Questions for Short Debate

These Questions for Short Debate were drawn in the ballot on Wednesday 15 November 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.

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the impact on organ donations of the Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Act 2019.

Baroness Hollins to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of progress made towards achieving the target in the NHS Long Term Plan to reduce the number of people with learning disabilities and autism in inpatient mental health care by 50 per cent by March 2024, relative to 2015 levels.

Baroness Smith of Newnham to ask His Majesty’s Government what is their assessment of the current level of accommodation provision for asylum seekers.

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to promote the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948.

Baroness Boycott to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the impact of climate change, (2) increases in the cost of living, and (3) inflation, on the horticultural sector.

Baroness Thornhill to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of people living in temporary accommodation and the impact on council budgets.

Lord Aberdare to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase the availability and take-up of first aid training, including in the use of defibrillators.

Lord Holmes of Richmond to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the economic and social growth opportunities presented by new technologies including (1) artificial intelligence, and (2) distributed ledger technologies.

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to protect the rights of families by ensuring transparency and open justice in Court of Protection proceedings in respect of minors and adults.

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will reconsider the case for holding an independent inquiry into the allegations against Sir Edward Heath that remained unresolved at the end of Operation Conifer.

Lord Patel to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to improve cancer outcomes.

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of how the Windsor Framework strengthens the Union.

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the delivery, and (2) the cost-effectiveness, of major infrastructure projects.

Viscount Stansgate to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the use of artificial intelligence and the need for regulation.

Questions for Short Debate ballot entries

The ballot for four Questions closes at 5pm on Tuesday 12 December and will be drawn on Wednesday 13 December for debate on Thursday 18 January. Time limit 1 hour.

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. (*Department for Education*)

Lord Curry of Kirkharle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of reducing Official Development Assistance from 0.7 per cent to 0.5 per cent of Gross National Income in 2021 on small charities, particularly those working in Africa. (*Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*)

Baroness Browning to ask His Majesty's Government how they plan to create a parity of esteem between health and social care to address dementia. (*Department for Health and Social Care*)

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to respond to the report by The Children's Society, *The Good Childhood Report 2023*, published in September 2023. (*Department for Education*)

Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reduce the volume of sugar added to food and to encourage producers to reformulate it with healthier alternatives. (*Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*)

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to support and promote the charity and voluntary sectors. (*Department for Culture, Media and Sport*)

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current pathways for newly recognised refugees to integrate and establish themselves in the United Kingdom. (*Home Office*)

†**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 homes; whilst ensuring that development does not adversely affect existing communities. (*Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities*)

†**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to accelerate the adoption of new innovative vaccines by the National Immunisation Programme. (*Department for Health and Social Care*)

†**Lord Oates** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the contribution of foreign nationals to the NHS and social care services. (*Department for Health and Social Care*)

†**Lord Popat** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to (1) raise awareness among United Kingdom businesses of commercial opportunities in African markets, and (2) support United Kingdom exports to Africa. (*Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 4 December and due for answer by 18 December.

Baroness Altmann to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to announce funding for improved fracture liaison services across England to avoid a postcode lottery relating to early detection of osteoporosis. HL790

Baroness Altmann to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the potential cost savings to (1) the NHS, and (2) employers, in the next 20 years as a result of early detection and treatment of osteoporosis. HL791

Baroness Altmann to ask His Majesty's Government what estimates they have made of the number of (1) deaths and (2) working days lost, each year that result from bone fractures among (a) women, and (b) men. HL792

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to respond to the letter of 29 November to Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton from the Uyghur Tribunal regarding the treatment of the Uyghurs of Xinjiang in North-West China; and if so (1) when, and (2) whether they will publish this response. HL793

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government whether efforts to eliminate rats, mice and cockroaches in all prisons in England and Wales have been successful, and if not, in how many prisons they still present serious problems. HL794

