

**GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE  
HOUSE OF LORDS**

**TODAY'S LISTS  
WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2024**

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

**Business in the Chamber at 3pm**

*Prayers by the Bishop of Durham (5 minutes)*

*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 of changes to the licence fee from April 2024, what are their plans for future changes to BBC funding. **(Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay, DCMS)**
- \* 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 Markham, DHSC)**
- \* 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 Gascoigne, DLUHC)**
- \* Lord Dubs to ask His Majesty's Government what is their response to the reported shortages of NHS drugs. **(Lord Markham, DHSC)**

*Private Notice Question (15 minutes)*

To ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of planned industrial action in Northern Ireland, and what plans they have made to release funding for public sector pay awards. **(Lord Caine, NIO)**

*Business expected to be brief*

**Arbitration Bill (Law Commission Bill) - Second Reading - Lord Bellamy**

- **motion to refer the Bill to a Special Public Bill Committee - Lord Bellamy**

*Main Business*

**Debate on the regret motion in the name of Lord Berkeley relating to the Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 2023 - Lord Davies of Gower**

## *Last business*

**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.** (*Time-limited to 1½ hours*)

### *Speakers:*

- L Lexden
- L Parekh
- L Waldegrave of North Hill
- L Macdonald of River Glaven
- 5 L Hunt of Wirral
- L Kerr of Kinlochard
- L Cormack
- L Birt
  
- B Doocey
- 10 L Coaker
- L Sharpe of Epsom

*Except for Lord Lexden (10 minutes) and Lord Sharpe of Epsom (12 minutes), all speeches are limited to 7 minutes.*

## *Estimated rising time*

The House is expected to rise at around 6pm.

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### *Notes:*

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