

**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.

**\*The Lord Bishop of Manchester** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on local authority finances caused by the rising cost of temporary accommodation.

†*Lord Offord of Garvel intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

†**Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024** Lord Offord of Garvel to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 11 December 2023 be approved. *8th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 30 January*

†**Maternity Leave, Adoption Leave and Shared Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Offord of Garvel to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 11 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 30 January*

†*Baroness Scott of Bybrook intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

†**Combined Authorities (Mayors) Filling of Vacancies Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Baroness Scott of Bybrook to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 11 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 30 January*

†**Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Baroness Scott of Bybrook to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 11 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 30 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)*

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*Items marked † are new or have been altered*

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



***Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm***

**Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill** Committee (day 4) [Lord Offord of Garvel] *Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought, 3rd Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee*

**Future Business**

**Thursday 1 February 2024 at 11.00am**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

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

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

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

†\***Baroness Falkner of Margravine** to ask His Majesty's Government, following reporting by *The Sunday Times* on 28 January, what assessment they have made of admission policies for foreign students at Russell Group Universities.

**Lord Bragg** to move that this House takes note of the contribution of the arts to the economy and to society. (3 hours)

**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. (2 hours)

**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.

†*Lord Roborough intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

†**General Aviation (Persons on Board, Flight Information and Civil Penalties) Regulations 2024** Lord Roborough to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 28 November 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 30 January*

†**National Crime Agency (Directed Tasking) Order 2023** Lord Roborough to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 7 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 30 January*

†*It is expected that the Committee stage of the Victims and Prisoners Bill will continue*

†*It is expected that the Grand Committee on the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill will continue at 3.45pm in the Moses Room.*

## **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 the increasing numbers of premature deaths from heart and circulatory conditions since 2020.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Wednesday 31 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 2 February.*

†**Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]** Third Reading [Lord Davies of Gower]

†**Automated Vehicles Bill [HL]** Report [Lord Davies of Gower] *Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

†**Electoral Commission Strategy and Policy Statement** Baroness Penn to move that the draft Strategy and Policy Statement laid before the House on 14 December 2023 be approved. *Special attention drawn by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 8th Report. (Dinner break business)*

†**Lord Khan of Burnley** to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Strategy and Policy Statement has been laid, despite significant concerns raised by the Speaker’s Committee, the Electoral Commission, and the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee, during the statutory consultation process, and the finding by the Speaker’s Committee that the statement as drafted is “not fit for purpose and inconsistent with the Commission’s role as an independent regulator””.

## **Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm**

†**Medical Devices (In Vitro Diagnostic Devices etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Markham]

†**Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Markham] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report*

†**European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere and the European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon] *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Carer’s Leave Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Offord of Garvel] *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Bellamy] *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

### 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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 1 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 5 February.*

### 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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 2 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 6 February.*

†**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).

†**Baroness Hussein-Ece** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the current humanitarian situation in Gaza. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

†**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).

## Friday 9 February 2024 at 10.00am

†**Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]** Second Reading [Baroness Burt of Solihull]

If the bill is read a second time, Baroness Burt of Solihull to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

†**Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies Bill [HL]** Second Reading [Lord Northbrook]

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

## 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.

*Four questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (40 minutes). Ballot opens at 10am on Thursday 1 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Thursday 8 February.*

## 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.

\***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.

\***Lord Kennedy of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure leaseholders get the best value for money from services provided by management companies appointed by freeholders without their involvement or consent. [1]

## Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 2.30pm

**Jonathan Moynihan**, and

**Matthew Elliott** will be introduced as 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.

†**Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill** Second Reading [Baroness Neville-Rolfe] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought; King's consent sought*

If the bill is read a second time, Baroness Neville-Rolfe to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

## 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.

†**Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill** Second Reading [Lord Douglas-Miller] *Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Douglas-Miller to move that the bill be committed to a Grand Committee.

### **Thursday 22 February 2024 at 11.00am**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

\***Baroness Fox of Buckley** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are planning to issue further guidance to ensure that schools support gender-questioning children.

\***Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in restoring peatlands, and by what date they expect all degraded peatlands to be restored.

\***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*.

### **Monday 26 February 2024 at 2.30pm**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

\***Baroness Chakrabarti** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the economic benefits for the United Kingdom of the tax haven status of the Overseas Territories.

\***Lord Londesborough** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the NHS's resourcing and capacity to provide specialist care, in line with that provided to cancer and cardiac patients, for those living with neurological conditions.

\***Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask His Majesty's Government what further steps they intend to take to support biotech companies starting up and scaling up in the United Kingdom.

