

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.

***Lord Jackson of Peterborough** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to review the criteria for the granting by Home Office officials of asylum status for individuals with previous convictions for offences committed in the United Kingdom.

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).

Future Business**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.

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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.

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

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 9 February.

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

Business of the House The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) to move that Standing Order 44 (*No two stages of a Bill to be taken on one day*) be dispensed with on Wednesday 21 February to allow the Finance Bill to be taken through its remaining stages that day.

†**Victims and Prisoners Bill** Committee (day 5) [Lord Bellamy] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought, 7th Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee, 1st Report from the Constitution Committee*

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

Windsor Framework (Constitutional Status of Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024 Lord Caine to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 31 January be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 12th Report*

Windsor Framework (UK Internal Market and Unfettered Access) Regulations 2024 Lord Caine to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 31 January be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 12th Report*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Occupational Pension Schemes (Collective Money Purchase Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Viscount Younger of Leckie]

Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Douglas-Miller]

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (Pension Scheme Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Callanan]

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 12th Report*

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 8 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 12 February.

It is expected that the Committee stage of the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill will continue.

Monday 19 February 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Tunncliffe** 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

Lord Moynihan of Chelsea, and

Lord Elliott of Mickle Fell will be introduced.

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*.

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

Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 12 February, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 13 February.

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. (*Balloted debate*)

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 life sciences businesses 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.

Wednesday 28 February 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Storey** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the skill shortages affecting business and industry.

***Lord Rooker** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the position of the United Kingdom set out in the UNICEF's Innocenti Report Card 18 *Child Poverty in the Midst of Wealth*.

***Baroness Thornhill** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the adequacy of the Housing Benefit subsidy for temporary accommodation; and whether they have plans to provide further support to local authorities in providing emergency and temporary accommodation.

Thursday 29 February 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Skidelsky** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to bring about a sustainable peace as the war in Ukraine passes its second anniversary.

***Lord Hain** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Prime Minister of Israel ruling out a two-state solution with the Palestinians.

***Lord Faulkner of Worcester** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support charities which might struggle to pay salaries following the planned rise in the national minimum wage in April 2024, particularly those which provide support for adults with serious learning disabilities, and their families and carers.

Baroness Benjamin to move that this House takes note of the Windrush scandal and the implementation and effectiveness of the Windrush Compensation Scheme.

Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 19 February, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 20 February.

Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville to move that this House takes note of (1) the state of pollution in rivers, and (2) the case for regulation of private water companies.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

†**The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to promote a long-term national housing strategy, and to seek cross-party support to ensure its effective delivery. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

†**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. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

†**Lord Swire** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the advantages of burying overhead electrical transmission lines. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

†**Lord Crisp** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the role that the United Kingdom could play in supporting health workers in Myanmar and contributing to the reconstruction of the country's health system. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

Monday 4 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Donaghy** to ask His Majesty's Government what support they give to charities and local government to provide places of safety for women subject to domestic violence.

***Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to extend visas for Ukrainians which are due to expire after 3 years, and what further support they intend to provide to Ukrainians in the United Kingdom.

***Lord Moylan** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recent forecast by the Office of National Statistics that between 2021 and 2036 the UK population will grow by 9.9 per cent, to 73.7 million persons.

***Lord Dobbs** to ask His Majesty's Government what programmes are in place or are planned to ensure the families of sub-postmasters affected by the Horizon scandal have access to appropriate psychological support services.

Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Hoey** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of women who have been prosecuted for non-payment of the television licence in the past two years.

***Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current level of (1) safety, and (2) patient and carer involvement, where mental health patients are discharged from inpatient settings and emergency departments.

***Baroness Crawley** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Lord Harlech on 18 May 2023 (HL Deb col 367), what plans they have to ensure that War Widows receive the ex gratia pension payment announced in that answer.

Wednesday 6 March 2024 at 1.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Earl Russell** to ask His Majesty's Government whether it remains their policy for 600,000 heat pumps to be installed per year by 2028; and, if so, what actions they are taking to achieve this goal.

†***Lord Grade of Yarmouth** to ask His Majesty's Government to what extent they are prioritising the rollout of small modular nuclear reactors as a low-carbon solution to energy security.

†***Lord Wallace of Saltaire** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to report to Parliament on the benefits that leaving the European Union has brought to the United Kingdom's economy and society in the past four years; and if so, when.

