

Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 2.30pm*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

***The Lord Bishop of Durham** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of Coram's Charter for Children, and what steps they plan to take to implement its recommendations to create better chances for children.

***Lord Moylan** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reply to the letter addressed to them on 17 August 2023 by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and others, concerning imprisonment for public protection.

***Baroness Boycott** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the BBC Panorama documentary *The Water Pollution Cover-Up*, what assessment they have made of the ability of the Environment Agency to regulate and police water companies, and what steps they plan to take to stop sewage entering watercourses.

†***The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have in place to ensure the National Health Service meets its key targets.

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

***The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what steps he is taking to address the Rohingya Refugee crisis.

***Baroness Janke** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what steps he is taking to secure a lasting ceasefire arrangement between Israel and Gaza.

***Lord Collins of Highbury** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what steps he is taking to promote the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

***Baroness Chakrabarti** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what steps he is taking to champion a rules-based international order.

Employment Tribunals and Employment Appeal Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Regulations 2023 Lord Bellamy to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 14 November 2023 be approved. Considered in Grand Committee on 10 January

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Items marked † are new or have been altered

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



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

Data Reporting Services Regulations 2023 Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 27 November 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 10 January. 7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Securitisation Regulations 2023 Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 27 November 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 10 January. 7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the Regulations laid before the House on 4 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 10 January*

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

Post Office (Horizon System) Compensation Bill Second Reading (*and remaining stages*) [Lord Offord of Garvel] (*Money Bill*)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Public Offers and Admissions to Trading Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton] *7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Online Safety (List of Overseas Regulators) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Viscount Camrose] *6th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

The following two motions are expected to be debated together:

Immigration Act 2014 (Residential Accommodation) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) (Amendment) Order 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Wine (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Harlech] *7th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Future Business

Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Morse** to ask His Majesty's Government, given the freeze in the BBC licence fee over the last two years and following their announcement on 7 December 2023 of changes to the licence fee from April 2024, what are their plans for future changes to BBC funding.

***Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps are being taken to ensure that appropriate funding is in place to deliver immunisation programmes for respiratory syncytial virus by the 2024/25 winter season, and when an implementation plan will be published.

***Lord Young of Cookham** to ask His Majesty's Government when they forecast they will reach their target of 300,000 new homes a year.

†***Lord Dubs** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their response to the reported shortages of NHS drugs.

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

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Bellamy to move that the bill be committed to a Special Public Bill Committee.

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*

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. (*1½ hours*)

Thursday 18 January 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Pitkeathley** to ask His Majesty's Government how they are planning to address current staffing levels in care homes, and any connected delayed discharges from hospital wards and the impact on NHS waiting times.

***Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in designing and tendering for the new Private Rented Sector Ombudsman Service.

***Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the apology on 5 July 2021 by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office for the historic ban on LGBT people serving in the Diplomatic Service, whether they will take steps to ascertain how many staff were dismissed or forced to resign between 1967 and 1991 as a result of the ban; and whether they have considered compensation similar to that proposed by Lord Etherton's Independent Review into the service and experience of LGBT veterans who served prior to 2000, published in July 2023.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 16 January.

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.

Baroness Sheehan to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of recent reports that global heating is likely to pass the 1.5-degree Celsius threshold this year, and how they intend to cooperate with international partners to mitigate the impacts of climate change. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

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)*

Monday 22 January 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask His Majesty's Government how they plan to support British innovators by tackling delays in getting regulatory approval for new products and services.

***The Lord Bishop of Gloucester** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the public's confidence in non-custodial sentences.

***Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the timeliness and effectiveness of the implementation of their environmental policies.

***Baroness Gohir** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether Black, Asian and minority ethnic women are overrepresented in female domestic homicides; and what steps they are taking to safeguard them.

Tuesday 23 January 2024 at 2.30pm

The Lord Bishop of Hereford will be introduced.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Deech** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the speed and scope of the operation of the Freedom of Information scheme.

***Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of people who have died while waiting for NHS hospital appointments in England in the past five years.

***Baroness Altmann** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to encourage UK pension investors to increase support for (1) long-term UK growth, and (2) UK financial markets.

Wednesday 24 January 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Beith** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with train operators about changes to the East Coast Mainline timetable in December 2024.

***Baroness Twycross** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of persistent absenteeism in English schools; and what steps they are taking to address it.

