

**Monday 18 December 2023 at 2.30pm**

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

**Royal Assent**

*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.

**Automated Vehicles Bill [HL]** The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) to move that the order of commitment of 28 November committing the bill to a Grand Committee be discharged and the Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House; and that the instruction to the Grand Committee of 28 November shall also be an instruction to the Committee of the Whole House.

*Lord Sharpe of Epsom intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

**Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Codes A, B, C, D and H and New Code I) Order 2023** Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 16 October be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 12 December*

**Immigration (Health Charge) (Amendment) Order 2023** Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 19 October be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 5th Report. Considered in Grand Committee on 12 December*

*Lord Bellamy intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

**Legal Services Act 2007 (Approved Regulator) Order 2023** Lord Bellamy to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 23 October be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 12 December*

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*Items marked † are new or have been altered*

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



**Sentencing Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedule 21) Regulations 2023** Lord Bellamy 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 12 December*

**York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023** Baroness Penn to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 7 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 13 December*

*Baroness Vere of Norbiton intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

**Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023** Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 7 November be approved. *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 13 December*

**Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023** Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 13 December*

**Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Benchmarks and Capital Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 13 December*

**Victims and Prisoners Bill** Second Reading [Lord Bellamy] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

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

Clauses 1 to 42  
The Schedule

Clauses 43 to 62  
Title.

### ***Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm***

**Child Support (Management of Payments and Arrears and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Viscount Younger of Leckie]

**Hydrogen Production Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Callanan]

**Trade Union (Deduction of Union Subscriptions from Wages in the Public Sector) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Neville-Rolfe] *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

**Higher-Risk Buildings (Keeping and Provision of Information etc.) (England) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Gascoigne]

## **Future Business**

### **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.

*Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 15 December.*

**Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Baroness Barran to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 November be approved. *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 13 December*

*Lord Johnson of Lainston intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

**Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023** Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 16 October be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 13 December*

**Employment Rights (Amendment, Revocation and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2023** Lord Johnson of Lainston 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. Considered in Grand Committee on 13 December*

**Data Protection and Digital Information Bill** Second Reading [Viscount Camrose] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

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

Clauses 1 to 5	Clauses 52 to 117
Schedule 1	Schedule 10
Clause 6	Clauses 118 to 128
Schedule 2	Schedule 11
Clauses 7 to 14	Clauses 129 to 137
Schedule 3	Schedule 12
Clauses 15 to 24	Clause 138
Schedule 4	Schedule 13
Clause 25	Clauses 139 to 142
Schedules 5 to 7	Schedule 14
Clauses 26 to 46	Clause 143
Schedule 8	Schedule 15
Clauses 47 to 51	Clauses 144 to 157
Schedule 9	Title.

***Grand Committee in the Second Reading Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm***

**Arbitration Bill [HL]** Second Reading Committee [Lord Bellamy] *(Law Commission Bill) Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

## Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 3.00pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

\***Lord Khan of Burnley** to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of conditions in social housing, including levels of mould.

\***Lord Sahota** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the HMRC services to the public in processing tax returns.

\***Lord Hacking** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with NatWest, as a major shareholder, regarding the numbers of (1) payment account terminations, and (2) local branch closures, since 1 January 2023.

*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 4 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 8 January.*

## Thursday 11 January 2024 at 11.00am

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Strathcarron** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the level of (1) excess deaths not attributable to COVID-19, particularly coronary and vascular-related excess deaths, and (2) excess deaths in younger age cohorts, since 1 January 2020.

†\***Lord Kennedy of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government why they did not proceed with the planned abolition of leasehold for flats in the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill. [I]

†\***Lord German** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the findings of the Brook House Inquiry, published on 19 September 2023, in particular its recommendation for a 28-day time limit on immigration detention.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 5 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 9 January.*

**Baroness Featherstone** to move that this House takes note of the current standing of parliamentary democracy and standards in public life.

†*Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Tuesday 2 January 2024, to be drawn at 12 noon on Thursday 4 January 2024.*

**Baroness Northover** to move that this House takes note of the United Kingdom's contribution to international development, in particular with regard to the impact of climate change on developing nations.

## Thursday 18 January 2024 at 11.00am

**Lord Trees** to move that this House takes note of biosecurity, and the threat of infectious diseases for human, animal and plant health, in an age of globalisation and climate change.

