

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.

***Baroness D'Souza** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the implications of the outcome of both the presidential and legislative elections recently held in Taiwan.

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. (3 hours)

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. (2 hours)

Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2024
Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 15 January be approved. *8th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL] Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the amendments for the Report stage be marshalled and considered in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 13
The Schedule

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



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

Immigration Act 2014 (Residential Accommodation) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2023 Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 15 November 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 16 January. 5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) (Amendment) Order 2023 Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 15 November 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 16 January. 5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2024 Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the Order laid before the House on 27 November 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 16 January. 7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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) [I]*

Future Business

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.

Online Safety (List of Overseas Regulators) Regulations 2024 Viscount Camrose to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 28 November 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 16 January. 6th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Wine (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 Lord Harlech to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 4 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 16 January. 7th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Public Offers and Admissions to Trading Regulations 2023 Baroness Swinburne to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 27 November 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 16 January. 7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†*The following two motions are expected to be debated together:*

Lord Goldsmith to move that this House takes note of the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda for the Provision of an Asylum Partnership Agreement to Strengthen Shared International Commitments on the Protection of Refugees and Migrants. *Special attention drawn by the International Agreements Committee, 4th Report*

†**Lord Goldsmith** to move that this House resolves, in accordance with section 20 of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010, that His Majesty's Government should not ratify the UK-Rwanda Agreement on an Asylum Partnership until the protections it provides have been fully implemented, since Parliament is being asked to make a judgement, based on the Agreement, about whether Rwanda is safe. *Special attention drawn by the International Agreements Committee, 4th Report*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill Committee [Lord Offord of Garvel]

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 19 January.

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

Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL] Report [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *Scottish Legislative Consent sought*

The following two motions are expected to be debated together as dinner break business:

Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure The Lord Bishop of Chichester to move that this House do direct that, in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure be presented to His Majesty for the Royal Assent.

Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure The Lord Bishop of Chichester to move that this House do direct that, in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, the Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure be presented to His Majesty for the Royal Assent.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Financial Services Act 2021 (Overseas Funds Regime and Recognition of Parts of Schemes) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Prescription of Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

†**Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Benyon] *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†*The following two motions are expected to be debated together:*

†**Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Benyon] *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Benyon] *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Representation of the People (Postal and Proxy Voting etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Penn]

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 18 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 22 January.

†*The Senior Deputy Speaker intends to move the following 30 motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately to the extent desired.*

†**Built Environment** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Baroness Andrews, Lord Bailey of Paddington, Viscount Hanworth, Baroness Janke, Lord Mair and Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Berkeley, Lord Best, Lord Carrington of Fulham, Baroness Cohen of Pimlico, Earl Russell and Baroness Thornhill.

†**Commission** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord McLoughlin, Lord Morse and Baroness Scott of Needham Market be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Lord German, Lord Hill of Oareford and Lord Vaux of Harrowden.

†**Communications and Digital** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Dunlop, Lord Knight of Weymouth, Lord McNally, Baroness Primarolo and Lord Storey be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Baroness Featherstone, Lord Foster of Bath, Baroness Fraser of Craigmaddie, Lord Griffiths of Burry Port and Lord Lipsey.

†**Constitution** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Beith, Lord Burnett of Maldon and Baroness Goldie be appointed members in place of Lord Hope of Craighead, Lord Mancroft and Baroness Suttie.

†**Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Baroness Chakrabarti and Baroness Finlay of Llandaff be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Hendy and Lord Janvrin.

†**Economic Affairs** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Burns, Lord Lamont of Lerwick, Lord Razzall and Baroness Wolf of Dulwich be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Lord King of Lothbury, Baroness Kramer and Baroness Noakes.

†**Environment and Climate Change** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Frost, Lord Giddens, the Earl of Leicester, Lord Ravensdale, Earl Russell, Baroness Sheehan, Lord Trees and Baroness Whitaker be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Baroness Boycott, Lord Bruce of Bennachie, Lord Lilley, Lord Lucas, Baroness Parminter, Lord Whitty and Baroness Young of Old Scone; and that Baroness Sheehan be appointed Chair of the Select Committee.