***Baroness Anelay of St Johns** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the White Paper *International Development in a contested world* published in November 2023 (CP 975), what steps they are taking to achieve gender equality and the autonomy of all women and girls by 2030.

Thursday 25 January 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Drake** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment, if any, they have made of the accuracy of climate risk models used by (1) the Bank of England, (2) financial services firms, and (3) pension schemes.

***Lord Rennard** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made towards the ambition of creating a "smokefree" generation by 2030.

***Lord Fox** to ask His Majesty's Government what legal options, if any, they are exploring to seize any Russian central bank assets that are frozen in the United Kingdom's financial system and using such assets to fund the reconstruction of Ukraine.

The Earl of Caithness to move that this House takes note of the announcement of changes to the Sustainable Farming Incentive by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 4 January, and the case for including species management within the Environmental Land Management Scheme to support populations of endangered species and biodiversity in general (*Balloted debate*)

Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 16 January.

Baroness Taylor of Bolton to move that this House takes note of the delivery of maternity services in England. (*Balloted debate*)

Monday 29 January 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the analysis by Cancer Research UK projecting a £1 billion funding gap for cancer research.

***Lord Balfe** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken, or propose to take, following the publication in September 2023 of the review they commissioned from the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, *Disagreements in the care of critically ill children*.

***Lord Harris of Haringey** to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect the new Emergency Services Network critical communications system to be fully operational; and what is the latest estimate of the cost.

***Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the *Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team Non-Statutory Inquiry Report*, and (2) the *Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team Command, Leadership and Management Report*, published on 1 November 2023, relating to historical allegations of unacceptable behaviour within the RAF Aerobatic Team.

Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Viscount Stansgate** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made since the United Kingdom re-joined Horizon Europe.

***Baroness Lister of Burtersett** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the Household Support Fund; and what plans they have for (1) the future of the fund, and (2) the role of local crisis support generally.

***Lord Wood of Anfield** to ask His Majesty's Government what regulation they are planning in response to the findings of a recent investigation by the *Observer* that private equity firms' investments in children's care homes in England have doubled since 2018.

Wednesday 31 January 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Taylor of Stevenage** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the increasing levels of homelessness among former armed forces personnel; and what steps they are taking to tackle homelessness among veterans.

***Lord Harries of Pentregarth** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce the number of suicides in prisons in England and Wales.

***Baroness Quin** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to meet representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises to discuss non-tariff barriers to trade between the United Kingdom and European Union.

Thursday 1 February 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Naseby** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have plans to review the effect on public services of civil servants working from home.

***Earl Russell** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have plans to increase the number of locally available and easily accessible green spaces.

***Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have plans to require reformulation of children's food and drink to reduce child obesity.

Lord Bragg to move that this House takes note of the contribution of the arts to the economy and the society.

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to move that this House takes note of the case for a comprehensive Industrial Strategy for the United Kingdom.

Monday 5 February 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Black of Brentwood** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to invest in NHS Fracture Liaison Services in England.

***Lord Best** to ask His Majesty's Government when they will implement their decision, announced in July 2022, to require all new homes to meet higher standards of accessibility.

***Lord Coaker** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the HMS Diamond shooting down a suspected attack drone over the Red Sea on 16 December 2023.

***Lord Foulkes of Cumnock** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they expect to receive a report from the Cabinet Secretary on the arrangements for ensuring expenditure by the devolved authorities is spent in accordance with their competences, and if so when.

Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Grocott** to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of the £36 billion transport investment plan 'Network North' will be allocated to schemes outside the Northern region.

***Lord Bradley** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made on extending prescribing responsibilities to more allied health professionals.

***Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** to ask His Majesty's Government what additional measures they are planning in response to the news that the Met Office believes that 2023 was the second hottest year on record.

Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Touhig** to ask His Majesty's Government what responsibility ministers have for the appointment of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Post Office.

***Lord Campbell-Savours** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to resolve the conflict in the Ukraine.

***Lord Davies of Brixton** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the publication of draft legislation on 'Buy Now Pay Later' arrangements in early 2023, when they intend to fulfil their 2021 commitment to regulate such arrangements.

Thursday 8 February 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Hayward** to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker what recent consideration has been given to the costs associated with traffic marshals operating on the Parliamentary Estate.

***Lord Lexden** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to improve the education system for 11 to 16 year-olds.

