

HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

No. 33

Items marked † are new or have been altered.

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.

***Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the December 2019 High Court judgment in the case of *Alan Bates and Others v Post Office Limited*, how many Post Office directors have been charged for breach of statutory duties under the Companies Act 2006, or for conspiracy to pervert justice.

†**Business of the House** The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) to move that, in the event of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill having been brought from the House of Commons, Standing Order 44 (*No two stages of a Bill to be taken on one day*) be dispensed with today to enable the Bill to be taken through its remaining stages and that, in accordance with Standing Order 47 (*Amendments on Third Reading*), amendments shall not be moved on Third Reading.

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 Craigie, 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 Regulation 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.

Donaghy, B.

Eatwell, L.

Forsyth of Drumlean, L. (*Chair*)

Grabiner, L.

Hill of Oareford, L.

Hollick, L.

Kestenbaum, L.

Lilley, L.

Noakes, B.

Sharkey, L.

Smith of Kelvin, L.

Vaux of Harrowden, 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, Viscount Thurso and Viscount Trenchard be appointed members of the Select Committee, in place of Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted, Lord Burns, Lord Hollick, Baroness McGregor-Smith 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 Frognaal 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.	Watts, L.
Hope of Craighead, L.	Whitty, L.
Kempsell, L.	

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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.

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That the Committee have power to meet outside Westminster;

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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.

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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.

Hacking, L.

Haselhurst, L.

Marks of Henley-on-Thames, L.

Ponsonby of Shulbrede, L.

Roborough, L.

Sandhurst, L.

Smith of Hindhead, L.

Thomas of Cwmgiedd, L. (*Chair*)

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.

†*Lord Benyon intends to move the following three motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately to the extent desired.*

†**Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023** Lord Benyon to move that the Regulations laid before the House on 13 December 2023 be approved. *8th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 23 January*

†**Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2023** Lord Benyon to move that the Regulations laid before the House on 14 December 2023 be approved. *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 23 January*

†**Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2023** Lord Benyon to move that the Regulations laid before the House on 14 December 2023 be approved. *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 23 January*

†*In the event the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill is brought from the House of Commons, and if the motion in the name of the Lord Privy Seal is agreed to, it is expected that the second reading and remaining stages of the bill will be taken.*

Victims and Prisoners Bill Committee [Lord Bellamy] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought, 7th Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee, 1st Report from the Constitution Committee*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill Committee (day 2) [Lord Offord of Garvel] *3rd Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee*