

**GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS**

**TODAY'S LISTS
THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023**

[Notes about this document are set out at the end]

Business in the Chamber at 11.00am

Prayers by the Bishop of Worcester (5 minutes)

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. **(Baroness Barran, DfE)**
- * 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. **(Viscount Younger of Leckie, DWP)**
- * 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 Parkinson of Whitley Bay, DCMS)**
- * 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. **(Earl of Minto, MoD)**

Main Business

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

Speakers:

- B Jenkin of Kennington
- B Morris of Yardley
- B Brinton (Virtual)
- B Bottomley of Nettlestone
- 5 L Farmer
- L Sandhurst
- L Hampton
- L Wrottesley
- B Eaton
- 10 L Roberts of Belgravia

L Shinkwin (Virtual)
B Uddin
B Meyer
L Jackson of Peterborough
15 L Cashman
E Leicester
B Browning

B Walmsley
B Wilcox of Newport
20 B Barran
B Jenkin of Kennington

Except for Baroness Jenkin of Kennington (15 minutes), Baroness Walmsley (10 minutes), Baroness Wilcox of Newport (10 minutes) and Baroness Barran (20 minutes), all speeches are limited to 7 minutes

Questions on an Oral Statement made in the House of Commons on Wednesday 6 December (40 minutes)

'UK-Rwanda Partnership' – Lord Sharpe of Epsom (HO)

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. (Time-limited to 2 hours)

Speakers:

B Hooper
L Griffiths of Burry Port
B Coussins
L Naseby
5 L Brennan
L Mountevans
L Liddle
E Effingham
V Waverley

10 L Collins of Highbury

L Purvis of Tweed
L Ahmad of Wimbledon
B Hooper

Except for Baroness Hooper (15 minutes), Lord Collins of Highbury (10 minutes), Lord Purvis of Tweed (10 minutes) and Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon (20 minutes), all speeches are limited to 8 minutes

Estimated rising time

The House is expected to rise at around 5.30pm.

Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill - Committee (day 1 of 2) - Lord Johnson of Lainston

Target for the day: to complete the group beginning with amendment 9

Grouping of amendments:

A1, Cl 2 S/P

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

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8A, 34

9, 10, 11

12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33

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19, 20, 21, 22

Estimated Rising Time

The Grand Committee is expected to rise at around 5pm.

Notes:

- This document sets out the matters for the day's business which the Government Whips' Office coordinates: Speakers' Lists (Companion 4.26), ministerial statements (Companion 6.02) and the grouping of amendments (Companion 8.70). It is not the formal order paper, which is produced by the Clerk of the Parliaments and is available from the Printed Paper Office and <https://lordsbusiness.parliament.uk/>

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- *The number of sessions shown for a stage of a bill represents the Government's assessment of reasonable time given the balance of bills and remaining days to the likely end of the session. Progress remains in the hands of the House. Report stage is usually half the length of Committee.*
- *The grouping of amendments is informal. Although every effort is made to secure agreement to groupings, any peer may speak to an amendment in its place on the Marshalled List. "g" before an amendment indicates a Government amendment.*
- *Speaking in debates (Companion 4.34): A member of the House who is taking part in a debate (including general debates and debates on amendments or motions) should attend the start, end and greater part of that debate. In addition, it is considered discourteous for members not to be present for at least the opening speeches, the speeches before and after their own, and for the winding-up speeches. Ministers may decide not to answer, orally or in writing, points made by a speaker who does not stay to hear the Minister's closing speech. Members who believe that they are unlikely to be able to stay until the end of a debate should not seek to participate in it (and if the debate has a speakers' list, should remove their names from the list).*