

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.

***Baroness Chakrabarti** to ask His Majesty's Government, following further airstrikes by the United Kingdom and United States against Houthis in Yemen, in what circumstances Parliament should be consulted before military interventions overseas.

Baroness Taylor of Bolton to move that this House takes note of the delivery of maternity services in England. (*Balloted debate, 3 hours*)

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, 2 hours*)

Future Business**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.

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



***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.

Representation of the People (Postal and Proxy Voting etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Baroness Penn to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 11 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 23 January*

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

Financial Services Act 2021 (Overseas Funds Regime and Recognition of Parts of Schemes) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2024 Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 4 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 23 January*

Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Prescription of Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) Regulations 2023 Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 11 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 23 January*

Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill Second Reading [Lord Sharpe of Epsom]

Lord German to move, as an amendment to the motion that the bill be now read a second time, to leave out from "that" to the end and insert "this House declines to give the bill a second reading because it

- (1) places the United Kingdom at risk of breaching its international law commitments;
- (2) undermines the rule of law by ousting the jurisdiction of the courts;
- (3) will lead to substantial costs to the taxpayer;
- (4) fails to provide safe and legal routes for refugees; and
- (5) fails to include measures to tackle people smuggling gangs."

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

†**Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill** Committee (day 3) [Lord Offord of Garvel] *Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought, 3rd Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee*

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 26 January.

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

Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL] Report [Lord Davies of Gower]

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

General Aviation (Persons on Board, Flight Information and Civil Penalties) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Gascoigne]

National Crime Agency (Directed Tasking) Order 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Gascoigne]

Maternity Leave, Adoption Leave and Shared Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Offord of Garvel]

Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Offord of Garvel] *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

The following two motions are expected to be debated together:

Combined Authorities (Mayors) Filling of Vacancies Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Scott of Bybrook]

Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Scott of Bybrook]

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 25 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 29 January.

†**Victims and Prisoners Bill** Committee (day 2) [Lord Bellamy] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought, 7th Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee, 1st Report from the Constitution Committee*

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. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Thursday 1 February 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

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

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

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

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 26 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 30 January.

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

Lord Addington to ask His Majesty's Government how they plan to mitigate the safety risks of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete in schools and to ensure the swift deployment of financial assistance for necessary maintenance and construction upgrades. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

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

Friday 2 February 2024 at 10.00am

Baroness Scott of Bybrook to move that this House takes note of Holocaust Memorial Day 2024.

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 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 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.

***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.

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 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 combating 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 11.00am

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.

***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.

***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.

Monday 19 February 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Tunnicliffe** to ask His Majesty's Government when they plan to provide an update on the spending of the £2 billion allocated in the 2023 spending review for replenishing conventional weapon stocks over the next two years.

***Lord Young of Cookham** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the availability of NHS dentistry.

***Baroness Wheeler** to ask His Majesty's Government what actions they are taking in response to the NHS Innovation and Life Sciences Commission's *Dementia Commission: 2023 Report*.

***Lord Sahota** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the reports from sub-postmasters involved in the Post Office Horizon scandal that racism affected the way they were treated by the Post Office.

Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 2.30pm

†**Jonathan Moynihan**, and

†**Matthew Elliott** will be introduced as a Barons.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the adequacy of expenditure by the Environment Agency on maintaining flood defences.

***Lord Bailey of Paddington** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to assess the efficacy of violence reduction units in addressing knife crime.

***Lord Browne of Ladyton** to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of Iran's capacity to project military power beyond its borders.

Wednesday 21 February 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Hussein-Ece** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of any increase in the number incidents of race and faith-based hate crimes, and whether they intend to introduce a new hate crime action plan.

†***Lord Bird** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for increasing the national minimum wage to £15 per hour for workers across all age groups.

†***Lord Holmes of Richmond** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce legislation to prevent pavement parking in England and over what timescale.

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.

Lord Kamall to move that this House takes note of the future of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Baroness Hoey to move that this House takes note of the awarding of the UEFA Euro 2028 championships to England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Ireland.

Lord Moynihan to move that this House takes note of the importance of pollinator health, and the actions needed to support honey bees and halt the decline in pollinators by 2030.

Baroness Tyler of Enfield to move that this House takes note of the growing number of conflict zones across the globe and the case for increased co-operation and partnership between democracies to address the growing alignment of much of the Global South with China, Russia and Iran on geopolitical matters.

Lord Frost to move that this House takes note of the work to date of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry.

Baroness Helic to move that this House takes note of the political and security situation in the Western Balkans and the implications for the United Kingdom.

†**Lord Boateng** to move that this House takes note of the growing threat to good governance and stability in West Africa from Islamist insurgency in the Sahel.

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

Baroness Morris of Yardley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Public Services Committee *Homecare medicines services: an opportunity lost* (4th Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 269). 16 November 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.