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Benyon on 30 November (HL Deb cols 1172–1174), what assessment they have made of the prevalence of non-state actors recruiting children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, whether they have conducted a Joint Analysis of Conflict and Stability assessment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in recent years, and if so, what were the findings in relation to the use of children for forced labour and in armed conflict as recruited by non-state actors. HL795

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Benyon on 30 November (HL Deb cols 1172–1174), what discussions they have held with the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and what support they have provided to that government to ensure that children are not incarcerated, penalised, or physically harmed solely for unlawful acts committed as a direct result of their exploitation in child labour. HL796

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Benyon on 30 November (HL Deb cols 1172–1174), what assessment they have made of the (1) health impacts, (2) developmental damage, and (3) risk of sexual assault, that may arise for children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as a result of cobalt mining. HL797

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Benyon on 30 November (HL Deb cols 1172–1174), what steps they are taking to identify whether the cobalt-containing products imported into the UK are associated with child labour in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; what assessment they have made of the credibility of assurances given by consumer-facing technology and electronic vehicle companies that their cobalt supply chains are not associated with child labour, forced labour, hazardous conditions, or environmental destruction arising from mining operations; and what steps they are taking to ensure (1) that the products arriving in the UK contain correct information about the supply chain, (2) that any falsified information is fully addressed, and (3) that, where it is not possible to give assurance from legal and ethical sources, this should be clearly disclosed on the products. HL798

Lord Austin of Dudley to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with Ofsted about schools allowing pupils to be absent to attend protest marches, what assessments Ofsted and schools should make of safeguarding issues arising from pupils being allowed to attend such events, and what advice the Department for Education is planning to issue to schools in this regard. HL799

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number of pedelecs sold in England in the past five years, and what steps they are taking to ensure that users can meet insurance and MOT requirements. HL800

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Davies of Gower of 22 November (HL338), what assessment they have made of expected journey times between Old Oak Common and Bond Street via (1) the planned HS2 station at Euston and the Northern Line, and (2) the Elizabeth Line broken down into (a) in-vehicle time, (b) wait time, and (c) walking time. HL801

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government how many of the 75 local authorities eligible for the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme received part of the £50 million allocated for parenting support, and how this funding was broken down across those family hubs. HL802

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government how many of the 75 local authorities eligible for the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme received part of the £81.75 million allocated for creating family hub networks, and how this funding was broken down across those hubs. HL803

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government how many of the 75 local authorities eligible for the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme received part of the £100 million for parent-infant relationships and perinatal mental health support, and how this funding was broken down across those family hubs. HL804

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask Her Majesty's Government how many of the 75 local authorities eligible for the Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme received part of the £50 million allocated for establishing infant feeding support services, and how this funding was broken down across those family hubs. HL805

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government how many of the 75 local authorities eligible for the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme received part of the £81.75 million allocated for creating family hub networks, and how this funding was broken down across those hubs. HL806

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government how many local authorities were allocated funding to publish a Start for Life offer as part of the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme, and how much funding was allocated to each local authority. HL807

Baroness Butler-Sloss to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the findings in the report by the Children's Commissioner *Unaccompanied children in need of care*, published 16 November, on the level of safeguarding for unaccompanied children who arrived by boat and were placed in hotels since 2021; and what steps they intend to take to ensure such children are properly safeguarded. HL808

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential benefits of ending the freeze in Local Housing Allowance rates before April 2024. HL809

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to increase grant funding for social housing delivery to reflect the decrease in the number of planning applications being made, and a probable decrease in the number of section 106 social homes being built as a result. HL810

Lord Field of Birkenhead to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the additional expenditure that would be incurred if free school meals were to be provided to all registered pupils at maintained nursery schools in England as well as to children in receipt of relevant funded early years education. HL811

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government how many women have been assisted by the Women's Pathfinder Whole System Approach since its establishment in 2013. HL812

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support female Welsh prisoners held in English prisons, both during and after their imprisonment, to reintegrate into the community. HL813

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to prevent the homelessness to prison cycle. HL814

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce the prison population in Wales. HL815

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government who will be representing the UK at the Global Refugee Forum. HL816

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mobilise funding to support the education of refugees in low and middle income host countries. HL817

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to start recording official data on e-bike usage as part of the National Travel Survey. HL818

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Bar Council and Law Society about the potential use of UK lawyers in Rwanda to advise on asylum claims. HL819

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what recent steps they have taken to ensure that there is parity between care provided by gastroenterology services and other disease areas on (1) diagnosis, (2) treatment, and (3) outcomes. HL820

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government how they measure the adequacy and efficacy of data collection on waiting times for gastroenterology services. HL821

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the possibility and potential of implementing routine assessments into the prevalence and geographic and socioeconomic disparities of people with (1) Crohn's disease, and (2) ulcerative colitis to inform healthcare investment and planning decisions. HL822

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the potential of (1) a new national clinical director, and (2) new targets, to improve gastroenterology services. HL823

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to establish a Royal Commission into the future of maternity services. HL824

Lord Lee of Trafford to ask His Majesty's Government whether they believe that the Ministry of Defence still needs to employ 60,000 civilian personnel, in the light of the declining number of regular forces. HL825

Lord Lee of Trafford to ask His Majesty's Government what broad categories of employment the 60,000 civilian personnel employed by the Ministry of Defence fall into. HL826

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask His Majesty's Government when they intend to respond to the letter from the Chair of the Brook House Inquiry to the Home Secretary dated 19 October, which asked what steps they are taking to review and respond to the inquiry's recommendations and which requested a response by 9 November. HL827

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will request NHS England to permit the prescription of Thiamine capsules as an alternative to tablets. HL828

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to investigate, in conjunction with aviation regulators, allegations by Ryanair that a UK-registered company had marketed thousands of engine parts with faked certification documents for Airbus and Boeing models, and what assessment they have made of the implications for air travel safety. HL829

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government, with regard to their policy that by 2030 at least 10 per cent of jet fuel used for commercial flights by UK airlines should be sustainable aviation fuel, what actions they are taking to ensure that such fuel is manufactured in the UK. HL830

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government what is the cost of sending the UK delegation to the COP28 climate change conference in Dubai, how many UK representatives this covers, and how many of them travelled by (1) private, and (2) public, jet aircraft. HL831

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the World Climate Declaration. HL832

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Baroness Barran on 1 August and 26 October (HL9074 and HL10579), what is the latest date by which they will publish their draft guidance on whether teachers may refer to pupils by their legal and biological gender. HL833

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Barran on 26 October (HL10580), who sits on the senior leadership team and executive board of the Teaching Regulation Agency. HL834

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government, in agreeing sustainable fishing catch limits for 2024–26 with the EU, what consideration they have given to advice provided by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, and whether these limits will or will not exceed this advice. HL835

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to strengthen the marine protected area surrounding South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. HL836

Lord Rogan to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care intends to respond to the letter from Lord Rogan dated 13 October 2023 enclosing correspondence on behalf of the board of trustees of EGFR Positive UK, and if so, when. HL837

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Kenya regarding the evictions of the Ogiek people and other indigenous peoples in the Mau forest in that country. HL838

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to assist farmers transitioning towards net zero; and what steps, if any, they are taking to (1) support carbon auditing on farms, (2) standardise carbon calculators, and (3) invest in water management infrastructure. HL839

The Earl of Sandwich to ask His Majesty's Government what losses have been sustained due to attacks on United Nations protection forces and international agencies during their withdrawal from Mali; and what effect the withdrawal has had on UK personnel and projects, including those of non-government organisations. HL840

The Earl of Sandwich to ask His Majesty's Government which non-governmental organisations receiving aid from the UK remain in (1) Mali, (2) Niger, and (3) Burkina Faso, in spite of the withdrawal of protection forces. HL841