†\***Baroness Burt of Solihull** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to encourage businesses to employ people with criminal convictions.

### **Tuesday 27 February 2024 at 2.30pm**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Thornton** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to speed up progress on closing the gender pay gap.

†\***Lord Snape** to ask His Majesty's Government when they next expect to meet Avanti Trains to discuss payments made to the company under the service quality regime.

†\***Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government on which dates since 1999 they exercised their right as the sole shareholder of the Post Office to (1) approve, or (2) disapprove, the executive remuneration policies and amounts.

## Motions for Balloted Debate

*The ballot to select two motions for debate 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.

**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.

**Lord Lexden** to move that this House takes note of the co-operation between state and independent schools.

†**Lord Bird** to move that this House takes note of the case for aligning poverty reduction policy-making across Government.



†**Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** to move that this House takes note of the pressures upon liberal democracy and the potential role of an elected second Chamber in upholding the rule of law and other freedoms.

†**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to move that this House takes note of the role of schools in caring for the mental health and wellbeing of pupils, and assisting in their development as community and family members.

## Select Committee Reports

*The date on which the report was published is in italics.*

**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*)

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the numbers of people killed or displaced by conflict in Sudan and Tigray. (*Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*)

**Lord Risby** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress *they* have made in respect of the AUKUS agreement, the defence and security partnership between the United Kingdom, Australia and the United States. (*Ministry of Defence*)

## Questions for Written Answer

*Tabled on 30 January and due for answer by 13 February.*

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to achieve their stated ambition to increase defence spending to 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product; and what investment they are making in new areas of defence technology. HL2017

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of Sweden's decision to reinstate civic duty for 18-year-olds, including training in emergency services and the maintenance of vital infrastructure, and of the similar model in Norway; and what consideration they have given, if any, to introducing a comparable model in the UK. HL2018

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government how much personal protective clothing and other medical items stored in China by the NHS remains in storage; what has been the accumulated cost of storage; how much has been destroyed; and what will happen to that which remains. HL2019

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Prior of Brampton on 23 July 2015 (HL1632), how many prescriptions for antidepressants have been issued in each year since 2014; what was the annual cost to the National Health Service of those prescriptions; and what guidance is given to doctors and patients about the use of antidepressants, their subsequent withdrawal and potential long-term effects. HL2020

**Lord Birt** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the evidence presented in the BBC Panorama programme, *The Water Pollution Cover-Up*, broadcast in December 2023, on sewage pollution in rivers. HL2021

**Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking ahead of the introduction of safety and security declaration requirements for EU imports on 31 October; and what assessment they have made of the impact of those import controls on channel ports. HL2022

**Lord Bradley** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps take they are taking with international partners to promote the rights of children of incarcerated parents around the world in accordance with article 9 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. HL2023

**Lord Bradshaw** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Davies of Gower on 30 January (HL1680), how the current quality of service provided by train operating companies can be assessed when service quality regime scores for April-October 2023 are only now under evaluation. HL2024

**The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the schedule for, and availability of, transport provided to residents of MDP Wethersfield to leave the site. HL2025

**The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to accommodate the planned maximum population of 1,700 asylum seekers at MDP Wethersfield, and if so, when. HL2026

**Lord Dobbs** to ask His Majesty's Government, in each of the past five years in England and Wales, how many prosecutions were brought for rape and serious sexual assault; how many allegations of rape or serious sexual assault reported to police have not been taken to prosecution; and what percentage of prosecutions have resulted in conviction. HL2027

**Lord Dobbs** to ask His Majesty's Government, in each of the past five years, what was the average length of time in England and Wales for the police and Crown Prosecution Service to investigate allegations of (1) murder, and (2) rape, before a decision was made on whether to proceed with prosecution. HL2028

**Lord Dobbs** to ask His Majesty’s Government what length of time passed between the original incident or complaint, and the end of the final public inquiry or related prosecutions, in relation to (1) the Hillsborough stadium disaster, (2) the Rotherham child sexual exploitation scandal, (3) the Mull of Kintyre Chinook crash, (4) Operation Conifer, and (5) the Iraq Inquiry. HL2029

**Lord Empey** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the risk of (1) environmental, and (2) other, damage posed by the passage through or close to UK waters of uninsured oil tankers; and whether they will plan any measures to prevent potential damage and financial loss to the UK. HL2030

**Lord Empey** to ask His Majesty’s Government whether UK-based brokers are facilitating the insurance of vessels carrying Russian oil worldwide; and if so, whether they are planning to extend sanction regulations to prevent the Putin regime from funding its aggression in Ukraine assisted by UK based or controlled entities. HL2031