†**European Affairs** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Baroness Ashton of Upholland, Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town, Lord Jackson of Peterborough, Baroness Lawlor and Lord Stirrup be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Hannay of Chiswick, Lord Lamont of Lerwick, Lord Liddle, Viscount Trenchard and Lord Wood of Anfield.

†**Finance** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Baroness Buscombe, Baroness Goudie, Lord Morse, Lord Redesdale and Lord Young of Old Windsor be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Altrincham, Lord Davies of Brixton, Lord Lee of Trafford, Lord Levene of Portsoken and Lord Vaux of Harrowden; and that Lord Morse be appointed Chair of the Select Committee.

†**Financial services regulations** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that a committee be appointed to consider the regulation of financial services, including consultations notified to it under:

- a) paragraphs 28 and 29 of Schedule 1ZA to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000,
- b) paragraphs 36 and 27 of Schedule 1ZB to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000,
- c) paragraph 33B of Schedule 17A to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, and
- d) paragraphs 14A and 14B of Schedule 4 to the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013;

and that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, the following members be appointed to the Committee:

Bowles of Berkhamsted, B.	Kestenbaum, L.
Donaghy, B.	Lilley, L.
Eatwell, L.	Noakes, B.
Forsyth of Drumlean, L. (<i>Chair</i>)	Sharkey, L.
Grabiner, L.	Smith of Kelvin, L.
Hill of Oareford, L.	Vaux of Harrowden, L.
Hollick, L.	

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power to meet outside Westminster;

That the Committee have leave to report from time to time;

That the reports of the Committee be printed, regardless of any adjournment of the House;

That the evidence taken by the Committee be published, if the Committee so wishes.

†**Human Rights** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Murray of Blidworth be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Henley.

†**Industry and Regulators** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Altrincham, Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top, Lord Best and Viscount Thurso be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted, Lord Burns, Lord Hollick and Lord Reay; and that Baroness Taylor of Bolton be appointed Chair of the Select Committee.

†**International Agreements** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Anderson of Swansea, Lord Boateng, Lord German and Lord Hannay of Chiswick be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town, Lord Kerr of Kinlochard, Lord Razzall and Lord Watts.

†**International Relations and Defence** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Alderdice, Lord Bruce of Bennachie, Baroness Crawley, Baroness Fraser of Craigmaddie, Lord Grocott and Lord Houghton of Richmond be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Anderson of Swansea, Lord Boateng, Lord Campbell of Pittenweem, Lord Stirrup, Baroness Sugg and Lord Teverson.

†**Justice and Home Affairs** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Berkeley, Baroness Buscombe, Lord Dubs, Lord Foster of Bath, Lord Henley and Lord Tope be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Beith, Lord Blunkett, Baroness Chakrabarti, Baroness Hamwee, Baroness Sanderson of Welton and Baroness Shackleton of Belgravia; and that Lord Foster of Bath be appointed Chair of the Select Committee.

†**Liaison** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Baroness Garden of Frognal be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Baroness Scott of Needham Market.

†**National Security Strategy** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Browne of Ladyton and Baroness Tyler of Enfield be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Reid of Cardowan and Lord Strasburger.

†**Procedure and Privileges** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Haskel, Lord Lisvane and Baroness Pitkeathley be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Baroness Butler-Sloss, Lord Faulkner of Worcester and Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall; and that Lord Goddard of Stockport be appointed an alternate member of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Alderdice.

†**Public Services** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Mott be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Baroness Bertin.

†**Restoration and Renewal Programme Board** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, this House appoints Lord Vaux of Harrowden as a member of the Restoration and Renewal Programme Board, in place of Lord Morse.

†**Science and Technology** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Drayson, Lord Lucas, Lord Strasburger, Baroness Willis of Summertown and Baroness Young of Old Scone be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Viscount Hanworth, Lord Holmes of Richmond, Lord Krebs, Lord Sharkey and Lord Winston.