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)*

Lord Aberdare to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase the availability and take-up of first aid training, including in the use of defibrillators. *(Department of Health and Social Care)*

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to grant a right to a British passport to people born in the Republic of Ireland who have lived, paid taxes, and voted in Northern Ireland. *(Home Office)*

Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support persecuted Christians around the world. *(Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)*

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 24 January and due for answer by 7 February.

The Lord Bishop of Bristol to ask His Majesty's Government how many people who have arrived into the UK illegally since 1 January 2022 and who would therefore be eligible for removal to Rwanda have been referred to the National Referral Mechanism for modern slavery. HL1885

Baroness Browning to ask His Majesty's Government why social service departments are discharging hospital patients to residential care for the first time when they are self-funding, while encouraging those patients (1) to contract with, (2) to be charged by, and (3) to be added to, social services' admissions to private care, instead of contracting directly with the residential home; what impact this practice has on patients' contractual rights; and what assessment they have made of the impact of this on the viability of the private care home sector. HL1886

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that residents on the Bibby Stockholm can access outside space and the surrounding community without requiring inspection by staff or the use of scanners each time. HL1887

Baroness Coussins to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Sharpe of Epsom on 24 January (HL1408 and HL1409), how many visas for relocation to the United Kingdom have been issued since 8 November 2023 to Afghans eligible under (1) the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy, and (2) the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme. HL1888

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what criteria NHS England will use to establish robust governance of the operation and management of the Advisory Group for Data, and the periodic audit of its business. HL1889

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to publish all performance management reviews and audits undertaken by NHS England into the work and performance of the Advisory Group for Data. HL1890

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government to what extent they have evaluated in the NHS-Galleri research trial the possibility that patients with small tumours will not be readily detected when circulating tumour DNA is used for diagnosis, leading to poor utility for cancer screening. HL1891

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government why, of the G7 nations, only the UK is represented by a charity and not a government agency in the G7 Cancer initiative. HL1892

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Saudi Arabia regarding the recent executions in 2022 and 2023 in that country which were allegedly based on political background or affiliation to the Shia sect. HL1893

The Earl of Sandwich to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the proposal from the International Agreements Committee, set out in its letter to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, published on 23 March 2023, that the Department for Business and Trade should publish a trade policy framework, setting out strategic policies and objectives for trade negotiations, to facilitate better parliamentary scrutiny of all trade. HL1894

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask His Majesty's Government what contingency plans are in place to address the potential increase in demand for services such as food banks in the event of the discontinuation of the Household Support Fund after March 2024. HL1895

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask His Majesty's Government whether there have been any consultations with local authorities, charities, and community organisations regarding the impact of terminating the Household Support Fund; and if so, whether they intend to publish the responses. HL1896

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have carried out an analysis of the geographic distribution of Household Support Fund recipients. HL1897

Lord Sedwill to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made any representations to the government of India about the delay in the issue of a visa to the England cricketer, Shoaib Bashir. HL1898

Lord Sedwill to ask His Majesty's Government how many Afghans who were employees of NATO and the UN during 2001–21 have been admitted to the UK under the various Afghan resettlement programmes. HL1899

Lord Sedwill to ask His Majesty's Government how many members of Afghanistan's Commando Force 333 have been admitted to the UK under the various Afghan resettlement schemes (1) in 2021–22, and (2) since July 2022. HL1900

Lord Stone of Blackheath to ask His Majesty's Government, further to their response to the report from the House of Commons Justice Select Committee, *Private prosecutions: safeguards* (9th Report, Session 2019–21), in which they confirmed that a registry of private prosecutions would be made available, why this has not yet been made available; when this is expected to be made available; and how much taxpayer money was paid to legal firms prosecuting private prosecutions (other than legal aid) between 2015 and 2023. HL1901

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the feasibility of cutting taxes in the upcoming budget, further to the report, *Public sector finances, UK: December 2023*, published by the Office for National Statistics on 23 January, and having regard to the overall stability of the economy. HL1902

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to determine which European Union laws will be retained, reformed, or revoked under the plans set out in the *Retained EU Law Parliamentary Report June 2023–December 2023*, published on 22 January. HL1903

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mitigate the potential negative impact of the United Kingdom's current inflation rates on the economy. HL1904

Lord Tyrie to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the proportion of those issued student visas in (1) 2018, (2) 2019, (3) 2020, (4) 2021, (5) 2022, and (6) 2023, who (a) remain in the UK today, and (b) are expected to remain in the UK five years after their visa was first issued. HL1905

Lord Tyrie to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the proportion of those issued a visa as a dependent of a student in (1) 2018, (2) 2019, (3) 2020, (4) 2021, (5) 2022, and (6) 2023, who (a) remain in the UK today, and (b) are expected to remain in the UK five years after their visa was first issued. HL1906