**Lord Empey** to ask His Majesty’s Government whether diesel oil products imported into the UK are refined from Russian crude oil; and what assessment they have made of the impact of sanctions on such imports. HL2032

**Baroness Hayman** to ask His Majesty’s Government, further to the remarks by Lord Callanan on 28 November 2023 when he stated that “we are reviewing our membership ... I am sure that we will want to act as quickly as possible” (HL Deb col 1018), when they intend to reach a decision about withdrawing from the Energy Charter Treaty. HL2033

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty’s Government whether the Chief Commercial Officer of NHS England has undertaken a review of the procurement policies and practices of the integrated care boards who were defendants in *Consultant Connect Ltd v NHS Bath et al.* HL2034

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty’s Government, following the judgment in *Consultant Connect Ltd v NHS Bath et al* of 29 July 2022, what assessment they have made of whether the integrated care boards who were defendants in that case have since established procurement policies and practices so as to reduce the risk of possible similar legal action in the future. HL2035

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty’s Government, following the judgment in *Consultant Connect Ltd v NHS Bath et al* of 29 July 2022, what actions the integrated care boards who were defendants in that case have taken to ensure that members of the public and commercial suppliers have confidence in their procurement processes. HL2036

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty’s Government, what action they intend to take as a result of their paper *Review of risk of modern slavery and human trafficking in the NHS supply chain*, published on 14 December 2023, and following their commitment to eradicate modern slavery from the healthcare system. HL2037

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty’s Government, further to their paper *Review of risk of modern slavery and human trafficking in the NHS supply chain*, published on 14 December 2023, and specifically their assessment of human rights violations in Xinjiang, whether an assessment was made of the number of people at risk of forced organ harvesting. HL2038

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to conduct regular follow-up reviews of the risk of modern slavery and human trafficking in the NHS supply chain following their commitment to eradicate modern slavery from the healthcare system. HL2039

**Baroness McGregor-Smith** to ask His Majesty’s Government why they are increasing the income threshold for high net worth individuals from £100,000 to £170,000; what forecast they have made of the impact of these changes on the numbers of women who may qualify; and what forecast they have made of the impact of these changes on women’s economic parity in the UK. HL2040

**Lord Patten** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the safety of UK citizens seeking to worship in Christian churches and Jewish synagogues in Turkey. HL2041

**Lord Patten** to ask His Majesty's Government how many households in England are supplied with metered water; and what percentage of all households this represents. HL2042

**Lord Patten** to ask His Majesty's Government how many households in England are supplied with private sources of water; and what percentage of all households this represents. HL2043

**Lord Patten** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the purpose of HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince of Wales; and what assessment they have made of the extent to which that purpose has been achieved. HL2044

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the governments of (1) India, and (2) Pakistan, to ensure that religious minorities are not denied their right to vote in upcoming elections in those countries. HL2045

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to put in place mandatory training for diplomats on Freedom of Religion and Belief. HL2046

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government whether any UK aid to Pakistan is directed specifically towards supporting persecuted religious minorities; and if so, how much. HL2047

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports of forced evictions by the government of Tanzania of indigenous peoples living in Ngorongoro Conservation Area and in the vicinity of Ruaha National Park. HL2048

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government how many postmasters or other staff members working at Post Office branches located within WH Smith have been prosecuted for alleged shortfalls arising from issues with the Horizon IT system; and how many of these prosecutions were reviewed while Henry Staunton was chairman of the Post Office. HL2049

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government what risk assessment was made regarding the appointment of Henry Staunton as chairman of the Post Office on 2 September 2022; and what plans they have to publish that assessment. HL2050

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have, at any point since 1999, asked the National Audit Office to review the operation of the Horizon IT system used by the Post Office. HL2051

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government whether, further to reports by the forensic accounting company Second Sight, any Minister, civil servant, or director appointed by the Government advised the Post Office to make provision for contingent liabilities in its annual financial statements; and if so, on what dates such recommendations were made. HL2052

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government what conflict of interest risk assessment was made regarding the appointment of Simon Jeffreys as a board member of the Crown Prosecution Service and a non-executive director of the Post Office. HL2053

**Lord Storey** to ask His Majesty's Government what percentage of school children leave school being able to swim at least 25 metres; and what proportion of those children are (1) Black, and (2) Asian. HL2054

**Lord Storey** to ask His Majesty's Government how many schools do not have access to a swimming pool. HL2055

**Lord Storey** to ask His Majesty's Government how many schools are using pop-up swimming pools. HL2056

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of public markets on the (1) valuing, and (2) supporting, of fintech. HL2057

