

**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.

**Future Business****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]

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



**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 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*)

## *Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm*

†**Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL]** Committee (day 2) [Lord Johnson of Lainston] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

## Monday 18 December 2023 at 2.30pm

†**Robert Douglas-Miller OBE** will be introduced as a Baron.

*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 Balfre** 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*

†**Baroness Brown of Cambridge** to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Science and Technology Committee *The neglected pollutants: the effects of artificial light and noise on human health* (2nd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 232). *19 December*

## 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*)

†**Lord Wigley** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will take steps to devolve responsibility for the Crown Estates in Wales to Senedd Cymru. (*Treasury*)



## Questions for Written Answer

*Tabled on 7 December and due for answer by 21 December.*

**Lord Bailey of Paddington** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to make (1) the generation, and (2) the possession, of AI-generated sexual images and videos of children a punishable offence. HL966

**Lord Bailey of Paddington** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to criminalise the (1) production, and (2) possession, of AI-generated deepfake sexual images and videos involving real individuals. HL967

**Lord Bailey of Paddington** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to (1) address, and (2) criminalise, the production of deepfake video and audio recordings involving public figures. HL968

**Lord Berkeley** to ask His Majesty's Government what research they have commissioned into the economic impact of transport poverty for young people aged 16 to 24. HL969

**Lord Berkeley** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that transport policy meets the needs of young people aged 16 to 24. HL970

**Lord Berkeley** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase transport choices to further and higher education for young people aged 16 to 24. HL971

**Lord Berkeley** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce transport barriers to work and apprenticeships to help young people aged 16 to 24. HL972

**Lord Birt** to ask His Majesty's Government why it has taken six years for them to respond to the report *The patronising disposition of unaccountable power: A report to ensure the pain and suffering of the Hillsborough families is not repeated* (Session 2017–19, HC 511) on the Hillsborough disaster of 1989. HL973

**Baroness Blower** to ask His Majesty's Government (1) how many, and (2) what percentage, of levy-paying employers have spent more than half the funds in their apprenticeship levy account, for each of the past five financial years. HL974

**Baroness Blower** to ask His Majesty's Government (1) how many, and (2) what percentage, of levy-paying employers have transferred the maximum 25 per cent of apprenticeship levy funds to other businesses, for each of the past five financial years. HL975

**Baroness Cox** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to make representations to the government of Thailand regarding its policy of refouling of refugees from Karenni state, Myanmar, as reported by Human Rights Watch. HL976

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to produce a strategy to recruit, retrain and develop a skilled project and change professional workforce, to ensure the successful delivery and sustainable long-term benefits of its healthcare policies and reforms. HL977

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure the recruitment and training of essential non-clinical professionals including (1) digital product developers, (2) data scientists, (3) systems architects, and (4) project and change managers, to support the transformation of health and care services. HL978

**The Lord Bishop of Leicester** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made a decision about whether the power under the Illegal Migration Act 2023 for the Home Office to accommodate children will come into force; and if so, when. HL979

**The Lord Bishop of Leicester** to ask His Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied asylum-seeking children have been received into Home Office accommodation each year since 2021 in (1) Leicester, and (2) Leicestershire. HL980

**The Lord Bishop of Leicester** to ask His Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied asylum-seeking children have gone missing from Home Office accommodation since 2021 in (1) Leicester, and (2) Leicestershire. HL981

**The Marquess of Lothian** to ask His Majesty's Government how many UK citizens have a foreign spouse whom they have sponsored to live in the UK under the current family visa system; what is the number of foreign spouses living in the UK on family visas expressed as a percentage of net migration in the most recent annual figures available; and what is the estimated cost to the public of foreign spouses of UK citizens living in the UK on family visas. HL982

**The Marquess of Lothian** to ask His Majesty's Government what detailed assessment they have undertaken of the potential impact on recruitment into the social care system of requiring that UK citizens must be earning at least £38,700 to sponsor foreign family members to get a family visa; how many social care positions are currently vacant in the UK; and what impact an under-staffed social care system with too few care beds will have on the ability of NHS hospitals to discharge patients in need of social care, and the consequent effect on (1) hospital waiting lists, and (2) A&E waiting times. HL983

**The Marquess of Lothian** to ask His Majesty's Government how long the post of the Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change has been unfilled; and when if at all they plan to appoint a Secretary of State-level Climate Envoy, as recommended as a priority in the report by the Climate Change Committee *Progress in reducing emissions*, published on 28 June. HL984

**The Marquess of Lothian** to ask His Majesty's Government how many meetings they have had with US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry, and at what level of government these meetings took place; and what meetings with Mr Kerry were held in the lead-up to COP 28. HL985