Motions for Balloted Debate

The ballot to select two motions for debate closes at 5pm on Tuesday 5 March, to be drawn on Wednesday 6 March, for debate on Thursday 21 March. Combined time limit of 5 hours.

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

Lord Oates to move that this House takes note of the work of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales as it marks its 25th year of operation.

†**Lord Shipley** to move that this House takes note of current local government finances and the impact on local communities.

†**Lord Foster of Bath** to move that this House takes note of impact of gambling advertising, marketing and sponsorship on problem gambling.

†**Baroness Tyler of Enfield** to move that this House takes note of the growing number of conflict zones across the globe, and of the case for increased co-operation and partnership between democracies on global and geopolitical affairs.

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*

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

Baroness Finlay of Llandaff to move that this House regrets that the draft Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 refers to “associates” rather than “assistants”, which would more properly reflect the role, scope and responsibilities of such staff and reduce patient confusion. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report*

Baroness Brinton to move that this House regrets that the Government has failed to respond adequately to concerns over provisions in the draft Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 about (1) the regulation of ‘physician associates’ and ‘anaesthesia associates’ by the General Medical Council instead of another regulator, and (2) the use of these professional titles, which risks confusion for patients over the difference between doctors and other healthcare professionals, with potential implications for patient safety. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report*

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to move that this House regrets that the draft Animal Welfare (Primate Licences) (England) Regulations 2023 seek to implement through secondary legislation proposals that were previously contained in primary legislation; notes that they do not ban keeping primates as pets, and that they lack a grandfather clause; and calls upon His Majesty's Government to put in place policies that appropriately support the rehoming of surrendered primates.

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to move that this House declines to approve the draft Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 because it represents a significant constitutional change in regulation of healthcare professionals by omitting parliamentary oversight and approval for regulating anaesthesia associates and physician associates; and fails to address concerns within the medical profession about the supervision and titles of the roles. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report*

Questions for Short Debate

These Questions for Short Debate were drawn in the ballot on Wednesday 7 February in line with the recommendations of the 1st Report of the Procedure and Privileges Committee (Session 2021–22, HL Paper 41). These questions may be used as dinner break business or last business if time is available.

†**Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support persecuted Christians around the world.

†**Lord Lexden** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of partnership work between state and independent schools.

†**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.

†**Lord Farmer** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support parents considering separation, and to promote early resolution of private family law arrangements.

†**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.

†**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, while ensuring that development does not adversely affect existing communities.

†**Baroness Anelay of St Johns** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recommendations proposed by Save the Children in their report *Stop the War on Children: Let Children Live in Peace*, published in December 2023.

†**Lord Kamall** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with other governments on the future of the Commonwealth of Nations.

†**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 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.

†**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.

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS FOR DEBATE

†**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.

†**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.

†**Baroness Hoey** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the preparations and costs of hosting the Euro 2028 Football Championship.

†**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.

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 7 February and due for answer by 21 February.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on aviation safety and regional stability of the decision on 30 January of the Civil Aviation Administration of China to adjust the M503, W122 and W123 flight routes near the Taiwan Strait median line. HL2267

Lord Blencathra to ask His Majesty's Government when they first received any information or intelligence of allegations that staff of UNRWA were aiding and abetting Hamas. HL2268

Lord Blencathra to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to work with other countries which have suspended funding to UNRWA to create a new independent funding agency to deliver aid to Gaza. HL2269

Lord Blencathra to ask His Majesty's Government for what reasons the Islamic Army of Aden is a proscribed organisation; and whether they have any plans to proscribe the Houthi group as a proscribed organisation. HL2270

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government which existing EU regulations and laws applying to Northern Ireland are within the scope of the Stormont Brake mechanism. HL2271

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government, following publication of their Command Paper *Safeguarding the Union* (CP 1021), whether they have any plans to repeal or change the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme) Regulations 2023. HL2272

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government, following publication of their Command Paper *Safeguarding the Union* (CP 1021), whether they have any plans to plans to repeal or change the Windsor Framework (Enforcement etc.) Regulations 2023. HL2273

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government, following publication of their Command Paper *Safeguarding the Union* (CP 1021), whether they have any plans to amend or change the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Public Health, Marketing and Organic Product Standards and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2023. HL2274

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government, following publication of their Command Paper *Safeguarding the Union* (CP 1021), whether they have any plans to amend or change the Windsor Framework (Plant Health) Regulations 2023. HL2275

Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in identifying prisoners' children, by sex and age, and obtaining other relevant data for their welfare, through the Better Outcomes through Linked Data programme. HL2276

Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in collecting data on prisoners who are primary carers and their children through the Basic Custody Screening Tool so that this information can be accessed centrally. HL2277

Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government what is their most recent estimate for the number of children with (1) a parent in prison, and (2) a primary carer in prison. HL2278

Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government how parliamentarians and members of the public can engage with and make recommendations to the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Committee. HL2279

Lord Field of Birkenhead to ask His Majesty's Government, in each of the past 12 months for which data are available, how much money was (1) credited to NHS Healthy Start cards, (2) used by entitled beneficiaries within the period of time they have available to spend that money on valid items, and (3) not used. HL2280

Lord Field of Birkenhead to ask His Majesty’s Government what happens to any money credited to NHS Healthy Start cards that is not used by entitled beneficiaries within the period of time they have available to spend that money on valid items. HL2281

Lord Framlingham to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to investigate any possible link between COVID-19 vaccinations and increasing numbers of premature deaths from heart circulatory conditions since 2020. HL2282

Lord Framlingham to ask His Majesty’s Government what estimate they have made of the cost of completing the first phase of HS2; and what is the projected completion date. HL2283

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty’s Government when they will publish their response to the consultation on the Common User Charge, which ran from 12 June 2023 to 9 July 2023; and at what level the charge will be set. HL2284

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the Common User Charge on UK food price inflation; and whether they intend to publish the modelling behind this. HL2285

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the Common User Charge on (1) groupage and mixed loads entering the UK, and (2) small and medium-sized businesses. HL2286

Baroness Hayman to ask His Majesty’s Government, further to the remarks by Baroness Scott of Bybrook on 27 June 2023 (HL Deb col 589) that they would “consult on standards for improving energy efficiency in the sector within six months of the [Social Housing (Regulation)] Bill receiving Royal Assent”, when they will publish that consultation. HL2287

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty’s Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Markham on 5 February (HL1920), how many staff and whole time equivalents were attached to the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) before its recent internal restructuring; and how many staff and whole time equivalents now work on OHID responsibilities in teams across the Department. HL2288

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty’s Government for each year in England since 2008, how many (1) GP surgeries (including branch practices) were open, (2) GP surgeries (including branch practices) were newly opened, and (3) GP practices were operating. HL2289

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty’s Government whether the Care Quality Commission has assessed, or plans to assess, the Narconon drug rehabilitation programme to ensure that it is safe for patients. HL2290

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty’s Government what guidance they have issued to non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs) concerning requests from staff in those organisations to work overseas; and in which circumstances NDPBs are expected to agree to such requests. HL2291

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they will take to ensure that doctors who are on strike do not take up locum shifts during strike days at another hospital. HL2292

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they have any plans to encourage or support merchant nuclear shipping. HL2293

Lord Oates to ask His Majesty’s Government how many prosecutions related to the sale or other unlawful issuing of Certificates of Sponsorship for health and care workers have taken place in each of the past three years. HL2294

Lord Oates to ask His Majesty’s Government what guidance is currently issued to health and care workers recruited from overseas with regard to the right of entry of dependent children. HL2295

Lord Oates to ask His Majesty's Government whether support is provided to health and care workers recruited overseas in the visa application process for dependent children. HL2296

Lord Oates to ask His Majesty's Government on how many occasions enforcement action has been taken against care providers who fail to provide sufficient work for health and care workers recruited from overseas under the Certificate of Sponsorship scheme. HL2297

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Barnardo's report *No crib for a bed: a closer look at bed poverty and the Household Support Fund crisis*, published on 5 February. HL2298

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what work they are undertaking with the devolved administrations to extend the commitment to eliminate cervical cancers in all parts of the UK. HL2299

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government, further to their announcement in the Autumn Statement that they will consult on a framework for encouraging captive insurance companies in the UK, whether they will propose that such captive insurers will remain liable to the same solvency requirements as other insurers. HL2300

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what implementation plans they are creating following NHS England's pledge to eliminate cervical cancer by 2040. HL2301

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government when they intend to take forward the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation to introduce a vaccination programme for chickenpox. HL2302

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number and diversity of vaccines proceeding through clinical trials, and the resources that will be required to assess their clinical and cost effectiveness in a timely manner. HL2303

Lord Rosser to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the level of labour shortages in the farming sector; what measures they are taking to manage such shortages; and what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of such measures. HL2304

