

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.

***Lord Coaker** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the National Audit Office's value for money analysis of the Ministry of Defence's Equipment Plan 2023 to 2033, published on 4 December.

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington to move that this House takes note of the importance of safeguarding children in schools. (3 hours)

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. (2 hours)

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*

Future Business**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.

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



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.

†**Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Lord Davies of Gower to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 16 October be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

†**Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023** Lord Benyon to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 23 October be approved. *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL] Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *Scottish Legislative Consent sought*

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. *(Dinner break business, 1 hour)*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL] Committee [Lord Davies of Gower]

Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 2.30pm

The Lord Bishop of Winchester will be introduced.

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 8 December.

†**National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Bill** Second Reading [Baroness Vere of Norbiton] *3rd Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee*

The following two motions and associated amendment are expected to be debated together:

Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Baroness Penn to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 12 December be approved. *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Lord Khan of Burnley to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Regulations could dangerously weaken the restrictions on overseas political donations and allow foreign money to enter British democracy.”

Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 Baroness Penn to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 12 December be approved. *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†*It is expected that the remaining stages of the National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates Bill) will be taken.*

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. (*1½ hours*)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Data Protection (Fundamental Rights and Freedoms) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Swinburne] *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Codes A, B, C, D and H and New Code I) Order 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom]

Immigration (Health Charge) (Amendment) Order 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 5th Report*

Sentencing Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedule 21) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Bellamy] *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Legal Services Act 2007 (Approved Regulator) Order 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Bellamy]

Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have 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 steps, if any, they will take to mitigate the prevalence of homelessness among refugees, and its impact on local authorities, over the Christmas period.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 7 December, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 11 December.

†**Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 25 December be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 6 December*

It is expected that the Committee stage of the Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill will continue, and that it will conclude.

†**Agriculture (Delinked Payments and Consequential Provisions) (England) Regulations 2023** Lord Benyon 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 Hayman of Ullock** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Benyon, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Regulations 2023 will revoke Basic Payment Scheme cross-compliance provisions regarding environmental, animal welfare and other standards before a new compliance scheme has been completely established; and notes the risk of (1) regulatory gaps, and (2) increasing uncertainty for farmers and landowners.”

Baroness Hollins to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of progress 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. *(1½ hours)*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Employment Rights (Amendment, Revocation and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report*

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston]

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton] *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

The following two motions are expected to be debated together:

Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Benchmarks and Capital Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton] *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Barran] *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Barran]

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 8 December, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 12 December.

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*)

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of proposals to loan the Elgin Marbles to Greece. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

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

It is expected that the Committee stage of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Bill will continue in the Moses Room at 1pm, and that it will conclude.

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 Balfe** 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 *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 the 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 that 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*

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.

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 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*)

Baroness Tyler of Enfield to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to publish a social care workforce plan to complement the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan. (*Department for Health and Social Care*)

†**Baroness Sheehan** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of progress in reducing the routine flaring and venting of methane from oil and gas installations in the North Sea. (*Department for Energy and Net Zero*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 6 December and due for answer by 20 December.

Baroness Altmann to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to prioritise early detection of osteoporosis in older adults, especially women, and to enhance the timely diagnosis and treatment of people with osteoporosis, following ministerial commitments to do so. HL902

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the statement published by Refugees International on 27 November concerning the war in Tigray, which stated that "between 40 and 50 per cent of women experienced gender-based violence"; and what steps they are taking, together with international partners, to bring those responsible to justice. HL903

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the total value of Russian state assets in the UK. HL904

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ask the World Bank to update their March 2023 Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment of the cost of rectifying war damage in Ukraine. HL905

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to permit the seizure of Russian state assets, and the repurposing of those assets to rectify war damage in Ukraine and to assist in Ukraine's self-defence. HL906

Baroness Blower to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the recent police operation at the Kurdish Community Centre in London on relations with that community. HL907

Baroness Blower to ask His Majesty's Government what is the average training cost of an (1) intermediate, (2) advanced, and (3) higher level, apprenticeship. HL908

Baroness Blower to ask His Majesty's Government what is the average cost of a Higher Technical Qualification at (1) Level 4, and (2) Level 5. HL909

Baroness Blower to ask His Majesty's Government what is the average cost of a National Vocational Qualification at (1) Level 2, and (2) Level 3. HL910