**The Marquess of Lothian** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current humanitarian situation for the almost 1 million Rohingya in refugee camps in Bangladesh; and what plans they have to provide any additional humanitarian aid and support. HL986

**The Marquess of Lothian** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the percentage of UK citizens who earn above £38,700; and whether it is an intended consequence of the plan to "cut migration levels and to curb abuse of the immigration system", as announced by the Home Secretary on 4 December, to allow only UK citizens who earn above the £38,700 threshold to marry a non-British spouse and to sponsor them to live in the UK from April 2024. HL987

**Lord Marlesford** to ask His Majesty's Government what major roadworks are in progress on (1) the A12 Trunk Road between the M25 and Ipswich, and (2) the A14 between Cambridge and Ipswich; when each such undertaking is expected to be completed; and what further major roadworks are expected to start within the next 12 months. HL988

**Lord Marlesford** to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker what was the cost to public funds of replacing the Siemens telephone system on the parliamentary estate with the Microsoft Polycom system; and what plans they have to replace the standard desk telephone sets with ones which are easier to use by those with impaired visual capability. HL989

**Lord Marlesford** to ask His Majesty's Government how Rwanda compares in population density with (1) China, (2) Russia, (3) the USA, (4) Australia, (5) Libya, (6) France, (7) Spain, (8) Germany, (9) the UK, and (10) Greece; and how relevant they regard that measure in their policy for transporting migrants from the UK to Rwanda. HL990

**The Lord Bishop of Norwich** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Statement by the Secretary of State for Home Affairs on legal migration on 4 December (HC Deb cols 41–43), what changes, if any, will be made to the existing Tier 2 Minister of Religion visa category. HL991

**The Lord Bishop of Norwich** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Statement by the Secretary of State for Home Affairs on legal migration on 4 December (HC Deb cols 41–43), whether raising the minimum income for family visas to £38,700 will apply to ministers of religion with qualifying family dependants, including spouses and fiancées, who are foreign nationals residing overseas. HL992

**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Energy Charter Treaty. HL993

**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to remain a member of the Energy Charter Treaty. HL994

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report by the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy and Human Rights Watch on 6 December that 13 people have been unfairly imprisoned in Bahrain, and what are the implications for the funding under the Gulf Strategy Fund given to Bahraini bodies which are accused of committing torture and whitewashing human rights abuses. HL995

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the allocated budget under the Gulf Strategy Fund for (1) Saudi Arabia, (2) Bahrain, and (3) the United Arab Emirates, for 2023–2024. HL996

**The Earl of Shrewsbury** to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the cost of the cancellation of the Northern Phase of HS2, as announced by the Prime Minister on 4 October. HL997

**The Earl of Shrewsbury** to ask His Majesty's Government whether properties acquired as part of the cancelled Northern Phase of HS2 will be offered back to their original owners at the cost of acquisition, or placed for sale on the open market; and in the case of the former, whether the costs of such transactions for both parties will be borne by the HS2 budget. HL998

**The Earl of Shrewsbury** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the cancellation of the Northern Phase of HS2, whether any damage caused to the countryside and environment by the workings of contractors will be remedied at the expense of the HS2 budget. HL999

**Lord Smith of Finsbury** to ask His Majesty's Government what criteria they have established for the siting of telecommunications masts across the Highlands of Scotland under the Shared Rural Network programme. HL1000

**Lord Smith of Finsbury** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the potential impact of telecommunications masts erected under the Shared Rural Network programme on wild land in remote areas of the Scottish Highlands. HL1001

**Lord Smith of Finsbury** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Governor of the British Virgin Islands in relation to the proposed referendum on same-sex marriage and partnerships; and whether they plan to instruct the Governor to intervene to ensure that international legal obligations are upheld. HL1002

**Lord Stevens of Birmingham** to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Venezuela regarding the territorial integrity of Guyana. HL1003

**Lord Stevens of Birmingham** to ask His Majesty's Government what (1) diplomatic, (2) defence, and (3) other support, they will provide to the government of Guyana, following Venezuela's referendum proposing the illegal annexation of Guyana's Essequibo region. HL1004

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to assist businesses in overcoming challenges with customs bureaucracy and logistics issues in trade with the EU. HL1005

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support local charities and food banks during the increased cost of living. HL1006

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mitigate the economic impact that rail worker strikes will have on affected businesses and individuals. HL1007

**Viscount Waverley** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to bring about a unified government in Libya. HL1008

**Viscount Waverley** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Egypt regarding the withdrawal of its support for the militia in the east of Libya. HL1009

**Viscount Waverley** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Morocco regarding the withdrawal of its support for militia in the west of Libya. HL1010

**Viscount Waverley** to ask His Majesty's Government how many professionals are part of the Generation Logistics Ambassadors Network. HL1011

**Viscount Waverley** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support efforts to remove foreign mercenary groups from Libya. HL1012