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports of a correlation between the 2023 migration deal with France and a doubling in the number of migrants who have drowned crossing the English Channel; and what plans they have to review the deal in this regard. HL2058

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of research by GfK published on 26 January that UK consumer confidence in January rose to its highest level in two years; and what steps they are taking to sustain and build upon those findings. HL2059

**Lord Woodley** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Bellamy on 30 January (HL1617), how many prisoners serving an imprisonment for public protection sentence (1) took their own life, or (2) died from other causes, in 2023 while on non-medical release on temporary license. HL2060

## 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.*

### **11 January** (25 January)

HL1545 Lord Warner [Department of Health and Social Care]

### **15 January** (29 January)

HL1555 Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1561 Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1608 Lord Stone of Blackheath [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL1609 Lord Stone of Blackheath [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

### **16 January** (30 January)

HL1622 The Earl of Clancarty [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

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

Business and Trade (2)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (3)

Health and Social Care (1)

**Bills in Progress**

|   | <b>Type of Bill</b> | <b>To be considered</b> |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Waiting for Second Reading</b>   |                     |                         |
| Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]   | Private Member's    | 9 February              |
| Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies Bill [HL]  | Private Member's    | 9 February              |
| 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<br><i>(Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought; King's consent sought)</i> | Government          | 20 February             |
| Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill <i>(Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought)</i>  | Government          | 21 February             |
| <b>Committed to a Special Public Bill Committee</b>   |                     |                         |
| Arbitration Bill [HL] <i>(Law Commission Bill) (Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)</i>  | Government          |                         |
| <b>Committed to a Select Committee</b>  |                     |                         |
| Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]   | Private             |                         |



**Committed to a Grand Committee**

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| Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> ) | Government | 31 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**

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| Victims and Prisoners Bill ( <i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i> ) | Government | 31 January |
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| Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill | Government |  |
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**Waiting for Report**

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| Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] ( <i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i> ) | Government | 6 February |
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**Waiting for Third Reading**

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| Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL] | Government | 6 February |
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**Sent to the Commons**

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| 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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| Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL] ( <i>Scottish Legislative Consent sought</i> ) | Government |  |
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**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

Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) Order 2024

Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Funding and Investment Strategy and Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Representation of the People (Variation of Election Expenses and Exclusions) Regulations 2024

### **Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution**

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

Draft Medical Devices (In Vitro Diagnostic Devices etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 *(6 February)*

Draft General Aviation (Persons on Board, Flight Information and Civil Penalties) Regulations 2024 *(5 February)*

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

Draft National Crime Agency (Directed Tasking) Order 2023 *(5 February)*

Draft Carer's Leave Regulations 2024 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (6 February)*

Draft Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *(31 January)*

Draft Combined Authorities (Mayors) Filling of Vacancies Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *(31 January)*

Draft Maternity Leave, Adoption Leave and Shared Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *(31 January)*

Draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (31 January)*

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

Draft Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report (6 February)*

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

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Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2023 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (6 February)*

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 (6 February)*

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 (6 February)*

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**

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*

Ship's Report, Importation and Exportation by Sea (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 11th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 17 February*

Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 11th Report. Praying time ends 17 February*

Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variation) Order 2024 *11th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 23 February*

Biodiversity Gain Site Register Regulations 2024 *11th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 27 February*

Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024 *11th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 27 February*

Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Irreplaceable Habitat) Regulations 2024 *11th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 27 February*

Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Modifications and Amendments) (England) Regulations 2024 *11th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 27 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*

## **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.*

#### **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  |

#### **Thursday 1 February**

|                                  |         |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Food, Diet and Obesity Committee | Room 2A | 10.00am |
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#### **Monday 5 February**

|                                      |   |        |
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| Restoration and Renewal Client Board | The Boothroyd Room,<br>Portcullis House | 5.00pm |
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#### **Tuesday 6 February**

|  |         |         |
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| Science and Technology Committee         |         | 10.00am |
| Industry and Regulators Committee        |         | 11.00am |
| Communications and Digital Committee     | Room 1  | 2.00pm  |
| Built Environment Committee              | Room 4A | 2.30pm  |
| Economic Affairs Committee               |         | 3.00pm  |
| Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee | Room 3A | 3.45pm  |
| European Affairs Committee               |         | 4.00pm  |
| International Agreements Committee       |         | 4.00pm  |

#### **Wednesday 7 February**

|  |        |         |
|--|--------|---------|
| Environment and Climate Change Committee | Room 3 | 10.00am |
| Financial Services Regulation Committee  |        | 10.00am |
| Windsor Framework Sub-Committee          |        | 3.00pm  |