†**Secondary Legislation Scrutiny** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Watson of Wyre Forest be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Hutton of Furness.

†**Selection** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Geddes be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Smith of Hindhead.

†**Services** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Faulkner of Worcester, Lord Hogan-Howe and Baroness Stedman-Scott be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Clark of Windermere, Baroness Deech and Lord Haselhurst.

†**Statutory Instruments** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, with effect from Wednesday 31 January, Lord Haselhurst and Lord Meston be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Baroness D’Souza and Lord Smith of Hindhead.

†**Food, Diet and Obesity** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the role of foods, such as ‘ultra-processed foods’, and foods high in fat, salt and sugar, in a healthy diet and tackling obesity, and to make recommendations; and that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, the following members be appointed to the Committee:

Boycott, B.	Jenkin of Kennington, B.
Brooke of Alverthorpe, L.	Krebs, L.
Browning, B.	Pitkeathley, B.
Caithness, E.	Ritchie of Downpatrick, B.
Colgrain, L.	Suttie, B.
Goudie, B.	Walmsley, B. (<i>Chair</i>)

That the Committee have the power to send for persons, papers and records;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power to meet outside Westminster;

That the Committee do report by 30 November 2024;

That the report of the Committee be printed, regardless of any adjournment of the House; and

That the evidence taken by the Committee be published, if the Committee so wishes.

†**Modern Slavery Act 2015** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Modern Slavery Act 2015, and to make recommendations; and that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, the following members be appointed to the Committee:

Barker, B.	Randall of Uxbridge, L.
Bristol, Bp.	Shephard of Northwold, B.
Butler-Sloss, B.	Smith of Hindhead, L.
Hamwee, B.	Watson of Invergowrie, L.
Henig, B. (<i>Chair</i>)	Watts, L.
Hope of Craighead, L.	Whitty, L.
Kempsell, L.	

That the Committee have the power to send for persons, papers and records;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power to meet outside Westminster;

That the Committee do report by 30 November 2024;

That the report of the Committee be printed, regardless of any adjournment of the House; and

That the evidence taken by the Committee be published, if the Committee so wishes.

†**Preterm Birth** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the prevention, and consequences, of preterm birth, and to make recommendations; and that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, the following members be appointed to the Committee:

Colville of Culross, V.	Seccombe, B.
Cumberlege, B.	Thornhill, B.
Hampton, L.	Watkins of Tavistock, B.
Owen of Alderley Edge, B.	Winston, L.
Patel, L. (<i>Chair</i>)	Wyld, B.

That the Committee have the power to send for persons, papers and records;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power to meet outside Westminster;

That the Committee do report by 30 November 2024;

That the report of the Committee be printed, regardless of any adjournment of the House; and

That the evidence taken by the Committee be published, if the Committee so wishes.

†**Statutory Inquiries** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the efficacy of the law and practice relating to statutory inquiries under the Inquiries Act 2005, and to make recommendations; and that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, the following members be appointed to the Committee:

Aberdare, L.	Faulks, L.
Addington, L.	Grantchester, L.
Berridge, B.	Hendy, L.
Chakrabarti, B.	Norton of Louth, L. (<i>Chair</i>)
Davidson of Glen Clova, L.	Sanderson of Welton, B.
D'Souza, B.	Wallace of Tankerness, L.

That the Committee have the power to send for persons, papers and records;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power to meet outside Westminster;

That the Committee do report by 30 November 2024;

That the report of the Committee be printed, regardless of any adjournment of the House; and

That the evidence taken by the Committee be published, if the Committee so wishes.

†**Special Public Bill Committee (Arbitration Bill)** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that, as proposed by the Committee of Selection, the following Lords be appointed to the Special Public Bill Committee on the Arbitration Bill [HL]:

Bellamy, L.	Roborough, L.
Hacking, L.	Sandhurst, L.
Haselhurst, L.	Smith of Hindhead, L.
Marks of Henley-on-Thames, L.	Thomas of Cwmgiedd, L. (<i>Chair</i>)
Ponsonby of Shulbrede, L.	