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government when the Prime Minister last visited Senedd Cymru, and on how many occasions during 2023 he had discussions in person with the First Minister of Wales. HL1907

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government how much finance, other than that provided under the Barnett formula, was made available to (1) Wales, (2) Scotland, and (3) Northern Ireland, in each of the past three financial years. HL1908

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government in how many (1) primary, and (2) secondary, schools in England is the Welsh language taught as an optional subject. HL1909

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the tonnage of coil and sheet steel (1) manufactured in, and (2) imported into, the UK in each of the past five years. HL1910

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Welsh Government with regard to the transfer of additional quantities of water from the reservoirs in Wales, or from rivers running from Wales to England, to meet increased water demand in South East England. HL1911

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Argentina on the future security of the Falkland Islands. HL1912

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.

10 January (24 January)

HL1384 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1414 Lord Garnier [Ministry of Justice]

HL1415 Lord Garnier [Ministry of Justice]

HL1416 Lord Garnier [Ministry of Justice]

HL1417 Lord Garnier [Ministry of Justice]

HL1418 Lord Garnier [Ministry of Justice]

HL1419 Lord Garnier [Ministry of Justice]

HL1422 The Lord Bishop of Gloucester [Ministry of Justice]

HL1448 Lord Lucas [Home Office]

HL1449 Lord McInnes of Kilwinning [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL1451 The Lord Bishop of Manchester [Ministry of Justice]

HL1457 Lord Mann [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1460 Lord Randall of Uxbridge [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL1475 Lord Sikka [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1483 Lord Taylor of Warwick [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1491 Lord Weir of Ballyholme [Ministry of Justice]

HL1495 Lord Weir of Ballyholme [Ministry of Justice]

HL1496 The Lord Bishop of Worcester [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL1497 The Lord Bishop of Worcester [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL1498 The Lord Bishop of Worcester [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL1499 The Lord Bishop of Worcester [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

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

Business and Trade (4)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (1)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (5)

Home Office (1)

Justice (10)

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 <i>(Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought; King's consent sought)</i>	Government	
Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill <i>(Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought)</i>	Government	
Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill	Government	29 January
Committed to a Special Public Bill Committee		
Arbitration Bill [HL] <i>(Law Commission Bill) (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	29 January
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Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
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Committed to a Committee of the Whole House

Victims and Prisoners Bill (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	31 January
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Waiting for Report

Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	Government	30 January
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Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
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Waiting for Third Reading

Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	30 January
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Sent to the Commons

Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [HL]	Private	
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Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
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Waiting for Royal Assent

Post Office (Horizon System) Compensation Bill (<i>Money Bill—19 December 2023</i>)	Government	
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Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill	Government	
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Measures in Progress**Waiting for Royal Assent**

Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure

Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure

Statutory Instruments in Progress**Affirmative Instruments waiting for consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

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

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

Draft Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Bank of England Levy (Amount of Levy Payable) Regulations 2024

Draft Electricity Capacity (Supplier Payment etc.) (Amendment and Excluded Electricity) Regulations 2024

Draft Electricity Supplier Obligations (Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Energy-Intensive Industry Electricity Support Payments and Levy Regulations 2024

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Terrorism Act 2000 (Certain Information Orders: Code of Practice) Regulations 2024

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors: Code of Practice) Order 2024

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Recovery of Cryptoassets and Investigations: Codes of Practice) Regulations 2024

Draft Single Source Contract (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Authorised Officers) Order 2024

Draft Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2024

Draft Pensions Regulator General Code of Practice 2024 *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Renewables Obligation (Amendment) (Energy Intensive Industries) Order 2024

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Amendment of List of Safe States) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 4th Report*

Draft Medical Devices (In Vitro Diagnostic Devices etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Draft General Aviation (Persons on Board, Flight Information and Civil Penalties) Regulations 2024 (30 January)

Draft Financial Services Act 2021 (Overseas Funds Regime and Recognition of Parts of Schemes) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2024 (29 January)

Draft Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023

Draft National Crime Agency (Directed Tasking) Order 2023 (30 January)

Draft Carer's Leave Regulations 2024 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (30 January)

Draft Combined Authorities (Mayors) Filling of Vacancies Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (30 January)

Draft Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Prescription of Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) Regulations 2023 (29 January)

Draft Maternity Leave, Adoption Leave and Shared Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (30 January)

Draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (30 January)*

Draft Representation of the People (Postal and Proxy Voting etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (29 January)

Draft Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

LEGISLATION

Draft Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report*

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 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 Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Coronavirus and Influenza) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2024 *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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

Draft Paternity Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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

Negative Instruments

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*

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*

Treaty between the United Kingdom and the Republic of the Philippines on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons *Scrutiny period expires: 1 March*

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*

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.