The Earl of Sandwich to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the evidence by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee on 29 November, why Official Development Assistance will remain at 0.5 per cent of gross national income for five successive years despite previous commitments by Ministers. HL842

Lord Scriven to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect a direct train service between Sheffield and Manchester Airport to be reinstated. HL843

Lord Singh of Wimbledon to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impartiality of the Heywood review into allegations of UK involvement in the Indian Army's operation against the Golden Temple in the light of reports that the father of a senior member of that review was the Prime Minister's private secretary at the time of the operation. HL844

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address challenges that may arise from the new methodology for assessing rental prices in inflation data. HL845

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mitigate financial burdens to households which arise from malfunctioning smart meters leading to an inaccurate energy bill. HL846

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risks and benefits of introducing the digital pound, including on financial stability. HL847

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government whether their policy has changed as regards plans for defence spending, given that the Spring Budget stated an aspiration to invest 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product in defence but this is not mentioned in the Autumn Statement. HL848

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Autumn Statement which notes that £4.6 billion was given to Ukraine in military aid in 2022–23 and 2023–24, how much will be given in fiscal year 2024–5. HL849

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government how many times have HMS Spey and HMS Tamar visited the war graves of HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse in the past 12 months. HL850

Baroness Wolf of Dulwich to ask His Majesty's Government how many apprentices aged 25 and over who started an apprenticeship in 2021–22 and 2022–23 were enrolled for (1) a level 3 engineering apprenticeship, (2) a digital support technician level 3 apprenticeship, (3) a level 4 engineering apprenticeship, and (4) a level 4 software engineer or developer apprenticeship; what proportion each of these apprenticeships represents of the total number of apprenticeship starts for those aged 25 and over, in each of those years; and what proportion each represents of total starts on those specific apprenticeship standards. HL851

Baroness Wolf of Dulwich to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of apprentices starting their apprenticeships in 2021–22 and 2022–23 were apprentices aged (1) 25–34, (2) 35–44, and (3) 45 and over. HL852

Baroness Young of Old Scone to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will, in line with previous commitments, publish a land use framework for England in 2023. HL853

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.

13 November (27 November)

HL255 Lord Taylor of Goss Moor [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL256 Lord Taylor of Goss Moor [Department of Health and Social Care]

14 November (28 November)

HL268 Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL306 Baroness O'Neill of Bexley [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

15 November (29 November)

HL371 Lord Touhig [Department of Health and Social Care]

20 November (4 December)

HL386 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Home Office]

HL387 Lord Anderson of Ipswich [Ministry of Justice]

HL388 Lord Anderson of Ipswich [Ministry of Justice]

HL394 The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities]

HL402 The Lord Bishop of Durham [Home Office]

HL407 Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town [Home Office]

HL425 The Lord Bishop of St Albans [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL426 The Lord Bishop of St Albans [Home Office]

HL428 The Lord Bishop of St Albans [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL431 Lord Strathcarron [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL434 Lord Taylor of Goss Moor [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities]

HL439 Lord Taylor of Warwick [Department for Business and Trade]

HL452 Baroness Wolf of Dulwich [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL453 Baroness Wolf of Dulwich [Department of Health and Social Care]

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

Business and Trade (1)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (1)

Health and Social Care (7)

Home Office (4)

Justice (2)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (2)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Housing Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	5 December
Genocide (Prevention and Response) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Workforce Information (Ethnicity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Commercial Organisations and Public Authorities Duty (Human Rights and Environment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Coroners (Determination of Suicide) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
At-Home Early Medical Abortion (Review) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Asylum Application (Entry to the United Kingdom) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Ecocide Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Protection of Care Recipients and Carers Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Wheelchair Access Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide Determination Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Bill	Government	
Referred to a Second Reading Committee		
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>) (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Committed to a Select Committee		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
Committed to a Grand Committee		
Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	7 December
Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	Government	
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Committed to a Committee of the Whole House		
Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	

Sent to the Commons

Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [HL]

