

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.

Lord Johnson of Lainston intends to move the following four motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately to the extent desired.

†Registered Office Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024 Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 19 February. 8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee [1]*

Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 19 February*

†Service Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024 Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 19 February [1]*

†Principal Office Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024 Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 19 February [1]*

Victims and Prisoners Bill Committee (day 6) [Lord Bellamy] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought, 7th Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee, 1st Report from the Constitution Committee*

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



The following motion with accompanying amendments will be taken as dinner break business:

Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 Lord Markham to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 13 December 2023 be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report*

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to move, as an amendment to the above motion, to leave out from “that” to end and to insert “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.”

Baroness Finlay of Llandaff to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Markham, at end to insert “but regrets that the draft Order refers to “associates” rather than “assistants”, which would more properly reflect the role, scope and responsibilities of such staff and reduce patient confusion.”

Baroness Brinton to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Lord Markham, at end to insert “but regrets that the Government has failed to respond adequately to concerns over provisions in the draft Order 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.”

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

The following two motions are expected to be debated together:

Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Caine]

Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling etc.) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Caine]

Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston] *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Paternity Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston]

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston]

Future Business

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 23 February.

Animal Welfare (Primate Licences) (England) Regulations 2023 Lord Douglas-Miller to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 14 December 2023 be approved.

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert “but 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.”

Lord Caine to move that an Humble Address be presented to His Majesty welcoming the return of the devolved institutions in Northern Ireland, re-affirming the importance of upholding the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement 1998 in all its strands, acknowledging the foundational importance of the Acts of Union 1800, including the economic provisions under Article 6 of those Acts, and recognising that, consistent with section 23(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, executive power in Northern Ireland shall continue to be vested in His Majesty, and that joint authority is not provided for in the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement 1998 in respect of the UK and Irish Governments.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Coronavirus and Influenza) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Evans of Rainow] *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

The following two motions are expected to be debated together:

Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

Bank of England Levy (Amount of Levy Payable) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention: Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Penn]

Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Viscount Younger of Leckie]

Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Viscount Younger of Leckie]

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 4 March.

Procedure and Privileges The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the Report from the Select Committee *Temporary exclusion; Statements on trade between Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom; and Financial Services Regulation Committee* (2nd Report, HL Paper 64) be agreed to.

If the motion in the name of the Senior Deputy Speaker is agreed to, the following motion will be moved.

Standing Orders (Public Business) The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the standing orders relating to public business be amended as follows:

After Standing Order 21, insert:

“21A Temporary exclusion

(1) This Standing Order applies to any member of the House who has been charged with a serious violent or sexual offence.

(2) The term “serious violent or sexual offence” means any offence against the person or any sexual offence which carries a maximum sentence of more than two years’ imprisonment.

(3) The member shall, at the first opportunity following charge, notify the Clerk of the Parliaments of the charge or charges.

(4) The Clerk of the Parliaments, upon receiving notification either from the member or by other means, shall immediately make arrangements to exclude the member from the Parliamentary Estate either until any criminal proceedings are completed or, if the member is convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, whether suspended or not, that does not engage the provisions of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014, until the House has decided on any sanction recommended by the Conduct Committee.

(5) Notwithstanding paragraphs (4) and (6), the Clerk of the Parliaments shall allow a member subject to temporary exclusion under this Standing Order to have escorted access to the Parliamentary Estate in order to take the oath of allegiance or make the solemn affirmation.

(6) During the period of temporary exclusion, the member may not: (a) enter the Parliamentary Estate; (b) participate in proceedings of the House or its committees, whether in person or remotely; (c) vote in any election conducted in accordance with Standing Order 9 or 18; (d) undertake any external visits or other activities supported or funded by Parliament.

(7) Other rights enjoyed by the member shall be unaffected by exclusion, including the following: (a) the right to transact other business (such as tabling Questions for Written Answer) that does not require personal presence on the Estate; (b) access to services that can be provided remotely by the House of Lords Administration or the Parliamentary Digital Service; (c) the rights of existing staff sponsored by the member.