**The Earl of Kinnoull** to move that this House takes note of intergovernmental relations within the United Kingdom.

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

**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. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

**Lord Harries of Pentregarth** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the quality of religious education in schools. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

**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. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

**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. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour) [1]*

## Motions for Balloted Debate

*The ballot to select two motions for debate closes at 5pm on Tuesday 9 January, to be drawn on Wednesday 10 January, for debate on Thursday 25 January. Combined time limit of 5 hours.*

**Viscount Waverley** to move that this House takes note of the United Kingdom's relations with China.

**Lord Frost** to move that this House takes note of the work to date of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry.

**Baroness Tyler of Enfield** to move that this House takes note of the closure of high street banks and the need for a national network of banking hubs.

**Lord Greenhalgh** to move that this House takes note of the Government consultation response to the Fire Reform White Paper published on 12 December 2023 (CP 993), and the next steps for reforming fire and rescue services.

## 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*

**Lord Moylan** to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Built Environment Committee *The impact of environmental regulations on development* (2nd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 254). *21 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 13 December in line with the recommendations of the 1st Report of the Procedure and Privileges Committee (Session 2021–22, HL Paper 41). These questions may be used as dinner break business or last business if time is available.*

**Lord 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**The Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to promote the welfare of armed forces service personnel and their families.

**Baroness Scott of Needham Market** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to support and promote the charity and voluntary sectors.

**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.

**Lord Knight of Weymouth** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the latest statistics for initial teacher training in England, published in the Initial Teacher Training Census on 7 December, which showed a current shortage of teachers; and what steps they are taking in response.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to review the performance and remit of Ofsted, and the delivery of inspection reports.

**Questions for Short Debate ballot entries**

*The ballot for four Questions closes at 5pm on Tuesday 6 February and will be drawn on Wednesday 7 February for debate on Thursday 29 February. Time limit 1 hour.*

**Baroness Coussins** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the importance of educational trips and exchanges from the United Kingdom to other countries, and the measures needed to facilitate such trips.



## Questions for Written Answer

*Tabled on 14 December and due for answer by 2 January 2024.*

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government whether, following the meeting between the Foreign Secretary and Sebastien Lai, they intend to call for the unconditional and immediate release of Mr Jimmy Lai from prison in Hong Kong. HL1198

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the speech by the then Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, on Holocaust Memorial Day, 23 January 2017, whether they still recognise the atrocities in Darfur in 2003 as a genocide HL1199

**Lord Bradshaw** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with Hitachi about using spare capacity in their Newton Aycliffe plant to improve the ride quality of their trains used by Great Western Railway Trains. HL1200

**Lord Bradshaw** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussion they are having with East Midlands Railways about restoring the pre-pandemic levels of service between Nottingham and Lincoln. HL1201

**Lord Bradshaw** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they are having with the operator to address the shortage of accommodation on railway services between the Thames Valley and the North, including by making some more of the rolling stock currently in store available. HL1202

**Lord Bradshaw** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to address inadequate accommodation on services between Cardiff and London, and whether that shortage is the responsibility of the train operator or the rolling stock provider. HL1203

**Baroness Coussins** to ask His Majesty's Government whether the new immigration salary thresholds announced by the Home Secretary on 4 December will apply to language assistants in schools and universities. HL1204

**The Lord Bishop of Durham** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the UNICEF report *Child Poverty in the Midst of Wealth*, published on 6 December, and its conclusion that of the 39 OECD and EU countries featured in the report, the UK has seen the largest increase in child poverty since 2014. HL1205

**Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the current status of the negotiations between the United Kingdom and the European Union in relation to Gibraltar. HL1206

**Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to awarding the Elizabeth Cross to the members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the Ulster Special Constabulary and the Police Service of Northern Ireland, who died as a result of terrorism or in the course of their duty in Northern Ireland, since the mid-1960s. HL1207

**Lord German** to ask His Majesty's Government how many dentists delivered NHS services in Sussex for each year from 2015 to the present. HL1208

**Baroness Goudie** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 11 December, whether they plan to call a meeting at the UN Security Council to discuss Myanmar's non-implementation of the provisional measures set out by the International Court of Justice to protect the Rohingya in *The Gambia v Myanmar*. HL1209

**Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have plans (1) to bring forward their proposed ban on the sale of all peat-containing products, or (2) revise the list of items exempted from the ban until 2030. HL1210

**Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they collect data on the number of (1) garden centres, and (2) other stockists of horticultural products that have removed peat-containing products from sale; and if so, whether they will publish that data. HL1211

**Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the conduct of the Environment Agency in relation to their investigation of recent pollution events in the Windermere area; and whether they have plans to revise guidance around the carrying out of such investigations. HL1212

**Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government whether, in the light of media reports regarding United Utilities and its interactions with the Environment Agency, they have confidence in the integrity of the current process for registering water pollution events. HL1213

**Lord Jackson of Peterborough** to ask the Leader of the House why Written Questions HL660 and HL661, tabled on 28 November, have not been answered after 10 working days. HL1214

**Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to allow Ukrainian refugees who are on three-year visas to extend those visas. HL1215

**Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the economic contribution of Ukrainian refugees who are on temporary visas. HL1216

**Lord McColl of Dulwich** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Murray of Blidworth on 6 February (HL4984), when they will publish the guidance on providing 12 months' support to modern slavery victims who hold a positive conclusive grounds decision. HL1217

**Lord McColl of Dulwich** to ask His Majesty's Government, in the past three years, how many victims of modern slavery have (1) received support following a recovery needs assessment, (2) received all the support they asked for, and (3) received support for 12 months or more. HL1218

**Lord McColl of Dulwich** to ask His Majesty's Government, in the past three years, how many victims of modern slavery have qualified for leave to remain to pursue a compensation claim or a criminal case against their traffickers. HL1219

**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will introduce a zero rate of VAT for repairs of rural churches. HL1220

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government how agreements at the recent COP 28 and previously are expected to affect the conditions in which vector-borne diseases proliferate. HL1221

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what measures they have put in place to ensure the right research, data and information are in place to tackle the increasing health risks from climate change. HL1222

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the UK's preparedness and resilience for increased risk from vector-borne diseases, and how that will be tested. HL1223

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what measures they have put in place to deal with the predicted unequal impact of climate change and associated health conditions on those who are vulnerable, including children, older people, and those with medical conditions or living in deprived areas. HL1224

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government whether, in developing their policy of deporting asylum seekers to Rwanda, they made an assessment of the unemployment rate in that country, and if so, what it is. HL1225

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government whether, in developing their policy of deporting asylum seekers to Rwanda, they made an assessment of the health priorities in that country, and if so, what they are. HL1226

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support the mental health needs of the residents on the Bibby Stockholm. HL1227

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to ensure the safety of any LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers who are transferred to Rwanda. HL1228

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government which other countries deem Rwanda to be a safe country for the purposes of asylum. HL1229

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to stop companies installing high speed broadband having the right to fell urban street trees, which is regarded as permitted development under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. HL1230

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government what the daily cost per person will be if 504 asylum seekers are accommodated on the Bibby Stockholm barge. HL1231

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government how many people are being accommodated on the Bibby Stockholm barge at present, and what is the cost per person to accommodate them. HL1232

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that UK Ambassadors to Bahrain do not (1) accept awards, or (2) take jobs or paid consultancy, from the Bahrain government when they step down from that role. HL1233

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 12 December (HL680), why the former ambassador of Bahrain Roderick Drummond has been allowed to accept the award given to him by Bahrain in July in apparent violation of the Rules on Acceptance of Foreign Awards, and if they will now require him to hand the award back. HL1234

**Lord Shinkwin** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made since the announcement in July 2022 that they intended to raise the regulatory baseline for the accessibility of all new homes to the M4(2) accessible and adaptable standard. HL1235

**Lord Shinkwin** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to revise the National Planning Policy Framework to explicitly require local plans to include a policy and target for new wheelchair-accessible homes of the M4(3) standard. HL1236

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current rental market; and what steps they are taking to support tenants facing financial challenges. HL1237

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to data released by the Office for National Statistics on 13 December showing that the economy shrank by more than expected in October, what steps they are taking to boost economic activity. HL1238

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether to align new rules on reducing settlement times for trades with the United States or the European Union. HL1239

**Baroness Thomas of Winchester** to ask His Majesty's Government when they intend to raise the regulatory baseline of accessibility for all new homes to the M4(2) accessible and adaptable standards which was announced in July 2022. HL1240

**Baroness Thomas of Winchester** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will require the Planning Inspectorate to reject any local plans which do not include a policy statement and target for wheelchair accessible new homes which are built to M4(3) standards to ensure that there are more wheelchair accessible homes nationally. HL1241