**Viscount Waverley** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Vere of Norbiton on 20 September (HL10119), whether they have made an assessment of the effectiveness of the Generation Logistics campaign; and whether they will make an assessment of the merits of further funding for Generation Logistics, beyond the £300,000 secured for 2024. HL1013

**Lord West of Spithead** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the situation between Venezuela and Guyana. HL1014

## 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]

**23 November** (7 December)

HL564 Baroness Merron [Department of Health and Social Care]

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

Health and Social Care (7)

Home Office (1)

**Bills in Progress**

	<b>Type of Bill</b>	<b>To be considered</b>
<b>Waiting for Second Reading</b>		
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	
Public Service (Integrity and Ethics) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Abortion (Gestational Time Limit Reduction) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
<b>Referred to a Second Reading Committee</b>		
Arbitration Bill [HL] ( <i>Law Commission Bill</i> ) ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	
<b>Committed to a Select Committee</b>		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
<b>Committed to a Grand Committee</b>		
Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL] ( <i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	14 December



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Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	Government	11 December
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	
<b>Committed to a Committee of the Whole House</b>		
Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL] ( <i>Scottish Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	11 December
<b>Sent to the Commons</b>		
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
- Draft National Crime Agency (Directed Tasking) Order 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*)



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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)*

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*

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	4.15pm
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#### **Tuesday 12 December**

Science and Technology Committee	Room 3A	10.00am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 2	10.30am
Built Environment Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 4	10.30am
European Affairs Committee	Room 4A	3.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 4	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
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 3	11.15am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Public Services Committee	Room 3	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 Thursday 7 December 2023

*The House met at 11.00am.*

*Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Worcester.*

### Public Business

1 **Universities: nuclear energy sector skills** A question was asked by Lord Wigley and answered by Baroness Barran.

2 **Universal Credit** A question was asked by Lord Rooker and answered by Viscount Younger of Leckie.

3 **Classical music** A question was asked by the Earl of Clancarty and answered by Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay.

4 **Ministry of Defence: Equipment Plan** A question was asked by Lord Coaker and answered by the Earl of Minto.

5 **Public Service (Integrity and Ethics) Bill [HL]** Lord Anderson of Ipswich presented a bill to make provision about mechanisms for promoting and protecting standards of integrity and ethics in the public service; and for connected purposes. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 32)

6 **Public Service (Integrity and Ethics) Bill [HL]** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 32–EN)

7 **Abortion (Gestational Time Limit Reduction) Bill [HL]** Baroness O’Loan presented a bill to lower the gestational time limit for abortion from twenty-four weeks to twenty-two weeks. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 33)

8 **Schools: safeguarding** (3-hour debate) Baroness Jenkin of Kennington moved that this House takes note of the importance of safeguarding children in schools. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

9 **UK-Rwanda partnership** Lord Sharpe of Epsom answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Wednesday 6 December.

10 **Latin America** (2-hour debate) Baroness Hooper moved 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. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

*The House adjourned at 5.10pm until Friday 8 December at 10.00am.*

**Simon Burton**  
*Clerk of the Parliaments*

### Grand Committee Business

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

**Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL]** The bill was considered in Committee. Amendments were considered. The Committee adjourned after amendment 11.

*The Committee adjourned at 3.28pm.*

## 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 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office—Response to the Independent Review of FCDO Funded Scholarship Schemes. (981)
- 2 Trade—Trade and Agriculture Commission: Advice to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the UK’s Accession Protocol to CPTPP. (982)

### Affirmative Instrument

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

- 1 Draft National Crime Agency (Directed Tasking) Order 2023

### Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Prohibition of Cross-Examination in Person (Fees of Court-Appointed Qualified Legal Representatives) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (1319)
- 2 Haiti (Sanctions) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (1320)
- 3 Civil Legal Aid (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (1322)
- 4 Central Counterparties (Equivalence) (United States of America) (Commodity Futures Trading Commission) Regulations 2023 (1323)
- 5 Family Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2023 (1324)
- 6 Code of Practice (Reasonable Steps for Trade Unions) Order 2023 (1333)
- 7 Draft Northumberland (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 (—)
- 8 Draft Shropshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 (—)
- 9 Draft Worcester (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 (—)

### Paper subject to disapproval

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, together with an Explanatory Memorandum

### Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Air Publication 3376 Volume 1 (Sixteenth Edition) - Terms and Conditions of Service for Enlisted Aviators of the Royal Air Force
- 2 Air Publication 3393 Volume 1 (Twenty-seventh Edition) - Terms and Conditions of Service for Officers of the Royal Air Force
- 3 Report and Accounts of Phone-paid Services Authority Limited 2022–23
- 4 Report and Accounts of the National Citizen Service Trust 2022–23