***Baroness Wilcox of Newport** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report by Capital Law into the working environment and atmosphere at S4C, the Welsh language broadcaster, and what discussions they have had with that broadcaster in response.

Monday 12 February 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Crisp** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the levels of staffing in planning departments in local planning authorities.

†***Lord Addington** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure that all schools have the capacity to identify and implement a plan of support for the most commonly occurring special educational needs, including Dyslexia, ADHD, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, and Autism.

†***The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the provision of A1 forms, in particular for self-employed workers in the music industry touring in the European Economic Area.

†***Lord Clement-Jones** to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking to reform the Computer Misuse Act 1990 to enable legitimate independent testing of computer systems.

Motions for Balloted Debate

The ballot to select two motions for debate closes at 5pm on Tuesday 30 January, to be drawn on Wednesday 31 January, for debate on Thursday 22 February. Combined time limit of 5 hours.

Lord Alderdice to move that this House takes note of the durability and longevity of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement.

Lord Hogan-Howe to move that this House takes note of the responsibility of cyclists with regard to the safety of pedestrians.

Lord Sikka to move that this House takes note of the case for reforming the calculation and management of public debt.

†**Lord Touhig** to move that this House takes note of support available for children with mental health issues.

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 2023*

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 2023*

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 2023*

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 2023*

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.

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 2023, 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. *(Home Office)*

Baroness D'Souza to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to counter China's stated intentions, and actions, to reclaim Taiwan. *(Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)*

Baroness Barker to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current level of provision for sexual and reproductive healthcare in England and the case for a workforce plan in this sector. *(Department of Health and Social Care)*

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government, following COP 28, what progress they have made to support islands which are potentially seriously affected by climate change, and safeguard the legal status of those islands. *(Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)*

Baroness Walmsley to ask His Majesty's Government what is their current assessment of the United Kingdom's compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. *(Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office) (Frontbench submission)*

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on public safety of the work of the Immigration Tribunals. (*Ministry of Justice*)

Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address external auditing deficiencies highlighted by the collapse of BHS and Carillion. (*Department for Business and Trade*)

Baroness Tyler of Enfield to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the closure of high street banks on local communities, and the need for a national network of banking hubs. (*Treasury*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 15 January and due for answer by 29 January.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, following the letter from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport to RedBird IMI, dated 22 November 2023, to reconsider the decision not to issue a Public Interest Intervention Notice in respect of Transaction 1 identified in that letter, given subsequent media reports that RedBird IMI will have control over any potential onward sale of Telegraph Media Group. HL1550

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, with reference to the proposed acquisition of Telegraph Media Group (TMG) by RedBird IMI, what steps they will take to ensure the editorial independence of TMG, given recent reports in the *Times* about editorial interventions in CNN Business Arabic by International Media Investments, the primary investor in RedBird IMI, following its guarantees of editorial freedom. HL1551

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, what assessment they have made of the long-term effectiveness of behavioural remedies, such as the independent editorial trust board for proposed by RedBird IMI in the event of its acquisition of the Telegraph Media Group, and the ongoing ability of regulators and the government to oversee and ensure the effectiveness of those remedies. HL1552

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to investigate the proposed acquisition of the Telegraph Media Group by RedBird IMI under the National Security and Investment Act 2021. HL1553

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have had, or plan to have, consultations with individuals or organisations other than Ofcom and the Competition and Markets Authority in relation to the proposed acquisition of the Telegraph Media Group by RedBird IMI; and, if so, with which individuals or organisations. HL1554

Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom to ask His Majesty's Government whether in incurring potential liabilities on the group litigation against Alan Bates and others which concluded in 2019, the Post Office required authorisation from the Government; and if so, what authorisation was needed and from whom; and whether such authorisation was granted. HL1555

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to promote (1) the NHS Low Income Scheme to chronically ill patients, including Hidradenitis suppurativa patients, and (2) the use of pre-payment prescription certificates to chronically ill patients, including Hidradenitis suppurativa patients. HL1556

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to including Hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) to the list of specified medical conditions qualifying for free prescriptions, given the high out-of-pocket costs for HS patients. HL1557

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to inform and educate employers and occupational health professionals about the specific workplace adaptations that people with Hidradenitis suppurativa may require. HL1558

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to educate assessors of disability benefits, including commissioned assessment services, about chronic inflammatory conditions such as Hidradenitis suppurativa and their impact on individuals' capacity to work. HL1559