**Lord Watson of Invergowrie** to ask His Majesty's Government what additional resources they will provide to compensate local authorities for their expenditure in preparation for the HS2 rail link. HL1242

**Lord Watson of Invergowrie** to ask His Majesty's Government when they will publish their disability action plan; and whether they expect publication to be delayed due to the cancellation of the role of minister for disabled people, health and work. HL1243

**Viscount Waverley** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to promote British interests at Expo 2025 to be held in Osaka, Japan. HL1244

**Viscount Waverley** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have plans to regulate professional awards programmes. HL1245

### **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]

**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)

HL477 Lord Mendelsohn [Department of Health and Social Care]

**27 November** (11 December)

HL603 Baroness Goudie [Department of Health and Social Care]

**28 November** (12 December)

HL660 Lord Jackson of Peterborough [Department of Health and Social Care]

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**29 November** (13 December)

HL707 Lord Hay of Ballyore [Department of Health and Social Care]

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

Health and Social Care (8)

**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	
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 ( <i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	19 December
Victims and Prisoners Bill ( <i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	18 December
Public Service (Integrity and Ethics) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Abortion (Gestational Time Limit Reduction) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Still-Birth (Definition) 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	19 December
<b>Committed to a Select Committee</b>		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
<b>Committed to a Grand Committee</b>		
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] ( <i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	

## LEGISLATION

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government
<b>Waiting for Report</b>	
Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	Government
Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL] ( <i>Scottish Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government
Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL] ( <i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government
<b>Sent to the Commons</b>	
Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [HL]	Private
<b>Waiting for Royal Assent</b>	
National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Bill	Government 18 December

## Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

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
Draft Carer's Leave Regulations 2024
Draft Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024
Draft Combined Authorities (Mayors) Filling of Vacancies Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024
Draft Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Prescription of Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) Regulations 2023
Draft Maternity Leave, Adoption Leave and Shared Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024
Draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024
Draft Representation of the People (Postal and Proxy Voting etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
Draft Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023
Draft Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024
Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2023
Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2023
Draft Animal Welfare (Primate Licences) (England) Regulations 2023
Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Collective Money Purchase Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2023



Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Specified Diseases and Prescribed Occupations) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Electoral Commission Strategy and Policy Statement

### **Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution**

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 (*18 December*)

Draft Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 (*19 December*)

Draft Immigration (Health Charge) (Amendment) Order 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 5th Report (18 December)*

Draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Approved Regulator) Order 2023 (*18 December*)

Draft Sentencing Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedule 21) Regulations 2023 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (18 December)*

Draft Higher-Risk Buildings (Keeping and Provision of Information etc.) (England) Regulations 2023 (*18 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 (19 December)*

Draft Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (19 December)*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (18 December)*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Benchmarks and Capital Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *3rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (18 December)*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023 (*18 December*)

Draft York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 (*18 December*)

Draft Hydrogen Production Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2023 (*18 December*)

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 (18 December)*

Draft Child Support (Management of Payments and Arrears and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (*18 December*)

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

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

Draft Online Safety (List of Overseas Regulators) Regulations 2024 *6th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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

### **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*

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*

Adoption Support Agencies (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *6th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 24 January*

Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Panel Remuneration and Reports) Regulations 2023 *6th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 25 January*

Public Interest Merger Reference (Telegraph Media Group Ltd) (Pre-emptive Action) Order 2023 *6th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 28 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 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*

Amendment to the Agreement Establishing the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development *Scrutiny period expires: 8 February 2024*

### **Treaties considered by a Select Committee**

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*

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 *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 12 December. Scrutiny period expires: 17 January 2024*

## COMMITTEES

### Committees

*Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.*

#### **Monday 18 December**

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 4	4.00pm

#### **Tuesday 9 January**

Science and Technology Committee		10.00am
Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission	Room 13	2.00pm

#### **Wednesday 10 January**

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Archbishops' Room, Millbank House	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room G-32, Millbank House	10.00am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
Public Services Committee		3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

#### **Monday 15 January**

Finance Bill Sub-Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm
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#### **Tuesday 16 January**

Justice and Home Affairs Committee		10.15am
Communications and Digital Committee		2.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 2A	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee		4.00pm

#### **Wednesday 17 January**

Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
Finance Committee	Room 2A	3.45pm

#### **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 14 December 2023

*The House met at 11.00am.*

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

1 **King's Speech** The Lord Chamberlain (Lord Parker of Minsmere) delivered His Majesty's reply to the Address of 15 November, as follows:

“I have received with great satisfaction the dutiful and loyal expression of your thanks for the speech with which I opened the present Session of Parliament.”