Baroness Blower to ask His Majesty's Government (1) how many, and (2) what percentage, of levy paying employers have spent all funds in their apprenticeship levy account, for each of the past five financial years. HL911

Baroness Blower to ask His Majesty's Government what is the average training cost of a traineeship. HL912

Baroness Cox to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking with international partners to address the incidence of abduction, forced conversion, and forced marriage of young girls and women from religious minorities in Pakistan. HL913

Baroness Cox to ask His Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the state of freedom of religion or belief in Sudan after the church bombing in Omdurman on 4 November, which left 6 children dead and 23 people wounded. HL914

Baroness Cox to ask His Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom's report on *National Level Anti-Conversion Laws Around the World*, published on 28 November. HL915

Baroness Cox to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken since October to bring the Myanmar military junta before the International Criminal Court. HL916

Baroness Cox to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will impose further targeted sanctions against (1) individuals in the Myanmar military, and (2) military-owned enterprises. HL917

Baroness Cox to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will seek to expand partnerships with ethnic community-based organisations in Myanmar to ensure the provision of cross-border aid. HL918

The Lord Bishop of Derby to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for allowing local authorities to set their own right-to-buy discounts to reflect local circumstances. HL919

The Lord Bishop of Derby to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the additional support required for social housing landlords as a result of the consumer regulation measures announced by the Regulator of Social Housing, including the Tenant Satisfaction Measures Standard, which are to be implemented from April 2024. HL920

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government why their response to the 2022 consultation on improved food waste reporting by large food businesses in England has been withdrawn, and when they expect to publish a new response. HL921

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that the Drinking Water Inspectorate found that more than 11,000 samples had tested positive for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in 2022. HL922

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the numbers of (1) vets, (2) food inspectors, and (3) other personnel who contribute to maintaining food safety, and what plans they have to ensure sufficient numbers. HL923

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the numbers of (1) trading standards, (2) environmental health, and (3) food safety personnel in local authorities, and what plans they have to ensure sufficient numbers. HL924

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the level of organised crime relating to food and drink, and what plans they have to facilitate information sharing among relevant public authorities and industry stakeholders. HL925

Lord Hayward to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker what is the annual cost to Parliament of each traffic marshal on the Westminster estate. HL926

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger to ask His Majesty's Government which body designates areas with Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty status. HL927

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger to ask His Majesty's Government why the Surrey Hills has lost its Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty status. HL928

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger to ask His Majesty's Government whether, when considering whether an area should be designated or retained as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, they take into account whether they wish more housing to be built there, or whether it is designated purely on environmental, nature and beauty considerations. HL929

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken since the 2019 publication of 'Asymptomatic Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Colorectal Cancer Screening Programs' by Farrukh and Mayberry in *Gastrointestinal Disorders* in respect of its findings of differences and discrimination in the delivery of (1) colorectal screening in healthy people, and (2) care and surveillance of patients with inflammatory bowel disease. HL930

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to hold discussions with Care Quality Commission, NHS England and integrated care boards to reduce differences and discrimination in the delivery of (1) colorectal screening in healthy people, and (2) care and surveillance of patients with inflammatory bowel disease. HL931

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the compliance by NHS commissioning bodies with the NICE technology appraisal in respect of biologic therapies for patients with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. HL932

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the managerial capacity of the NHS, particularly at chartered professional level, to lead the systems changes required to deliver their stated priorities. HL933

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to encourage the (1) consistent, and (2) timely, provision of inpatient physiotherapy in acute district hospitals for older patients with frailty syndrome. HL934

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had, if any, with the Crown Prosecution Service on responding to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in an informative and expeditious manner. HL935

Baroness Jones of Whitchurch to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Viscount Camrose on 5 December (HL474), what assessment they have made of the impact on recruitment of overseas research and development workers of the increase in the minimum salary to £38,700 for foreign workers. HL936

Baroness Jones of Whitchurch to ask His Majesty's Government what sectoral strategies have been produced by the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology since its establishment. HL937

Baroness Jones of Whitchurch to ask His Majesty's Government what competitive grant funds have been launched by the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology since its establishment. HL938

Baroness Jones of Whitchurch to ask His Majesty's Government how many of the 1,000 new PhD places in artificial intelligence identified in the UK Digital Strategy have been created. HL939