Private

Statutory Instruments in Progress**Affirmative Instruments waiting for consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

Draft Data Reporting Services Regulations 2023

Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2024

Draft Public Offers and Admissions to Trading Regulations 2023

Draft Securitisation Regulations 2023

Draft General Aviation (Persons on Board, Flight Information and Civil Penalties) Regulations 2024

Draft Online Safety (List of Overseas Regulators) Regulations 2024

Draft Biodiversity Gain Site Register (Financial Penalties and Fees) Regulations 2024

Draft Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023

Draft Financial Services Act 2021 (Overseas Funds Regime and Recognition of Parts of Schemes) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2024

Draft Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (Automatic Online Conviction and Standard Statutory Penalty) (Specification of Offences and Penalties) Regulations 2024

Draft Wine (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative ResolutionDraft Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (*6 December*)

Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Codes A, B, C, D and H and New Code I) Order 2023

Draft Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023

Draft Immigration (Health Charge) (Amendment) Order 2023

Draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Approved Regulator) Order 2023

Draft Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*Draft Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*Draft Sentencing Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedule 21) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*Draft Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (*6 December*)

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Draft Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (6 December)*

Draft Higher-Risk Buildings (Keeping and Provision of Information etc.) (England) Regulations 2023

Draft Agriculture (Delinked Payments and Consequential Provisions) (England) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report*

Draft Data Protection (Fundamental Rights and Freedoms) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Employment Rights (Amendment, Revocation and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report*

Draft Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Benchmarks and Capital Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023

Draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report (6 December)*

Draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: NHS Ambulance Services and the NHS Patient Transport Service) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report (6 December)*

Draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Passenger Railway Services) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report (6 December)*

Draft York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023

Draft Hydrogen Production Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2023

Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Amendment of List of Safe States) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 4th Report*

Draft Trade Union (Deduction of Union Subscriptions from Wages in the Public Sector) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Child Support (Management of Payments and Arrears and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Draft Judicial Pensions (Remediable Service etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Draft Code of Practice on Reasonable Steps to be taken by a Trade Union (Minimum Service Levels) *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report (6 December)*

Draft Employment Tribunals and Employment Appeal Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Regulations 2023

Draft Medical Devices (In Vitro Diagnostic Devices etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Draft Immigration Act 2014 (Residential Accommodation) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2023

Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) (Amendment) Order 2023

Negative Instruments

Food (Promotion and Placement) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 55th Report, Session 2022–23. Praying time ended 17 November*

National College for Advanced Transport and Infrastructure (Designated Institution in Further Education and Revocations) (Revocation) Order 2023 *55th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2022–23. Praying time ends 5 December*

School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (England) Order 2023 *55th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2022–23. Praying time ends 5 December*

Courts and Tribunals (Fee Remissions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2023 *1st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 5 December*

Misuse of Drugs (England and Wales and Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 1st Report. Praying time ends 7 December*

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) Order 2023 *1st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 13 December*

Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (England) and Persons Subject to Immigration Control (Housing Authority Accommodation and Homelessness) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 15 December*

Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 *1st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 15 December*

Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 2023 *2nd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 15 December*

Official Controls (Plant Health) (Prior Notification) and Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *2nd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 15 December*

Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) (England and Wales) Order 2023 *2nd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 16 December*

Childcare (Childminder Agencies) (Cancellation etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *2nd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 16 December*

Information as to Provision of Education (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 17 December*

Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (England and Wales) Order 2023 *4th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 10 January*

Human Rights Remedial Order

Draft order under paragraph 2(a) referred to the Joint Committee on Human Rights

Draft Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Remedial) Order 2023 *Scrutiny period expires 15 January*

Proposed Negative Statutory Instruments laid under the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

Railways (Revocation and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2024 *Sifting period expires 6 December*

Treaties before the House

Treaties not yet considered by a Select Committee

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibition or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V) *Scrutiny period expires: 9 January 2024*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Belgium on the Gainful Occupation of Certain Family Members of the Personnel of the Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts *Scrutiny period expires: 17 January 2024*