2 **Earldom of Airlie in the Peerage of Scotland** The Lord Chancellor reported that David John Ogilvy had established his claim to the Earldom of Airlie in the Peerage of Scotland. The Clerk of the Parliaments was accordingly directed to enter the Earl of Airlie on the register of hereditary peers maintained under Standing Order 9(4).

3 **Barony of Teviot in the Peerage of the United Kingdom** The Lord Chancellor reported that Charles Robert Kerr had established his claim to the Barony of Teviot in the Peerage of the United Kingdom. The Clerk of the Parliaments was accordingly directed to enter Lord Teviot on the register of hereditary peers maintained under Standing Order 9(4).

4 **Barony of Palmer in the Peerage of the United Kingdom** The Lord Chancellor reported that Hugo Bailie Rohan Palmer had established his claim to the Barony of Palmer in the Peerage of the United Kingdom. The Clerk of the Parliaments was accordingly directed to enter Lord Palmer on the register of hereditary peers maintained under Standing Order 9(4).

### Public Business

5 **AI-generated public services** A question was asked by Baroness Jones of Whitchurch and answered by Baroness Neville-Rolfe.

6 **Building repairs: VAT** A question was asked by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and answered by Baroness Penn.

7 **Levelling up: north-east England** A question was asked by Baroness Quin and answered by Baroness Penn.

8 **Vector-borne diseases** A question was asked by the Lord Bishop of St Albans and answered by Lord Evans of Rainow.

9 **Fire safety regulations and guidance** (*Balloted debate, 2½ hours*) Lord Goddard of Stockport moved 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. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

10 **Elgin Marbles** A question was asked by Lord Lexden and, after debate, answered by Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay.

11 **North Korea** (*Balloted debate, 2½ hours*) Lord Swire moved that this House takes note of the current threat posed by North Korea. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

12 **Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL]** The bill was reported from the Grand Committee without amendment.

*The House adjourned at 4.52pm until Monday 18 December at 2.30pm.*

**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 further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 12. Amendments were considered. The bill was reported from the Grand Committee without amendment.

*The Committee adjourned at 4.48pm.*

## 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 Education—A world-class education system: The Advanced British Standard consultation. (991)

### Affirmative Instruments

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

- 1 Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 (1364)
- 2 Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2023 (1367)
- 3 Draft Animal Welfare (Primate Licences) (England) Regulations 2023
- 4 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Collective Money Purchase Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2023
- 5 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Specified Diseases and Prescribed Occupations) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

### Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Court Funds (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2023 (1356)
- 2 Non-Domestic Rating (Improvement Relief) (England) Regulations 2023 (1357)
- 3 Superannuation (Admission to Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Act 1972) Order 2023 (1361)
- 4 Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (1371)
- 5 Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (1372)
- 6 Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Services or Facilities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (1373)

### 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 International Development—Amendment to the Agreement Establishing the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (980)

### Paper subject to disapproval

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Draft Revised Code of Practice on Picketing, together with an Explanatory Memorandum

**Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings**

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Account of the Great Britain National Insurance Fund 2022–23
- 2 Account of the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund 2022–23
- 3 Government Response to Parliamentary Representations on the Draft Strategy and Policy Statement for the Electoral Commission
- 4 Report and Accounts of Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service 2022–23
- 5 Report and Accounts of The Great Britain-China Centre 2022–23
- 6 Report and Accounts of the Office for Environmental Protection 2022–23
- 7 Report and Accounts of the Pensions Ombudsman and the Pension Protection Fund Ombudsman 2022–23
- 8 Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Post Office Limited 2022–23
- 9 Report and Financial Statements of British Film Institute Group and National Lottery 2022–23
- 10 Report of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee 2018–19
- 11 Report of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee 2020–22
- 12 Report of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee 2022–23
- 13 Report of the Post Office Network 2023
- 14 Review of risk of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in the NHS Supply Chain

**Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution**

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Draft Electoral Commission Strategy and Policy Statement, together with an Explanatory Memorandum