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce rates of violence experienced by front line healthcare workers; and what assessment they have made of the effect of such violence on staffing levels. HL1560

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the personal protective equipment (PPE) industry about regulatory and technological solutions to improve short PPE use-by dates. HL1561

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Davies of Gower on 15 December 2023 (HL801), what are the sources of the "in vehicle" and "walk" times quoted; what is their assessment of the breakdown of times by vehicle and walking between Old Oak Common and Euston on HS2, and between Euston and Bond Street on the Underground; and whether they are able to model the journey times from Old Oak Common to Tottenham Court Road. HL1562

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in identifying a UK satellite-based augmentation system to replace the functionality of the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service; and whether the analysis of the potential benefits of such a system, commissioned from PA Consulting over a year ago, has been completed and, if so, whether they will place a copy of that work in the Library of the House. HL1563

Lord Black of Brentwood to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Animal Welfare (Electronic Collars) (England) Regulations 2023 to ban the use of electronic shock collars on cats and dogs in England are still due to come into force from 1 February. HL1564

The Lord Bishop of Gloucester to ask His Majesty's Government how many applications were received for a Mother and Baby Unit place in prison in the past five years; and of those, how many were (1) accepted, or (2) refused, broken down by reason for refusal. HL1565

The Lord Bishop of Gloucester to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of people released from prison went on to reoffend, what number of reoffences were committed on average, what was the total number of reoffences, and what was the total number of reoffenders by custodial sentence length for (1) men, and (2) women, for the most recent year that figures are available. HL1566

The Lord Bishop of Gloucester to ask His Majesty's Government (1) how many, and (2) what proportion, of prisons in England and Wales currently provide secure video calls for prisoners. HL1567

Lord Gold to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they intend to take, if any, to mitigate the impact of the Supreme Court's ruling in *R (on the application of PACCAR Inc and others) (Appellants) v Competition Appeal Tribunal and others (Respondents)* [2023] UKSC 28 on the legal finance sector in the UK. HL1568

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill on the continuing application of the provisions in Article 2 of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland (*Rights of individuals*). HL1569

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the case *Angesom v the Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2023] NIKB 102, what assessment they have made of the finding in paragraphs 86 to 103 concerning the impact of Article 2 of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights on immigration in Northern Ireland. HL1570

Lord Hogan-Howe to ask His Majesty's Government how many pedestrians received treatment for injuries caused by bicycle collisions in each year from 2010 to 2023. HL1571

Lord Holmes of Richmond to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to introduce the Law Commission's draft Bill on Digital Assets this parliamentary session. HL1572

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking to ensure that routine diagnostic tests, such as mammograms and cervical smears, are made available on the NHS to women who are paralysed following spinal cord injury and are wheelchair bound. HL1573

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether the absence of special provisions in the NHS to provide routine diagnostic tests such as mammograms and cervical smears to women who are paralysed following a spinal cord injury and are wheelchair bound complies with the Equality Act 2010. HL1574

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the findings of freedom of information requests by the Spinal Injuries Association that show large regional variation in the provision of services for patients with spinal injuries with regard to neurogenic bowel care interventions, including digital rectal stimulation and the digital removal of faeces; and what action they plan to take in response to those findings. HL1575

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in aligning medical device regulations with those of international counterparts, and what impact this alignment is expected to have on patient safety, healthcare efficiency and innovation in the life sciences sector. HL1576

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of delayed medical device access on achieving the priorities set in the *NHS Long Term Plan*, including early diagnosis and detection of cardiovascular diseases. HL1577

Lord Lilley to ask His Majesty's Government what measures (1) train operators, and (2) ferry operators, have to deal with fires caused by batteries in electric vehicles while in transit. HL1578

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking, together with international partners, to prevent an expansion of hostilities between the government of Israel and Hezbollah, following recent airstrikes in Lebanon which killed Saleh al-Arouri, deputy chair of Hamas's political bureau, and the Hezbollah senior commander, Wissam al-Tawil. HL1579

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the findings of the European Union Election Observation Mission to Guatemala 2023 with regard to the conduct of the general election on 25 June 2023 and presidential run-off on 20 August 2023, and (2) the political and security situation in Guatemala, following efforts to discredit the election of President Bernardo Arévalo, who took office on 14 January. HL1580