Treaties considered by a Select Committee

Amending Agreement No. 2 between the United Kingdom and Georgia Amending the Strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the two countries *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 14 November. Scrutiny period expires: 11 December*

Amending Agreement No. 2 between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Moldova to amend the Strategic Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the two countries *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 14 November. Scrutiny period expires: 11 December*

Exchange of Notes amending the Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Korea *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 14 November. Scrutiny period expires: 19 December*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and Georgia concerning Air Services *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 28 November. Scrutiny period expires: 10 January 2024*

Retirement

The following member of the House has given notice of his intention to retire.

Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank (12 December)

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Tuesday 5 December

Science and Technology Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Built Environment Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room G-32, Millbank House	10.30am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 4A	10.30am
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 4A	4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 3	4.00pm

Wednesday 6 December

Constitution Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 4A	10.30am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
Public Services Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm
Finance Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm

Wednesday 13 December

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee		3.00pm

Thursday 14 December

Services Committee	Room 2A	12.15pm
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Monday 18 December

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	4.00pm
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Tuesday 23 January

Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	4.00pm
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Wednesday 24 January

Conduct Committee	2-03 Millbank House	4.00pm
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Tuesday 30 January

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Room 2A	3.00pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Monday 4 December 2023

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Worcester.

1 Lord Carter of Haslemere Harold Mark Carter, CB, having been created Baron Carter of Haslemere, of Haslemere in the County of Surrey, for life by Letters Patent dated 30 October 2019, was introduced between Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay and Baroness Sanderson of Welton, took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

2 Barony of Poltimore in the Peerage of the United Kingdom The Clerk of the Parliaments was directed to enter Lord Poltimore on the register of hereditary peers maintained under Standing Order 9(4).

Select Committee Reports

3 National Security Strategy

The following Reports from the Select Committee were made and ordered to be printed:

The Conflict, Stability and Security Fund: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2022–23 (1st Special Report, HL Paper 22)

A hostage to fortune: ransomware and UK national security. (2nd Report, HL Paper 23)

Public Business

4 Disabled air passengers A question was asked by Baroness Brinton and answered by Lord Davies of Gower.

5 Artificial intelligence: regulation A question was asked by Lord Browne of Ladyton and answered by Viscount Camrose.

6 Asylum seekers: deportation from France A question was asked by Lord Lilley and answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

7 Violence against women and girls A question was asked by Baroness Chakrabarti and answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

8 Wheelchair Access Bill [HL] Lord Blencathra presented a bill to ensure that people in wheelchairs are able to access all public buildings via ramps or other measures; and for connected purposes. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 23)

9 Genocide Determination Bill [HL] Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, on behalf of Lord Alton of Liverpool, presented a bill to provide for the High Court in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the Court of Session in Scotland to make preliminary determinations concerning the undertakings made by the United Kingdom as a Contracting Party to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (“Genocide Convention”) under international law; for the referral of such determinations to relevant international courts or organisations; for response to reports on genocide; and for connected purposes. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 24)

10 National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Bill A bill to make provision for and in connection with reducing the main rates of primary Class 1 national insurance contributions and Class 4 national insurance contributions, and removing the requirement to pay Class 2 national insurance contributions was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 25)

11 National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Bill The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 25–EN)

12 **Liaison** Lord Gardiner of Kimble moved that the Report from the Select Committee *A committee on financial services regulation* (6th Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 267) be agreed to. The motion was agreed to.

13 **Liaison** Lord Gardiner of Kimble moved that the Report from the Select Committee *New committee activity in 2024* (1st Report, HL Paper 12) be agreed to. The motion was agreed to.

14 **Arbitration Bill [HL]** Lord Bellamy moved that the bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee. The motion was agreed to.