Lord Rosser to ask His Majesty's Government how many complaints they have received about Teleperformance overseas helplines, and what compensation has been awarded to customers, in each month since 2022. HL2305

Lord Rosser to ask His Majesty's Government when all Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration reports submitted to the Home Office will be published. HL2306

Lord Rosser to ask His Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the current number of individuals who are in the United Kingdom illegally. HL2307

Lord Rosser to ask His Majesty's Government how much has been raised from the Immigration Health Surcharge has been received by (1) the NHS, and (2) by non-NHS bodies, in each year since 2015. HL2308

Lord Storey to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the closure of over 1,000 pharmacies since 2015; and what assessment they have made of the impact of pharmacy closures in deprived areas. HL2309

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking (1) to ensure that climate policies remain effective in driving emission reductions, and (2) to promote investment into renewable energy. HL2310

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of (1) current consumer spending, and (2) the declining inflation, on the economy. HL2311

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government, following their consultation outcome *A pro-innovation approach to AI regulation: government response*, published on 6 February, where they stated that "it is now clear that the working group will not be able to agree an effective voluntary code" between AI developers and rights holders concerning copyright protected materials, what plans they have to ensure that creators' rights are protected. HL2312 [1]

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what foreign state assets are currently frozen by the UK; and in each case, what is the (1) country, (2) value, and (3) reason. HL2313

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]

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]

17 January (31 January)

HL1689 Baroness Hayman of Ullock [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

18 January (1 February)

HL1751 Baroness O'Neill of Bexley [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL1756 Lord Sikka [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1758 Lord Sikka [Department for Business and Trade]

22 January (5 February)

HL1780 Baroness Barker [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL1781 Baroness Barker [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL1782 Baroness Barker [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL1816 Lord Sikka [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1817 Lord Sikka [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1825 Lord Taylor of Warwick [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

23 January (6 February)

HL1857 Baroness Hoey [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL1871 Lord Robathan [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL1877 Lord Sikka [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1882 Lord Taylor of Warwick [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

24 January (7 February)

HL1899 Lord Sedwill [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL1911 Lord Wigley [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

Business and Trade (6)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (9)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (1)

Health and Social Care (5)

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	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 <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
Media Bill	Government	
Finance Bill <i>(Money Bill—6 February)</i>	Government	
Committed to a Special Public Bill Committee		
Arbitration Bill [HL] <i>(Law Commission Bill) (Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)</i>	Government	9 February

Committed to a Select Committee

Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
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Committed to a Grand Committee

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	13 February
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Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill	Government	12 February
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Waiting for Report

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
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Waiting for Third Reading

Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
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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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Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
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Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	Government	
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Statutory Instruments in Progress**Affirmative Instruments waiting for consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

Draft Data Protection Act 2018 (Amendment of Schedule 2 Exemptions) Regulations 2024

Draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024

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

Draft Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024

Draft South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (Election of Mayor and Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions) Order 2024

Draft West Midlands Combined Authority (Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions) 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 Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023

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Draft Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (*13 February*)

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 (*13 February*)

Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Specified Diseases and Prescribed Occupations) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2024 (*13 February*)

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 (*13 February*)

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

LEGISLATION

Draft Water Industry (Special Administration) Regulations 2024

Draft Water Industry Act 1991 (Amendment) Order 2024

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (13 February)*

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

Draft Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) 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 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Electricity Supplier Obligations (Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Energy-Intensive Industry Electricity Support Payments and Levy Regulations 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Terrorism Act 2000 (Certain Information Orders: Code of Practice) Regulations 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors: Code of Practice) Order 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Recovery of Cryptoassets and Investigations: Codes of Practice) Regulations 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Single Source Contract (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Authorised Officers) Order 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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

Draft Renewables Obligation (Amendment) (Energy Intensive Industries) Order 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 12th Report*

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

Draft Windsor Framework (Constitutional Status of Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 12th Report (13 February)*

Draft Windsor Framework (UK Internal Market and Unfettered Access) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 12th Report (13 February)*

Negative Instruments

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*

LEGISLATION

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*

Draft Pensions Regulator General Code of Practice 2024 *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 18 February*

School and Early Years Finance and Childcare (Provision of Information About Young Children) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 12th Report. Praying time ends 1 March*

Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 12th Report. Praying time ends 4 March*

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

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*

Exchange of Letters to amend the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Albania *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 6 February. 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 *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 6 February. Scrutiny period expires: 21 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.