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records; and

That the evidence taken by the Committee be published, if the Committee so wishes.

†**Victims and Prisoners Bill** Committee [Lord Bellamy] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought, 7th Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee*

It is expected that the Committee stage of the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill [HL] will continue in the Moses Room at 4.15pm.

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 19 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 23 January.

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

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. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

†**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*)

Friday 26 January 2024 at 10.00am

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon to move that this House takes note of the situation in Ukraine.

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 re-formulation 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.

Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 22 January, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 23 January.

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. [1]

***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.

Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Strasburger** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to protect freedom of expression in the course of their work on combatting disinformation.

***Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that a global oversupply of petrochemicals has led to recycled plastics failing to compete with new, and whether they plan to take any action in response.

***Lord Watson of Invergowrie** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to empower Ofsted to review pupil absence rates as part of their school inspections.

Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Dubs** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the financial difficulties facing many local authorities.

†***Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of analysis that the Care Quality Commission has rated two-thirds of maternity services in England as either "inadequate" or "requires improvement" for the safety of care.

†***Lord Rogan** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the announcement that Takeda Pharmaceuticals plans to withdraw Mobocertinib from market, what steps they are taking to ensure that lung cancer patients have access to the medicines they need.

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.

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to move that this House takes note of the impact of conflict on children, following the report by Save the Children *Stop the War on Children: Let Children Live in Peace*, published in December 2023.

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to move that this House takes note of the importance of improving strategic aviation infrastructure to the prospects of economic growth and prosperity in the Eastern Region.

Lord Oates to move that this House takes note of the work of the Youth Justice Board of England and Wales to reduce youth offending and support young people in living productive lives, as it marks its twenty fifth year of operation.

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

†**Baroness Hussein-Ece** to move that this House takes note of the humanitarian situation in Gaza.

†**Lord Young of Cookham** to move that this House takes note of the future of the Modern Methods of Construction process in the UK construction industry.

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)*

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of gambling advertising, marketing and sponsorship on problem gambling. *(Department for Culture, Media and Sport)*

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the advantages of burying overhead electrical transmission lines. *(Department for Energy Security and Net Zero)*

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 17 January and due for answer by 31 January.

Lord Allen of Kensington to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are coordinating and disseminating lessons learned from the various current and recent past public inquiries, in particular where there are recommendations regarding policy-making procedures and machinery of government; and whether they plan to publish the steps they intend to take as a result. HL1668

Lord Allen of Kensington to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to bring inflation back to the target of two per cent; and when they expect that to be achieved. HL1669

Lord Allen of Kensington to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure there is a sufficient and reliable supply of medicines to help patients suffering from ADHD. HL1670

Lord Allen of Kensington to ask His Majesty's Government when they will announce details of a full and comprehensive scheme for victims of the infected blood scandal; and when they expect the first payments to be made under the new scheme. HL1671

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government whether a recent Joint Analysis of Conflict and Stability assessment has been made for North Korea; and if so, what plans they have to place a copy of this assessment in the Library of the House. HL1672

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will raise the current escalation in North Korea at the next session of the Security Council. HL1673

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to summon the ambassador of North Korea over the risk of conflict on the Korean Peninsula. HL1674

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risk of conflict on the Korean peninsula following Kim Jong-Un's speech of 16 January and recent missile tests; and what steps they have taken to prevent export of weapons and ammunition from North Korea. HL1675

Baroness Benjamin to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of projects such as the Barbuda Ocean Club and Cedar Tree Point on the human rights of Barbudans, and in particular the impact of such projects on access to sufficient safe drinking water, environmental protection, and communal land ownership. HL1676

Baroness Benjamin to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the use of Hurricane Irma relief funds provided to Barbuda since September 2017. HL1677

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to ensure that regulated persons in relation to forest risk commodities establish and implement due diligence systems in relation to those commodities, as required under the Environment Act 2021. HL1678