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government how many children under the age of 18 were treated by NHS England for vaping-related disorders in (1) 2021, (2) 2022, and (3) 2023; and what assessment they have made of the need to reduce vaping by the under-18s, including measures to make vapes available only on prescription. HL1581

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking to (1) improve the mental and physical health of asylum seekers on the Bibby Stockholm barge, following the death of Leonard Farruku on 12 December 2023; and (2) ensure that the process of assessing living conditions on the Bibby Stockholm is sufficiently transparent. HL1582

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the levels of tension between the governments of Taiwan and China following the presidential elections that took place in Taiwan on 13 January. HL1583

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the security situation in Iraq following the US military strike in Baghdad on 4 January, which the Pentagon reported killed a senior commander of Harakat Hezbollah al-Nujaba; and what discussions they have had with the governments of Iraq and the US following the denunciation of the strike by the Iraqi government. HL1584

Lord McNicol of West Kilbride to ask His Majesty's Government whether they consider that the Financial Ombudsman Service and Financial Services Compensation Scheme protections enacted under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, which underpin retail investor confidence in the UK financial industry, remain "an expression of UK national policy". HL1585

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the decision by Norway to become the first country in the world to commence commercial deep seabed mining and the impact on the UK. HL1586

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government, following the recent decision by Norway to allow deep seabed mining, what position they will take on the issue at the 29th Session of the International Seabed Authority. HL1587

Baroness Moyo to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number of jobs that will be replaced by artificial intelligence between 2024 and 2030. HL1588

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the report by Malcolm Newsam and Gary Ridgeway *Independent assurance review into historic child sexual exploitation (CSE) in Rochdale*, published on 15 January, what percentage of those involved in the grooming gang were Muslim. HL1589

Baroness Quin to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to undertake a study of the impacts to date of Brexit on the London Stock Exchange. HL1590

Baroness Redfern to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to enable faster registration tracks for dentists who have been trained in other countries. HL1591

Lord Rogan to ask His Majesty's Government how many British expats currently reside in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus; and by how many this number has increased since 2004. HL1592

Earl Russell to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in achieving their target for motorway stations to have six rapid or ultra-rapid chargers by the end of 2023; and when they expect this to be achieved. HL1593

Earl Russell to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to monitor and ensure that the National Highways meets its legal duty to ensure its land is kept clear of litter under sections 89(1) and (2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. HL1594

Earl Russell to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans (1) to accelerate the uptake of heat pump installations and support jobs and skills in this sector, and (2) to increase the availability of a new generation of higher temperature heat pumps using new refrigerants, including R290, or propane. HL1595

Earl Russell to ask His Majesty's Government how many onshore wind projects consisting of individual turbines were completed in 2023; and what steps they are taking to increase the number of new onshore wind farms. HL1596

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what support they are providing to those UK citizens names as co-conspirators in the trial of Hong Kong pro-democracy activist Jimmy Lai. HL1597

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with counterparts in other governments about taking action to impose targeted sanctions on Chinese officials involved in human rights abuses in Xinjiang. HL1598

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of China regarding the treatment of Uighurs and other Turkic people in Xinjiang. HL1599

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the launch of the new Congolese rebel group known as Alliance Fleuve Congo and the consequences for relations between the East African Community and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. HL1600

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo about strengthening and enforcing national laws regarding mining and evictions in line with international human rights standards. HL1601

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the protection of religious and cultural sites in Nagorno-Karabakh, and what representations they are making to the government of Azerbaijan in this regard. HL1602

Lord Stevens of Birmingham to ask His Majesty's Government how much development assistance they have provided to South Africa over the past 10 years. HL1603

Lord Stevens of Birmingham to ask His Majesty's Government when the Office for National Statistics will conclude its review of the classification of universities in the National Accounts, first announced in January 2017. HL1604

Lord Stevens of Birmingham to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the International Committee of the Red Cross concerning securing access to Israeli hostages being held in Gaza. HL1605

Lord Stevens of Birmingham to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the classification review of universities announced by the Office for National Statistics in January 2017, what assessment they have made of the (1) fiscal, and (2) other, consequences of universities being reclassified as public bodies as a result of that review. HL1606

Lord Stone of Blackheath to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to update the measures in place to address flooding of the River Thames and to alleviate the damage it causes to so many. HL1607

Lord Stone of Blackheath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the practice of holding flood water in the Jubilee River channel to prevent flooding of properties in Maidenhead, Windsor and Eton; and of its impacts on downstream communities. HL1608