(8) The member shall remain subject to the provisions of the Code of Conduct and the rules on access to facilities, and any failure by the member to comply with the terms of this Standing Order shall be deemed to be in breach of the Code of Conduct.

(9) In accordance with section 2(3)(b) of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014, the House, in agreeing this Standing Order, resolves that section 2(1) of that Act shall not apply to a member subject to temporary exclusion under this Standing Order.

(10) The Standing Order applies regardless of whether (a) the alleged offence occurred before or after the member became a member of the House of Lords, and (b) the charges were brought inside or outside the United Kingdom; except that if the charges were brought outside the United Kingdom, the exclusion shall lapse after a period of two calendar months or ten sitting days, whichever is less, unless within that time the Leave Absence Sub-Committee of the Procedure and Privileges Committee resolves that the exclusion should remain in force.

(11) The operation of this Standing Order shall be kept under review by the Leave of Absence Sub-Committee.

Standing Order 18 (Election of Lord Speaker)

In Standing Order 18(4), insert “who are subject to temporary exclusion,” after “suspended from the service of the House,”.

Standing Order 63 (Sessional Committees)

After “Finance Committee”, insert “Financial Services Regulation Committee”.

Media Bill Second Reading [Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay]

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and that it be an instruction to the Committee of the Whole House that they consider the bill in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 17	Clauses 38 to 40
Schedule 1	Schedule 8
Clauses 18 to 27	Clauses 41 to 48
Schedule 2	Schedule 9
Clause 28	Clause 49
Schedule 3	Schedules 10 and 11
Clauses 29 to 36	Clauses 50 and 51
Schedule 4	Schedule 12
Clause 37	Clauses 52 to 56
Schedules 5 to 7	Title.

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 23 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 5 March.

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

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)*

Friday 1 March 2024 at 10.00am

Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL] Second Reading [Baroness Altmann]

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

Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Woodley]

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

Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Baroness Tyler of Enfield]

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

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

Donald Cameron will be introduced as a Baron.

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 3.00pm

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 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.

***Baroness Berridge** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to recognise the work of criminal jurors and, in particular, whether they plan to introduce an 'appreciation day' for them.

Thursday 7 March 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Naseby** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to implementing a form of military national service.

***Lord Berkeley** to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker what discussions he has had in the past year on plans to remove through-traffic from Old Palace Yard to improve safety and the environment.

***Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the work of the Environment Agency in protecting public health and the environment.

Lord Blunkett to move that this House takes note of the contribution of higher education to national growth, productivity and levelling-up.

Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 26 February, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 27 February.

Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top to move that this House takes note of the case for local regeneration of former industrial areas across the whole United Kingdom, and the challenges constraining such regeneration, including in relation to local government.

Monday 11 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Franck Petitgas, and

Stuart Marks will be introduced as Barons.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report of the Academy of Medical Sciences *Prioritising early childhood to promote the nation's health, wellbeing and prosperity*, published on 5 February, particularly regarding children under 5.

***Lord West of Spithead** to ask His Majesty's Government when they plan on 809 Naval Air Squadron being fully operational with full complement of aircraft.

***Lord Lexden** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to appoint a senior lawyer to review the seven allegations against Sir Edward Heath left unresolved at the end of Operation Conifer in 2017.

***Lord Harris of Haringey** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the adequacy of the powers and resources of the Regulator of Community Interest Companies.

Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Sydney Booth, and

John Fuller OBE will be introduced as Barons.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Pitkeathley** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to develop a national strategy for carers to take account of the needs of unpaid carers.

***Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government when they will lay the forest risk commodity regulations under Schedule 17 to the Environment Act 2021 to prevent the importing of goods responsible for illegal deforestation, and what consideration they have given to the merits of widening the scope to include all deforestation.

***Baroness Young of Old Scone** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to make progress on the delayed land use framework for England, when it will be published, and whether it will be subject to consultation.

Four questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (40 minutes). Ballot opens at 10am on Thursday 29 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Thursday 7 March.

Wednesday 13 March 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Boycott** to ask His Majesty's Government what evidence they have that power generation from biomass is (1) good value for the taxpayer, (2) not leading to deforestation in other countries, and (3) compatible with reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

***Lord Robathan** to ask His Majesty's Government what initial assessment they have made of the costs and benefits of the enforced lockdowns during the COVID-19 epidemic from March 2020.

***Lord Foulkes of Cumnock** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Scottish Government regarding any activities it is undertaking that fall outwith its devolved competences.

Thursday 14 March 2024 at 11.00am

Gerald Shamash, and

Paul Goodman will be introduced as Barons.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Rawlings** to ask His Majesty's Government what support they are providing to help protect telecommunication cables in the Red Sea.

***Lord McColl of Dulwich** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce training for the Royal Navy on climate change.

***Baroness D'Souza** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reported threats to democratic freedoms in India.

Monday 18 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Charles Banner KC, and

James Jamieson will be introduced as Barons.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to promote the use of human-specific medical research techniques, such as 'organ-on-a-chip' and computer modelling, in place of animal testing.

***Lord Leong** to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of the impact of the closure of the UK Tradeshaw Programme on the ability of small and medium-sized enterprises to export to new markets.

***Earl Attlee** to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the cost to public funds of bringing prison officer pension age into line with that of firefighters, the police and armed services.

***Lord Black of Brentwood** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made any assessment of the contribution of independent schools to the education sector. [1]

Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 2.30pm

John Hannett OBE will be introduced as a Baron, and

Jane Ramsey will be introduced as a Baroness.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Viscount Hanworth** to ask His Majesty's Government what assistance they provide to the developers of advanced modular reactors to enable them to conduct criticality tests.

***Lord Touhig** to ask His Majesty's Government how often they review the level of support given in schools to special needs pupils.

***Lord Blunkett** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with providers of electronic point-of-sale payment devices to make them accessible for those with a visual impairment, such as via tactile keypad.

Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Twycross** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the availability of additional funded childcare provision, ahead of the expansion of the free childcare scheme in April.

***Baroness Bloomfield of Hinton Waldrist** to ask His Majesty's Government whether a fully funded delivery plan has been agreed in relation to NHS England's proposal to relocate children's cancer services away from The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust to other providers across London. [1]

***Baroness Taylor of Stevenage** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the audit arrangements for the Teesworks project, and of whether they are effective for the scale of the work being carried out.

Thursday 21 March 2024 at 11.00am

†**The Hon Rosamond Monckton MBE**, and

†**Carmen Smith** will be introduced as Baronesses.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***The Lord Bishop of Manchester** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of ending the Household Support Fund on children's bed poverty.

†***Lord Sahota** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the enforcement of national minimum wage legislation.

†***Lord Cashman** to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to have implemented Lord Etherton recommendations on financial redress in the LGBT veterans independent review.

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.

Lord Sikka to move that this House takes note of the case for reforming the calculation and management of public debt.

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to move that this House takes note of His Majesty's Government's policies on civil nuclear energy and the civil nuclear roadmap.

Baroness Coussins to move that this House takes note of the importance of educational visits and exchanges from the United Kingdom to other countries.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to move that this House takes note of the case for establishing a Special Tribunal for Ukraine specifically to prosecute the crime of aggression.

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*

Lord Redesdale to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Horticultural Sector Committee *Sowing the seeds: A blooming English horticultural sector* (Session 2022–23, HL Paper 268). *6 November 2023*

Lord Bridges of Headley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *Making an independent Bank of England work better* (1st Report, HL Paper 10). *27 November 2023*

Lord Johnson of Marylebone to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Education for 11 to 16-year olds Committee *Requires improvement: urgent change for 11–16 education* (HL Paper 17). 12 December 2023

Lord Lisvane to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Artificial Intelligence in Weapon Systems Committee *Proceed with Caution: Artificial Intelligence in Weapon Systems* (HL Paper 16). 1 December 2023

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.