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to review the automatic algorithmic verification of passport photographs uploaded for online passport applications, to ensure that ethnic diversity does not lead to the rejection of photographs which comply with requirements, for example on the ground that eyes are closed when the photograph clearly shows that the eyes are open. HL1679

Lord Bradshaw to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether the Service Quality Regime for the Avanti West Coast train operator provides good value for money. HL1680

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what measures they have in place to improve coordination between schools, colleges, universities and support services to better assist students struggling with gambling addiction. HL1681

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what training is provided to retailers regarding the gambling risks associated with the National Lottery and other lottery products. HL1682

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government how many adult gaming centres have ceased trading during the past 12 months. HL1683

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of how many jobs in the Republic of Ireland are currently dependent on trade with the UK. HL1684

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford to ask His Majesty's Government how many days is a GP on site on the Bibby Stockholm each week; and whether they have plans to review this level of provision. HL1685

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Sharpe of Epsom on 11 December 2023 (HL597), how often is the doctor at the onsite primary healthcare available to hold in-person consultations for residents. HL1686

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are negotiating with the European Union on the supply of veterinary medicines to Northern Ireland from the rest of the United Kingdom after 2025. HL1687

Baroness Eaton to ask His Majesty's Government what is the average length of time taken by HMRC to process tax payments. HL1688

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Douglas-Miller on 3 January (HL1212), how many times in each of the past five years the Environment Agency has (1) undertaken an internal review, or (2) asked the Scottish Environment Protection Agency to carry out an external review, of a response to a specific pollution incident. HL1689

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Douglas-Miller on 3 January (HL1212), what was the nature of the "learning" undertaken by and shared within the Environment Agency following its response to the pollution incident at Cunsey Beck, Windermere. HL1690

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Douglas-Miller on 3 January (HL1212), what was the nature of the "learning" undertaken by and shared within the Environment Agency following its response to the pollution incident at Cunsey Beck, Windermere. HL1691

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they are giving to launching an independent review into the investigation, expenditure and private prosecution of Mr Jamie Bryson in the light of the ruling by District Judge Amanda Brady to terminate the case. HL1692

Lord Hogan-Howe to ask His Majesty's Government what data or survey information the Department for Transport holds on (1) pedal cyclists breaching road traffic regulations, and (2) near misses or injuries caused by cyclists to pedestrians. HL1693

Lord Hogan-Howe to ask His Majesty's Government what information and data the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority holds about injuries caused by pedal cyclists to pedestrians who have subsequently made a claim to the Authority. HL1694

Lord Kamall to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to extend the Recovery Loan Scheme which is due to expire in June; and if so, when this will be announced, and when it will be extended until. HL1695

Lord Kempself to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they are making to the government of Iran regarding that country's recent missile attacks on Pakistan and Iraq. HL1696

Baroness Merron to ask His Majesty's Government what checks are in place to ensure that information from NHS records used in courts has been obtained without coercion. HL1697

Baroness Merron to ask His Majesty's Government what is the incidence over the last 24 months of spouses or partners who use their spouse's or partner's NHS records in custody and other disputes.

HL1698

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential for adoption of artificial intelligence in the public sector.

HL1699

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce the risk of AI-generated misinformation in elections.

HL1700

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of the recommendation for an Independent Redress Agency in the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review report *First Do No Harm*, published on 8 July 2020.

HL1701

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government how many Universal Credit claims were subject to (1) deductions (advance repayments), third party reductions and all other deductions, (2) reductions (sanctions and fraud penalties), and (3) suspension (stop in payment due to doubt over entitlement), in the 2022–23 financial year; and what was the (a) average, and (b) total, amount (i) deducted, (ii) reduced, and (iii) suspended; and what proportion does this represent.

HL1702

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to ensure that all those seeking to make an asylum claim have a safe and clear route to do so.

HL1703

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty's Government what is their policy to stop all dangerous channel crossings.

HL1704

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for preventing the deportation of individuals, brought to the UK as children, when they turn 18.