Lord Stone of Blackheath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the correlation between (1) the release of floodwater from the Jubilee River channel as occurred in 2014 and 2024, and (2) subsequent levels of floodwater and property damage, and the extent to which vulnerable local people were unable to receive social services. HL1609

Lord Stone of Blackheath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential impact of (1) improved water flow at the Sunbury lock weir system, and (2) increased river volume capacity that would arise from dredging of the non-tidal Thames below Eton, upon likely levels of flooding and damage to homes and businesses; and whether the River Thames Scheme will be used to achieve this. HL1610

Lord Stone of Blackheath to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking against energy suppliers who issue exaggerated gas and electricity back-bills where the calculation is based on (1) incorrect readings, or (2) readings not submitted or approved by the tenant being charged. HL1611

Lord Stone of Blackheath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risk that energy suppliers may collude with landlords in a way which is detrimental to tenants, and what steps they are taking to prevent this. HL1612

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, further to their plans to publish a series of tests that need to be met to pass new laws on artificial intelligence, what steps they are taking to decide the criteria for the tests; and how they plan to conduct those tests. HL1613

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the report by Cambridge Econometrics *London's Economy After Brexit: Impacts and Implications*, published on 11 January, which estimated that economic growth was "2–3 per cent lower in 2023 than had Brexit not occurred ... and is expected to gradually increase to 5–6 per cent by 2035", what steps they are taking to support the resilience and growth of industries affected by any economic challenges that have arisen as a result of the UK's departure from the EU. HL1614

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mitigate the potential negative effects of adverse weather conditions impacting homes and businesses this week. HL1615

Baroness Whitaker to ask His Majesty's Government how many new pitches, as opposed to the refurbishment of existing pitches, were funded by the Affordable Homes Programme since its inception, excluding any funded by the Traveller Site Fund 2022/23. HL1616

Lord Woodley to ask His Majesty's Government how many prisoners serving an imprisonment for public protection sentence (1) took their own life, or (2) died from other causes, in 2023. HL1617

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Housing Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide (Prevention and Response) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Workforce Information (Ethnicity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Commercial Organisations and Public Authorities Duty (Human Rights and Environment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Coroners (Determination of Suicide) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
At-Home Early Medical Abortion (Review) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Asylum Application (Entry to the United Kingdom) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Ecocide Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Protection of Care Recipients and Carers Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Wheelchair Access Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide Determination Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
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	
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	
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>) (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	17 January
Post Office (Horizon System) Compensation Bill (<i>Money Bill—19 December 2023</i>)	Government	16 January
Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill	Government	
Committed to a Select Committee		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
Committed to a Grand Committee		
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	

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Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Committed to a Committee of the Whole House		
Victims and Prisoners Bill (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Waiting for Report		
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	16 January
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Sent to the Commons		
Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [HL]	Private	

Measures in Progress

Waiting for Affirmative Resolution

- Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure
- Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure

Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

- 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
- Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2023

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Draft East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024

Draft European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere and the European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2023

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2024

Draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024

Draft Principal Office Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024

Draft Registered Office Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024

Draft Service Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024

Draft Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (Pension Scheme Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2024

Draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Coronavirus and Influenza) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2024

Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024

Draft Paternity Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling etc.) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Waste Enforcement (Fixed Penalty Receipts) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023

Draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2024

Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024

Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024

Draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024

Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2024

Draft Water Industry (Special Administration) Regulations 2024

Draft Water Industry Act 1991 (Amendment) Order 2024

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

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 Employment Tribunals and Employment Appeal Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Regulations 2023 (16 January)

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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 (16 January)*

Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) (Amendment) Order 2023 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (16 January)*

Draft Data Reporting Services Regulations 2023 *7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (16 January)*

Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2024 *7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (16 January)*

Draft Public Offers and Admissions to Trading Regulations 2023 *7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (16 January)*

Draft Securitisation Regulations 2023 *7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (16 January)*

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 (16 January)*

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (16 January)

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 *7th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (16 January)*

Draft Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 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

Negative Instruments

Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 2023 *2nd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ended 15 December 2023 (17 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*

Branded Health Services Medicines (Costs) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 *7th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 31 January*

Code of Practice (Reasonable Steps for Trade Unions) Order 2023 *7th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 3 February*

Misuse of Drugs (England and Wales and Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 *7th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 February*