Thursday 8 February

Food, Diet and Obesity Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Procedure and Privileges Committee	Room 4A	12.30pm

Friday 9 February

Arbitration Bill [HL] Special Public Bill Committee	Room 3	10.00am
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Monday 12 February

Preterm Birth Committee	Room 3	2.30pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee	Room 2	4.00pm

Tuesday 13 February

Science and Technology Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 2	10.30am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 1	10.30am
Built Environment Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 2	2.00pm
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee	Room 4	2.45pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 3	3.00pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 4A	4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 3A	4.00pm

Wednesday 14 February

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Archbishops' Room, Millbank House	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 4	10.30am

Monday 19 February

Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee		3.30pm
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Tuesday 20 February

Liaison Committee	Room G-32, Millbank House	10.30am
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Wednesday 21 February

Financial Services Regulation Committee		10.00am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Physical meeting	2.45pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm
Finance Committee	Room 2A	3.45pm
Conduct Committee	2-03 Millbank House	4.00pm

Monday 26 February

National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 4A	4.00pm
Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	4.45pm

Wednesday 28 February

Public Services Committee		3.00pm
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Thursday 29 February

Services Committee	Room 3A	12.15pm
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COMMITTEES

Wednesday 13 March

House of Lords Commission

The Lord Speaker's
Room

10.00am

Tuesday 30 April

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Room 2A

3.00pm

Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday 7 February 2024

The House met at 3.00pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Bristol.

1 **Baroness Flather** The Lord Speaker (Lord McFall of Alcluith) informed the House that Baroness Flather, a member of the House, had died on 6 February.

Select Committee Reports

2 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

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

Data Protection and Digital Information Bill
Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]. (10th Report, HL Paper 60)

3 Statutory Instruments

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

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
Draft Windsor Framework (Constitutional Status of Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024
Draft Windsor Framework (UK Internal Market and Unfettered Access) Regulations 2024. (11th Report, HL Paper 61)

4 Human Rights

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

Legislative Scrutiny: Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill. (2nd Report, HL Paper 62)

Public Business

5 **Post Office appointments: ministerial responsibility** A question was asked by Lord Touhig and answered by Lord Offord of Garvel.

6 **Ukraine conflict** A question was asked by Lord Campbell-Savours and answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.

7 **Buy Now, Pay Later: regulation** A question was asked by Lord Davies of Brixton and answered by Baroness Vere of Norbiton.

8 **Tata Steel, Port Talbot** A question was asked by Lord Harries of Pentregarth and answered by Baroness Swinburne.

9 **Medical Devices (In Vitro Diagnostic Devices etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Lord Markham moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 14 November 2023 be approved. The motion was agreed to.

10 **European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere and the European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2023** Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 18 December 2023 be approved. The motion was agreed to.

11 **Carer's Leave Regulations 2024** Lord Offord of Garvel moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 11 December 2023 be approved. The motion was agreed to.

12 **Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2023** Lord Harlech moved that the Rules laid before the House on 18 December 2023 be approved. The motion was agreed to.

13 **Victims and Prisoners Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 78. The House resumed after amendment 111.

14 **NHS dentistry: recovery and reform** Lord Markham repeated a statement made in the House of Commons.

The House adjourned. The House resumed.

15 **Victims and Prisoners Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 112. The House resumed after amendment 121.

16 **Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill** The bill was reported from the Grand Committee with amendments. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 47)

The House adjourned at 9.41pm until Thursday 8 February 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 168. Amendments 195, 203 to 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 210 to 211, 213, 214, 216, 217, 218, 219 and 223 were agreed to. It was ordered that the bill be reported with amendments.

The Committee adjourned at 8.30pm.

Papers

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

Command Papers

The following papers were presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

- 1 Pay Review Bodies—Ninth Report of the National Crime Agency Remuneration Review Body 2023. (1016)
- 2 Contingent Liability—Minute from the Department of Health and Social Care concerning the notification of a contingent liability arising from the COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Programme. (—)

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House for approval by resolution:

- 1 Draft Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024
- 2 Draft North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024
- 3 Draft South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (Election of Mayor and Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions) Order 2024
- 4 Draft West Midlands Combined Authority (Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions) Order 2024

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Independent System Operator and Planner Transfer Scheme Compensation Regulations 2024 (125)
- 2 Independent System Operator and Planner Transfer Scheme Compensation (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (134)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution Account 2022–23
- 2 NDA Designation of Springfields (Modification Direction No. 3)