#### **Thursday 8 February**

|                                    |         |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Procedure and Privileges Committee | Room 4A | 12.30pm |
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#### **Tuesday 13 February**

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| Justice and Home Affairs Committee |  | 10.30am |
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#### **Wednesday 21 February**

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| Finance Committee | Room 2A             | 3.45pm |
| Conduct Committee | 2-03 Millbank House | 4.00pm |

#### **Thursday 29 February**

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| Services Committee | Room 3A | 12.15pm |
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#### **Wednesday 13 March**

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| House of Lords Commission | The Lord Speaker's<br>Room | 10.00am |
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#### **Tuesday 30 April**

|                                    |         |        |
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| Audit and Risk Assurance Committee | Room 2A | 3.00pm |
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*The House met at 2.30pm.*

*Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of London.*

### Select Committee Reports

#### 1 Secondary Legislation Scrutiny

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

Drawn to the special attention of the House:

Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 and one linked instrument

Includes information paragraphs on:

Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variation) Order 2024

Biodiversity Gain Site Register Regulations 2024 and three linked instruments. (11th Report, HL Paper 55)

#### 2 Industry and Regulators

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

Who watches the watchdogs? Improving the performance, independence and accountability of UK Regulators. (2nd Report, HL Paper 56)

### Public Business

3 **Horizon Europe** A question was asked by Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall, on behalf of Viscount Stansgate, and answered by Viscount Camrose.

4 **Household Support Fund** A question was asked by Baroness Lister of Burtersett and answered by Viscount Younger of Leckie.

5 **Children's care homes: private equity** A question was asked by Lord Wood of Anfield and answered by Baroness Barran.

6 **UK-Canada trade deal: suspension of negotiations** A question was asked by Lord Foulkes of Cumnock and answered by Lord Offord of Garvel.

7 **Modern Slavery Act 2015** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved that Baroness O'Grady of Upper Holloway be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Baroness Henig; and that Baroness O'Grady of Upper Holloway be appointed Chair of the Select Committee. The motion was agreed to.

8 **Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL]** Lord Sharpe of Epsom made a statement on Legislative Consent. Then the bill was read a third time. A privilege amendment was agreed to. Then, after debate, the bill was passed and sent to the Commons.

9 **Post Office Ltd** Lord Offord of Garvel answered questions on an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Monday 29 January.

10 **Teesworks Joint Venture** Baroness Penn answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 29 January.

11 **Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories** Lord Benyon answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 29 January.

12 **Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]** The report was received. Amendments 1, 3 and 4 were agreed to. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 43)

*The House adjourned at 6.08pm until Wednesday 31 January at 3.00pm.*

**Simon Burton**  
*Clerk of the Parliaments*

### **Grand Committee Business**

*The Grand Committee met in the Moses Room at 3.45pm.*

**General Aviation (Persons on Board, Flight Information and Civil Penalties) Regulations 2024** Lord Gascoigne moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft General Aviation (Persons on Board, Flight Information and Civil Penalties) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**National Crime Agency (Directed Tasking) Order 2023** Lord Gascoigne moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft National Crime Agency (Directed Tasking) Order 2023. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**Maternity Leave, Adoption Leave and Shared Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Offord of Garvel moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Maternity Leave, Adoption Leave and Shared Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024** Lord Offord of Garvel moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024. The motion was agreed to.

**Combined Authorities (Mayors) Filling of Vacancies Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Baroness Scott of Bybrook moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Combined Authorities (Mayors) Filling of Vacancies Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Baroness Scott of Bybrook moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024. The motion was agreed to.

*The Committee adjourned at 5.41pm.*



## Papers

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

### Command Paper

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

- 1 Trade—Decision 1/2023 of the UK-Mexico Joint Committee of 1 November 2023: Extension of the Application of the Existing Cumulation Arrangements under the UK-Mexico Trade Continuity Agreement. (998)

### Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Public Interest Merger Reference (Telegraph Media Group Limited) (Pre-emptive Action) Order 2024 (103)

### Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Report and Accounts of the Independent Office for Police Conduct 2022–23
- 2 Report and Accounts of the Valuation Tribunal Service 2022–23

### Instrument coming into operation before being laid

The Lord Speaker informed the House that he had received, under the proviso to section 4(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, notification that the following instrument had come into operation before being laid before Parliament, together with an explanation:

- 1 Public Interest Merger Reference (Telegraph Media Group Limited) (Pre-emptive Action) Order 2024 (103)