Baroness Jones of Whitchurch to ask His Majesty's Government how many Institutes of Technology have been created, what courses they provide, and how many pupils currently study at the Institutes. HL940

Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton to ask His Majesty's Government whether the recent proposed increase of the minimum income threshold to £38,700 for a family visa will apply to (1) serving members of the Brigade of Gurkhas, and (2) other serving foreign and commonwealth members of the armed forces. HL941

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to postpone the introduction of tariffs for electric vehicles traded between the UK and Europe; and when they expect to be able to announce the outcome of their discussions on this issue. HL942

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to report on the GB type approval for road vehicles consultation, which closed on 10 November. HL943

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government when they intend to publish legislation on establishing a price monitoring body for fuel pricing and the requirement for retailers to provide real-time pump prices by site. HL944

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the causes of motorcyclist fatalities. HL945

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the prevalence of motorcyclists failing to wear helmets, and its impact on motorcyclist fatalities. HL946

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the compliance of repealing the Human Rights Act 1998 with the Good Friday Agreement. HL947

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of their policy to remove certain migrants to Rwanda on the Good Friday Agreement. HL948

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to repeal the Human Rights Act 1998 to deliver their policy to remove certain migrants to Rwanda. HL949

Lord Scriven to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the compliance of the proposed £38,700 income requirement for applications to bring dependents to the UK with the Human Rights Act 1998. HL950

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mitigate the financial pressure faced by mortgage holders due to inflation rising interest payments. HL951

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the UK–Rwanda treaty for the provision of an asylum partnership aligns with the UK's international human rights commitments, including safeguarding the rights of asylum seekers. HL952

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mitigate the potential financial impact of flooding in communities across the UK. HL953

Lord Touhig to ask His Majesty's Government what is the estimated average time span from application to payment for employment support providers seeking help from the Access to Work scheme. HL954

Lord Touhig to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of any delays, and the reasons for such delays, in paying funds to employment support providers who have successfully applied for help from the Access to Work scheme. HL955

Lord Touhig to ask His Majesty's Government whether the budget for the Access to Work scheme has been underspent, and if so, by how much, in each of the past five years. HL956

Lord Touhig to ask His Majesty's Government how many employment support providers have received support from the Access to Work scheme in each of the past five years. HL957

Lord Touhig to ask His Majesty's Government why autism is defined as a disability in some application forms for help from the Access to Work scheme and not in other cases. HL958

Lord Turnberg to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of antisemitic incidents in universities, and what steps they are taking in response to such incidents. HL959

Lord Turnberg to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to combat antisemitism (1) in medical schools, and (2) amongst medical professionals. HL960

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government whether all five joint consultative UK–EU sub-groups as outlined in the Windsor Framework have been established and complete membership appointed on both sides. HL961

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government how many meetings have taken place of each of the five joint consultative UK–EU sub-groups established under the Windsor Framework. HL962

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what (1) further statutory instruments, or (2) other pieces of legislation, they still need to bring forward to fully implement the Windsor Framework. HL963

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they had with (1) devolved administrations, and (2) business sectors and organisations, before announcing the proposed rise in earnings income threshold for legal migration to the UK. HL964

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current threat posed by Venezuela to Guyana; and what practical support they (1) have provided, or (2) intend to provide, to Guyana. HL965

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)

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

15 November (29 November)

HL371 Lord Touhig [Department of Health and Social Care]

20 November (4 December)

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

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

21 November (5 December)

HL464 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL477 Lord Mendelsohn [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL490 Lord Scriven [Home Office]

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

Health and Social Care (6)

Home Office (1)

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	
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	12 December
Heritage Trees Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Status of Workers Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Disestablishment of the Church of England Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Data Protection and Digital Information Bill	Government	
Victims and Prisoners 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	11 December

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Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (<i>Northern Ireland 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	11 December
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 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
- Draft Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023
- Draft Waste Enforcement (Fixed Penalty Receipts) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

- Draft Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (*11 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 (*12 December*)
- Draft Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 (*13 December*)
- Draft Immigration (Health Charge) (Amendment) Order 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 5th Report (12 December)*
- Draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Approved Regulator) Order 2023 (*12 December*)
- Draft Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (12 December)*
- Draft Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (12 December)*

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Draft Sentencing Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedule 21) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (12 December)*

