

HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

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Items marked † are new or have been altered.

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. Considered in second reading committee on 19 December 2023

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*)