HL1705

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to review the efficacy of the Home Office.

HL1706

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to commit to reducing the waiting period for all initial asylum decisions to one year or less.

HL1707

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reduce the waiting period for asylum seekers to be granted the right to work to six months rather than the current 12 months.

HL1708

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to manage grocery inflation in light of disruption to the Red Sea and the potential delay in shipping times.

HL1709

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they plan to take to ensure freeholders are held to account for essential services provided to leaseholders.

HL1710

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the investigation launched by the Financial Conduct Authority on 11 January into the motor finance market, what long-term plans they have to ensure customers are charged fair and transparent prices in that market.

HL1711

Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty's Government to provide a list of government departments that use Fujitsu designed software; and whether any operating errors have been reported.

HL1712

Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to publish a list of Post Office directors who have been recommended for honours by the Prime Minister since 2010.

HL1713

Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty's Government whether they or the Financial Reporting Council has issued any guidance in relation to the duties of auditors under section 148(1)(a) of the Companies Act 2006.

HL1714

Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty's Government whether any minister or official at the former department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy had any knowledge of, or involvement in, the attempt by lawyers for the Post Office to have Mr Justice Fraser removed from his role as judge in the case *Bates and Others vs Post Office Ltd*; and if so, when they first become aware of the Post Office's attempts. HL1715

Lord Smith of Finsbury to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Viscount Camrose of 19 December 2023 (HL1000, HL1001), whether they can explain why geographical coverage was chosen as the goal for the Shared Rural Network of telephone masts, instead of population coverage. HL1716

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what further assistance and support they intend to provide to Mr Keith Darby and his family in China. HL1717

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the ongoing case involving Mr Keith Darby and the Hainan Provincial Government in China. HL1718

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs intends to raise the case of Mr Keith Darby with his opposite number, Wang Yi of China. HL1719

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that the Bank of England is considering cutting interest rates in response to the slowdown of wage growth; and what assessment they have made of the effect that this would have on the economy more widely. HL1720

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, further to reports of upcoming rail strikes, what steps they are taking to implement contingency plans to minimise disruption for passengers. HL1721

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, further to recent figures released by the Government Insolvency Service which found that 2002 companies were declared insolvent last month, what plans they have to support companies facing monetary challenges and mitigate the rise in insolvencies. HL1722

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of any adverse implications of the current global freight shipping (1) disruptions, and (2) costs; and what assessment they have made of the risk that China will benefit from any preferential access to the Northern Arctic Sea route from Asia to Europe. HL1723

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to have any discussions with the government of Russia concerning access to the Northern Arctic sea route from Asia for UK shipping and supply chain purposes. HL1724

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.

16 January (2 January)

HL1629 Lord Framlingham [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1649 Baroness Redfern [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

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

Business and Trade (1)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (1)

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	
Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill	Government	
Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill	Government	
Committed to a Special Public Bill Committee		
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>) (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	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	22 January

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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	24 January
Waiting for Report		
Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	Government	
Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	23 January
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Waiting for Third Reading		
Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	23 January
Sent to the Commons		
Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [HL]	Private	
Waiting for Royal Assent		
Post Office (Horizon System) Compensation Bill (<i>Money Bill—19 December 2023</i>)	Government	

Measures in Progress

Waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (*23 January*)

Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure (*23 January*)

Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

Draft Electoral Commission Strategy and Policy Statement *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 8th Report*

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 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 Water Industry (Special Administration) Regulations 2024
- Draft Water Industry Act 1991 (Amendment) Order 2024
- Draft Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 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 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 (18 January)*
- Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) (Amendment) Order 2023 *5th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (18 January)*
- Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2024 *7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (18 January)*
- Draft Public Offers and Admissions to Trading Regulations 2023 *7th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (22 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 (22 January)*
- Draft Financial Services Act 2021 (Overseas Funds Regime and Recognition of Parts of Schemes) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2024 *(23 January)*
- Draft Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (Automatic Online Conviction and Standard Statutory Penalty) (Specification of Offences and Penalties) Regulations 2024 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- Draft Wine (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 *7th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (22 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 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- Draft Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024