Insurance and Reinsurance Undertakings (Prudential Requirements) (Risk Margin) Regulations 2023 and Insurance *7th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 February*

Insurance and Reinsurance Undertakings (Prudential Requirements) Regulations 2023 *7th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 February*

Human Rights Remedial Order

Draft order under paragraph 2(a) reported from the Joint Committee on Human Rights

Draft Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Remedial) Order 2023 *Scrutiny period expired 15 January. 1st Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights*

Treaties before the House

Treaties not yet considered by a Select Committee

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*

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

Exchange of Letters to amend the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Albania *Scrutiny period expires: 21 February*

Amending Agreement No. 1 between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Kosovo to amend the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the two countries *Scrutiny period expires: 21 February*

Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage *Scrutiny period expires: 22 February*

Treaties considered by a Select Committee

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*

Retirements

The following members of the House have given notice of their intention to retire.

Lord Plant of Highfield (28 February)

Lord Goodlad (29 February)

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Tuesday 16 January

Science and Technology Committee	Room 3	9.30am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 2	10.15am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 3	2.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 2A	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 2	4.15pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 1-15, Millbank House	4.15pm

Wednesday 17 January

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Fielden House	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Archbishops' Room, Millbank House	10.00am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.44pm
Public Services Committee	Room 3	3.00pm
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm
Finance Committee	Room 2A	3.45pm
Committee of Selection	Room 3A	4.00pm

Tuesday 23 January

Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 2A	10.30am
Economic Affairs Committee		3.00pm

Wednesday 24 January

Conduct Committee	2-03 Millbank House	4.00pm
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Thursday 25 January

Services Committee	Room 3A	12.15pm
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Monday 29 January

National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 4A	4.00pm
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Tuesday 30 January

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Room 2A	3.00pm
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Wednesday 31 January

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	10.00am
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Monday 5 February

Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	5.00pm
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Thursday 8 February

Procedure and Privileges Committee	Room 4A	12.30pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Monday 15 January 2024

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Durham.

1 **Notification of retirement** The Clerk of the Parliaments informed the House that he had received written notice from Lord Goodlad under section 1 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 stating that he would retire from the House on 29 February.

Public Business

2 **Poverty: international development aid** A question was asked by Lord Bruce of Bennachie and answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.

3 **Engineered stone and silicosis** A question was asked by Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle and answered by Viscount Younger of Leckie.

4 **Driving licence: young and newly qualified drivers** A question was asked by Baroness Randerson and answered by Lord Davies of Gower.

5 **BBC: Royal Charter** A question was asked by Lord Dubs and answered by Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay.

6 **Israel and Palestine** Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon answered questions on an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Monday 8 January.

7 **Civil nuclear roadmap** Lord Callanan answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Thursday 11 January.

8 **Automated Vehicles Bill [HL]** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 23. Amendments were considered. The House resumed after clause 45 was agreed to.

9 **Defending the United Kingdom and Allies** The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) repeated a statement made in the House of Commons.

10 **Automated Vehicles Bill [HL]** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 38. Amendments were considered. The House resumed and the bill was reported without amendment.

The House adjourned at 7.52pm until Tuesday 16 January at 2.30pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Papers

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

Command Papers

The following papers were presented to the House by command of His Majesty. Dates in brackets indicate the non-sitting days on which those papers were laid:

- 1 Finance—Treasury Minutes on Government Responses to the Seventy-second to the Seventy-ninth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2022–23. (1000)
- 2 Explanatory Memorandum (Revised)—Replacement Explanatory Memorandum to the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2023, originally laid on 14 December 2023 (12 January). (—)

Statutory Instrument laid under Standing Order 70

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

- 1 Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 29, laid on 12 January*)

Affirmative Instruments

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

- 1 Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2024
- 2 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024
- 3 Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024
- 4 Draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024
- 5 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2024
- 6 Draft Water Industry (Special Administration) Regulations 2024
- 7 Draft Water Industry Act 1991 (Amendment) Order 2024

Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variation) Order 2024 (34)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Report by the Government Actuary on the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024 and the determination not to lay draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2024 (laid by both the Department for Work and Pensions, and the Treasury)
- 2 Report from the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs to the Treasury on Tax Credits under Section 40 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 2022–23

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3 Review of certain tax credits monetary amounts under Section 41 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 for the tax year 2024–25

4 Treasury Report on the Annual Review of National Insurance Contributions