15 **Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 (Port Examination Code of Practice) Regulations 2023** Lord Sharpe of Epsom moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 16 October be approved. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

16 **National Security Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments of Primary Legislation) Regulations 2023** Lord Sharpe of Epsom moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 16 October be approved. The motion was agreed to.

17 **National Security Act 2023 (Video Recording with Sound of Interviews and Associated Code of Practice) Regulations 2023** Lord Sharpe of Epsom moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 16 October be approved. The motion was agreed to.

18 **Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023** Baroness Lister of Burtersett moved that this House regrets that the Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023, which increase fees by above inflation for a range of immigration and nationality applications, will (1) increase financial barriers to children securing their rights to British citizenship, (2) cause other individuals to fall out of lawful immigration status and face significant debt and precarity, (3) increase the operational burden on the Home Office, and (4) damage the United Kingdom’s economy; and calls on His Majesty’s Government to consider and develop policies to support individuals, families, and businesses adversely affected by these changes. After debate, the motion was withdrawn.

19 **Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Public Health, Marketing and Organic Product Standards and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2023** Baroness Hoey moved that this House regrets that, while the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Public Health, Marketing and Organic Product Standards and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2023 give practical effect to provisions in EU Regulation 2023/1231 which lessen the disturbance caused by the Irish Sea border, (1) they do not remove the border or the need for expensive and disruptive customs and sanitary and phytosanitary paperwork, and border control posts, (2) Article 14 of EU Regulation 2023/1231 reserves the right for the European Union to reverse provisions afforded by these Regulations that make the border less burdensome, and (3) on both counts, these Regulations are associated with an initiative that violates the territorial integrity of the United Kingdom. After debate, the motion was disagreed to (see division).

20 **Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023** Lord Harlech moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 23 October be approved. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

21 **Merchant Shipping (Counting and Registration of Persons on board Passenger Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Lord Berkeley moved that this House welcomes the contribution to passenger safety made by the Merchant Shipping (Counting and Registration of Persons on board Passenger Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 but regrets the delay in the introduction of the regulations and that they do not cover passengers travelling on non-passenger ships. After debate, the motion was withdrawn.

The House adjourned at 8.52pm until Tuesday 5 December at 2.30pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Papers

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

Command Papers

The following papers were presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

- 1 Sport—Government Response to the Independent Review of Women’s Football: Reframing the opportunity in Women’s Football. (965)
- 2 Finance—Treasury Minutes Progress Report: Update of the Government responses to the Committee of Public Accounts on Sessions 2010–12, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, 2017–19, 2019, 2019–21, 2021–22 and 2022–23. (987)

Statutory Instrument laid under Standing Order 70

The following instrument was laid before the House on the dates shown:

- 1 Public Interest Merger Reference (Telegraph Media Group Ltd) (Pre-emptive Action) Order 2023 (*Negative Instrument, No. 1300, laid on 1 December*)

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House for approval by resolution:

- 1 Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (1306)
- 2 Draft Financial Services Act 2021 (Overseas Funds Regime and Recognition of Parts of Schemes) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2024
- 3 Draft Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980 (Automatic Online Conviction and Standard Statutory Penalty) (Specification of Offences and Penalties) Regulations 2024
- 4 Draft Wine (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Tribunal Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2023 (1280)
- 2 Greater London Authority (Consolidated Council Tax Requirement Procedure) Regulations 2023 (1298)
- 3 Branded Health Service Medicines (Costs) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (1307)

Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Parliamentary Elections and Recall Petition (Welsh Forms) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 (1305)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Account of the Social Fund 2022–23
- 2 Report and Accounts of the Financial Ombudsman Service 2022–23

Instrument coming into operation before being laid

The Lord Speaker informed the House that he had received, under the proviso to section 4(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, notification that the following instrument had come into operation before being laid before Parliament, together with an explanation:

- 1 Public Interest Merger Reference (Telegraph Media Group Ltd) (Pre-emptive Action) Order 2023
(1300)

Division**Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Public Health, Marketing and Organic Product Standards and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2023**

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