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- 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 (23 January)
- Draft Maternity Leave, Adoption Leave and Shared Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024
- Draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- Draft Representation of the People (Postal and Proxy Voting etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (23 January)
- Draft Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
- Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (23 January)*
- Draft Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024
- Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (23 January)*
- Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2023 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (23 January)*
- 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
- Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2023 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- Draft East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- Draft European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere and the European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2023 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- 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 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- Draft Service Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024
- Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2024 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (18 January)*

Negative Instruments

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*

Serious Disruption Prevention Orders: Draft Statutory Guidance *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 7 February*

Draft Code of Practice on Requests for Flexible Working *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 7 February*

Statement of changes in Immigration Rules (HC 246) *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 8th Report. Praying time ends 3 February*

Flexible Working (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 7 February*

Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2023 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 8th Report. Praying time ends 9 February*

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 10 February*

Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 10 February*

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Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Services or Facilities) (Amendment) Regulations 8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 10 February

Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Digital Securities Sandbox) Regulations 2023 8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 14 February

Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 14 February

Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2023 8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 15 February

Dangerous Dogs (Exemption Schemes and Miscellaneous Provisions) (England and Wales) Order 2023 8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 15 February

Dangerous Dogs (Exemption Schemes and Miscellaneous Provisions) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 2024 8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 19 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

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

Amendment to the Agreement Establishing the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 9 January. Scrutiny period expires: 8 February*

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 *Reported by the International Agreements Committee on 16 January. Scrutiny period expires: 30 January (22 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 23 January

Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 2A	10.30am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 4A	2.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 3	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 2	4.00pm

Wednesday 24 January

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Archbishops' Room, Millbank House	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Public Services Committee	Room 3	3.00pm
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm
Conduct Committee	2-03 Millbank House	4.00pm

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

Science and Technology Committee		10.00am
Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Room 2A	3.00pm

Wednesday 31 January

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	10.00am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm

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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Wednesday 21 February

Finance Committee	Room 2A	3.45pm
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The House met at 3.00pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Durham.

Select Committee Reports

1 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

The following Report from the Select Committee was made and ordered to be printed:

Victims and Prisoners Bill

Heritage Trees Bill [HL]

Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill

Protection of Care Recipients and Carers Bill [HL]. (7th Report, HL Paper 44)

2 Statutory Instruments

The following Report from the Joint Committee was made and ordered to be printed:

Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2023

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2023

Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2023

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

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

Draft Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024

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 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

Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2024. (8th Report, HL Paper 45)

Public Business

3 **BBC: funding** A question was asked by Lord Morse and answered by Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay.

4 **Health: RSV immunisation** A question was asked by Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick and answered by Lord Markham.

5 **Housing: new homes target** A question was asked by Lord Young of Cookham and answered by Lord Gascoigne.

6 **NHS: drug shortages** A question was asked by Lord Dubs and answered by Lord Markham.

7 **Northern Ireland: industrial action** A private notice question was asked by Lord McCrea of Magherafelt and Cookstown and answered by Lord Caine.

8 **Arbitration Bill [HL]** Lord Bellamy moved that the bill be now read a second time. The motion was agreed to and the bill was committed to a Special Public Bill Committee.

9 **Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 2023** Lord Berkeley moved 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. After debate, the motion was withdrawn.

10 **Sir Edward Heath: Operation Conifer** A question was asked by Lord Lexden and, after debate, answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

The House adjourned at 6.30pm until Thursday 18 January at 11.00am.

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 Paper

The following paper was presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

1 Trade—Decision No 1/2023 of the Specialised Committee on Participation in Union Programmes Established by Article 8(1), Point (s), of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom, of the other part, of 4 December 2023 adopting Protocols I and II and amending Annex 47 of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement. (1010)

Affirmative Instrument

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

1 Draft Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Paper not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following paper was laid before the House:

1 Office for Environmental Protection: Progress in improving the natural environment in England 2022–23