Thursday 25 January

Arbitration Bill [HL] Special Public Bill Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Services Committee	Room 3A	12.15pm

Monday 29 January

National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 4A	4.00pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee	Room 3	4.00pm

Tuesday 30 January

Science and Technology Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 2A	10.30am
Built Environment Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 3	2.00pm
Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Room 2A	3.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm

Wednesday 31 January

Constitution Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Preterm Birth Committee	Room 2	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
Public Services Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

Monday 5 February

Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	5.00pm
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Tuesday 6 February

European Affairs Committee		4.00pm
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Wednesday 7 February

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Financial Services Regulation Committee		10.00am

Thursday 8 February

Procedure and Privileges Committee	Room 4A	12.30pm
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Tuesday 13 February

Windsor Framework Sub-Committee		2.45pm
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Wednesday 21 February

Finance Committee	Room 2A	3.45pm
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Wednesday 13 March

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	10.00am
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Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday 24 January 2024

The House met at 3.00pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester.

1 **Leave of Absence** Leave of absence was granted to Lord Irvine of Lairg for the remainder of this Session.

Select Committee Reports

2 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

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

Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill
Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill. (8th Report, HL Paper 49)

3 Statutory Instruments

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

Draft Electoral Commission Strategy and Policy Statement
Draft Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (Pension Scheme Amendment) 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
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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. (9th Report, HL Paper 50)

4 Environment and Climate Change

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

EV strategy: rapid recharge needed. (1st Report, HL Paper 51)

5 Economic Affairs

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

Research and development tax relief, HMRC data requirements, promoters of tax avoidance, and sentencing for tax fraud. (2nd Report, HL Paper 52)

Public Business

6 **East Coast Main Line** A question was asked by Lord Beith and answered by Lord Davies of Gower.

7 **Schools: persistent absenteeism** A question was asked by Baroness Twycross and answered by Baroness Barran.

- 8 **Gender equality** A question was asked by Baroness Anelay of St Johns and answered by Lord Benyon.
- 9 **Alan Bates and Others v Post Office Limited** A question was asked by Lord Sikka and answered by Lord Offord of Garvel.
- 10 **Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill** A bill to make provision to extend the period following the Northern Ireland Assembly election of 5 May 2022 during which Ministers may be appointed was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time.
- 11 **Business of the House** The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) moved 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 motion was agreed to.
- 12 **Built Environment** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.
- 13 **Commission** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.
- 14 **Communications and Digital** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.
- 15 **Constitution** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.
- 16 **Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.
- 17 **Economic Affairs** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.
- 18 **Environment and Climate Change** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

19 **European Affairs** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

20 **Finance** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

21 **Financial Services Regulation** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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.

The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

22 **Human Rights** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

23 **Industry and Regulators** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

24 **International Agreements** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

25 **International Relations and Defence** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

26 **Justice and Home Affairs** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

27 **Liaison** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

28 **National Security Strategy** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

29 **Procedure and Privileges** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

30 **Public Services** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

31 **Restoration and Renewal Programme Board** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

32 **Science and Technology** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

33 **Secondary Legislation Scrutiny** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

34 **Selection** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

35 **Services** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

36 **Statutory Instruments** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

37 **Food, Diet and Obesity** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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.

The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

38 **Modern Slavery Act 2015** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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.	

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.

The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

39 Preterm Birth The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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.

The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

40 Statutory Inquiries The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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.

The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

41 **Special Public Bill Committee (Arbitration Bill)** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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.

The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

42 **Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023** Lord Benyon moved that the Regulations laid before the House on 13 December 2023 be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

43 **Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2023** Lord Benyon moved that the Regulations laid before the House on 14 December 2023 be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

44 **Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2023** Lord Benyon moved that the Regulations laid before the House on 14 December 2023 be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

45 **Action against Houthi maritime attacks** The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Tuesday 23 January.

46 **Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill** Lord Caine moved that the bill be now read a second time. After debate, the motion was agreed to and the bill was committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

47 **Extreme weather: resilience** Baroness Neville-Rolfe repeated as a statement the answer given to an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons.

The House adjourned. The House resumed.

48 **Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill** Standing Order 44 having been dispensed with, the bill was considered in Committee. The House resumed and the bill was reported without amendment. The report was received, then the bill was read a third time and passed.

49 **Victims and Prisoners Bill** The bill was considered in Committee. Amendments were considered. The House resumed after debate on amendment 13 was adjourned.

The House adjourned at 9.59pm until Thursday 25 January at 11.00am.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

The Grand Committee met in the Moses Room at 4.15pm.

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill The Grand Committee further considered the bill, beginning with amendment 16. Amendments 47 and 62 were agreed to. The Committee adjourned after clause 88 was agreed to.

The Committee adjourned at 8.06pm.

Papers

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

Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Provision) Regulations 2024
(80)

Paper not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Report of the Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material and Surveillance Camera Commissioner 2022–23