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HOUSE OF LORDS

TODAY'S LISTS
THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024

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Business in the Chamber at 11.00am

Prayers by the Bishop of Durham (5 minutes)

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 Barran, DfE)**
- * 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. **(Lord Douglas-Miller, DEFRA)**
- * 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 Markham, DHSC)**
- * Lord Bellingham to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to review the Ministry of Defence's policies on diversity, equality and inclusion. **(Lord Harlech, MoD)**

Main Business

Lord Bird to move that this House takes note of the case for aligning poverty reduction policy-making across Government. *(Time-limited to 2½ hours)*

Speakers:

- L Bird
- B Lister of Burtersett
- B D'Souza
- B Lane-Fox of Soho
- 5 Bp Durham (Valedictory)
- B Armstrong of Hill Top
- L Loomba
- Bp Hereford (Maiden)
- B Finlay of Llandaff

10 L Desai

B Burt of Solihull

B Taylor of Stevenage

V Younger of Leckie

L Bird

Lord Bird (15 minutes) and Viscount Younger of Leckie (20 minutes), all speeches are limited to 10 minutes

A Repeat of an Urgent Question taking place in the House of Commons today (10 minutes)

To ask His Majesty's Government if they will make a statement on the closure of the Inter Faith Network – **Baroness Scott of Bybrook (DLUHC)**

Topical Question for Short Debate

Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for reforming remuneration of the directors of water and sewage companies operating in England. *(Time-limited to 1 hour)*

Speakers:

L Sikka

B McIntosh of Pickering

L Brooke of Alverthorpe

L Desai

5 V Stansgate

B Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville

B Hayman of Ullock

L Douglas-Miller

Except for Lord Sikka (10 minutes) and Lord Douglas-Miller (12 minutes), all speeches are limited to 6 minutes.

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. (Time-limited to 2½ hours)

Speakers:

- B Bennett of Manor Castle
- L Sterling of Plaistow
- B Morris of Yardley
- E Russell
- 5 B Bull
- L Wei
- L Touhig
- Bp Chichester
- L Hampton
- 10 B Tyler of Enfield
- E Effingham
- L Brooke of Alverthorpe
- B Hollins

- L Storey
- 15 B Twycross
- B Barran
- B Bennett of Manor Castle

Except for Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle (15 minutes), Lord Storey (10 minutes), Baroness Twycross (10 minutes) and Baroness Barran (20 minutes), all speeches are limited to 7 minutes

Estimated rising time

The House is expected to rise at around 6pm.

Notes:

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