Draft Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *(13 December)*

Draft Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (11 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 (13 December)*

Draft Data Protection (Fundamental Rights and Freedoms) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (12 December)*

Draft Employment Rights (Amendment, Revocation and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 3rd Report (13 December)*

Draft Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (13 December)*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (13 December)*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Benchmarks and Capital Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (13 December)*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023 *(13 December)*

Draft York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 *(13 December)*

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 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 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) (Amendment) Order 2023 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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

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*

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*

Draft Data Protection and Journalism Code of Practice 2023 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 20 January*

Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment Regulations) 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 5th Report. Praying time ends 19 January*

Immigration Act 2014 (Commencement No. 9) and Immigration Act 2014 (Commencement No. 8) (Revocation) Order 2023 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 18 January*

National Security Act 2023 (Prevention and Investigation Measures) (Polygraph) Regulations 2023 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 19 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*

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*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Rwanda for the Provision of an Asylum Partnership Agreement to Strengthen Shared International Commitments on the Protection of Refugees and Migrants *Scrutiny period expires: 30 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.

Monday 11 December

National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 4A	4.00pm
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Tuesday 12 December

Science and Technology Committee		10.00am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee		10.30am
Built Environment Committee		10.30am
Industry and Regulators Committee		10.30am
European Affairs Committee		3.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee		3.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 2A	3.45pm
International Agreements Committee	Room G-32, Millbank House	5.00pm

Wednesday 13 December

Constitution Committee	Room 2-03, Millbank House	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee		10.30am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee		3.00pm
Public Services Committee		3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

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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Wednesday 10 January

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Archbishops' Room, Millbank House	10.00am
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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 Wednesday 6 December 2023

The House met at 3.00pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Worcester.

1 **Leave of Absence** Leave of absence was granted to Lord Cooper of Windrush for the remainder of this Session.

Select Committee Reports

2 Statutory Instruments

The following Report from the Joint Committee was made and ordered to be printed:

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. (5th Report, HL Paper 25)

3 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

The following Report from the Select Committee was made and ordered to be printed:

National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Bill
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL]
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill
Arbitration Bill [HL]
Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]
Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies Bill [HL]
Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL]
Housing Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill [HL]
Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL]
Genocide (Prevention and Response) Bill [HL]
Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL]
Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL]
At-Home Early Medical Abortion (Review) Bill [HL]
Workforce Information (Ethnicity) Bill [HL]
Commercial Organisation and Public Authorities Duty (Human Rights and Environment) Bill [HL]
Coroners (Determination of Suicide) Bill [HL]
Genocide Determination Bill [HL]
Wheelchair Access Bill [HL]. (3rd Report, HL Paper 26)

Public Business

4 **Children's Minister** A question was asked by Baroness D'Souza and answered by Lord Gascoigne.

5 **House of Lords Appointments Commission** A question was asked by Lord Grocott and answered by Baroness Neville-Rolfe.

6 **Home ownership rates** A question was asked by Lord Naseby and answered by Baroness Penn.

7 **Climate change: phasing out fossil fuels** A question was asked by Baroness Boycott and answered by Lord Callanan.

8 Status of Workers Bill [HL] Lord Hendy presented a bill to make provision for the creation of a single status for workers by amending the meaning of “employee”, “worker”, “employer” and related expressions in the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, the Employment Rights Act 1996 and cognate legislation; and for connected purposes. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 28)

9 Disestablishment of the Church of England Bill [HL] Lord Scriven presented a bill to disestablish the Church of England; to make provision for the protection of freedom of religion or belief; and for connected purposes. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 29)

10 Data Protection and Digital Information Bill A bill to make provision for the regulation of the processing of information relating to identified or identifiable living individuals; to make provision about services consisting of the use of information to ascertain and verify facts about individuals; to make provision about access to customer data and business data; to make provision about privacy and electronic communications; to make provision about services for the provision of electronic signatures, electronic seals and other trust services; to make provision about the disclosure of information to improve public service delivery; to make provision for the implementation of agreements on sharing information for law enforcement purposes; to make provision for a power to obtain information for social security purposes; to make provision about the retention of information by providers of internet services in connection with investigations into child deaths; to make provision about the keeping and maintenance of registers of births and deaths; to make provision about the recording and sharing, and keeping of a register, of information relating to apparatus in streets; to make provision about information standards for health and social care; to establish the Information Commission; to make provision about retention and oversight of biometric data; and for connected purposes was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 30)

11 Data Protection and Digital Information Bill The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 30–EN)

12 Victims and Prisoners Bill A bill to make provision about victims of criminal conduct and others affected by criminal conduct; about the appointment and functions of advocates for victims of major incidents; about the release of prisoners; about the membership and functions of the Parole Board; to prohibit certain prisoners from forming a marriage or civil partnership; and for connected purposes was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 31)

13 Victims and Prisoners Bill The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 31–EN)

14 Business of the House The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) moved 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. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

15 Gaza: humanitarian situation Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon answered questions on an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Monday 4 December.

16 Code of Practice on Reasonable Steps to be taken by a Trade Union (Minimum Service Levels)

Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the draft Code of Practice laid before the House on 13 November be approved. Then Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle moved, as an amendment to the original motion, 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 the Government, reduces the rights of workers to withdraw their labour, introduces legal uncertainty, and breaches international labour commitments.” After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then Lord Collins of Highbury moved, as an amendment to the original motion, 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.” The amendment was agreed to (see division 1). Then the original motion, as amended, was agreed to.

17 Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: NHS Ambulance Services and the NHS Patient Transport Service) Regulations 2023

Lord Markham moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. Then Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle moved, as an amendment to the original motion, 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 the Government, and will add strain to industrial relationships when the National Health Service needs to protect them.” After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then Baroness Merron moved, as an amendment to the original motion, 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 their response to the relevant consultation; and go against evidence received by the Government which suggests that their implementation will be challenging.” The amendment was disagreed to (see division 2). Then the original motion was agreed to.

18 Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023

Lord Sharpe of Epsom moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. Then Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle moved, as an amendment to the original motion, 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 the Government, 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.” After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then Lord Coaker moved, as an amendment to the original motion, 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.” The amendment was disagreed to (see division 3). Then the original motion was agreed to.

19 Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Passenger Railway Services) Regulations 2023 Lord Davies of Gower moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. Then Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle moved, as an amendment to the original motion, to leave out all the words 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 the 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.” After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then Lord Liddle moved, as an amendment to the original motion, 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.” The amendment was disagreed to (see division 4). Then the original motion was agreed to.

20 Middle East: UK military deployments The Earl of Minto answered questions on an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Tuesday 5 December.

21 Hillsborough: Bishop James Jones report Lord Bellamy repeated a statement made in the House of Commons.

The House adjourned at 8.49pm until Thursday 7 December at 11.00am.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

The Grand Committee met in the Moses Room at 4.15pm.

Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Lord Davies of Gower moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 Lord Benyon moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Baroness Vere of Norbiton moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2023. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The Committee adjourned at 5.15pm.

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 Hillsborough—A Hillsborough Legacy: the Government’s response to Bishop James Jones’ report to ensure the pain and suffering of the Hillsborough families is never repeated. (990)

Affirmative Instruments

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

- 1 Draft Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023
- 2 Draft Waste Enforcement (Fixed Penalty Receipts) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023

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 Immigration—Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Rwanda for the Provision of an Asylum Partnership Agreement to Strengthen Shared International Commitments on the Protection of Refugees and Migrants (994)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Code of Practice for Ethical Policing
- 2 Financial Stability Report by the Financial Policy Committee: December 2023
- 3 Report and Accounts of Natural England 2022–23

Divisions

Code of Practice on Reasonable Steps to be taken by a Trade Union (Minimum Service Levels)

Division No. 1

Lord Collins of Highbury moved, as an amendment to the motion to approve the Code of Practice, 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.” The House divided:

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Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: NHS Ambulance Services and the NHS Patient Transport Service) Regulations 2023

Division No. 2

Baroness Merron moved, as an amendment to the original motion to approve the Regulations, 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 their response to the relevant consultation; and go against evidence received by the Government which suggests that their implementation will be challenging.” The House divided:

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Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023

Division No. 3

Lord Coaker moved, as an amendment to the original motion to approve the Regulations, 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.” The House divided:

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Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Passenger Railway Services) Regulations 2023**Division No. 4**

Lord Liddle moved, as an amendment to the original motion to approve the Regulations, 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.” The House divided:

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