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 Short Debate ballot entries

The ballot for four Questions closes at 5pm on Tuesday 26 March and will be drawn on Wednesday 27 March for debate on Thursday 25 April. Time limit 1 hour.

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to promote the furtherance of environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles among businesses in the United Kingdom. *(Department for Business and Trade)*

Lord Bird to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address the root causes of child poverty across the United Kingdom. *(Department for Work and Pensions)*

Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address any external auditing deficiencies highlighted by the collapse of BHS, Carillion, Patisserie Valerie, and London Capital and Finance. *(Department for Business and Trade)*

Lord Harrington of Watford to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made on the implementation of recommendations from the Harrington Review of Foreign Direct Investment, published in November 2023. *(Treasury)*

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 22 February and due for answer by 7 March.

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton on 13 February (HL Deb col 140), what assessment they have made of the events surrounding the death of Hind Rajab, fellow family members and Red Crescent rescuers; and what steps they plan to take in response. HL2697

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have provided public funds towards Aquacultured Seafood Limited for its on-land fish farm in Grimsby; and, if so, how much. HL2698

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to conduct a comparative assessment with other European nations on the state of rail services including on reliability, comfort and pricing. HL2699

Lord Bradshaw to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Davies of Gower on 12 February (HL1979), when the train service specification for the TransPennine route was last revised and passed to Network Rail. HL2700

Lord Bradshaw to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reinstate direct access from Northolt Junction to Paddington. HL2701

Lord Bradshaw to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the performance of train operators to reduce the amount of money being paid under the Delay Repay scheme. HL2702

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government whether cars moved from Great Britain to Northern Ireland for sale are subject to any compliance, documentary or other requirements as a result of the Windsor Framework, and, if so, when such requirements began to apply. HL2703

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to publish each individual EU law and regulation which is outside the scope of the Stormont Brake in Northern Ireland. HL2704

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government what financial commitments they have made towards the redevelopment of Casement Park in Belfast. HL2705

Lord Kamall to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made any assessment of the government of Australia's response to the Roadmap for Age Verification for online pornographic material in August 2023; and whether there are lessons for the UK policy in this area. HL2706

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Israel concerning the operations by the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) at Nasser Hospital on 15 February; and whether they have ascertained in any discussions with that government (1) whether the IDF operation located any hostages held by Hamas or evidence of their presence at the hospital, and (2) how many confirmed Hamas terrorists have been apprehended as a result of the IDF operation. HL2707

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of the United States regarding whether the United Nations may support a temporary ceasefire in Gaza. HL2708

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what reports they have received concerning the circumstances of the death of Alexei Navalny in prison on 16 February; and whether they have been in contact with his widow, Yulia Navalnaya, since then. HL2709

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the governments of (1) Spain, and (2) Ukraine, concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of Maxim Kuzminov in Spain in February. HL2710

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking, together with international partners, to improve climate change education for 3 to 19 year-olds globally. HL2711

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government, following the HMS Vanguard Demonstration and Shakedown Operation which took place on 30 January, what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of the Trident nuclear deterrent. HL2712

Lord McInnes of Kilwinning to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Azerbaijan concerning the protection of the cultural heritage of Nagorno-Karabakh. HL2713

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what effect the surplus reported by the Office for National Statistics on 21 February has had on determining the forthcoming Budget statement. HL2714

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that fishing rights and conservation efforts comply with the Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the EU. HL2715

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the developers of artificial intelligence technologies concerning how they verify the accuracy of their outputs, particularly with regard to racial and gender bias. HL2716

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.

22 January (5 February)

HL1816 Lord Sikka [Department for Business and Trade]

HL1817 Lord Sikka [Department for Business and Trade]

25 January (8 February)

HL1940 Baroness Randerson [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

26 January (9 February)

HL1958 Baroness Helic [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

29 January (12 February)

HL1976 Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle [Department for Business and Trade]

6 February (20 February)

HL2251 Baroness Merron [Department of Health and Social Care]

7 February (21 February)

HL2268 Lord Blencathra [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

8 February (22 February)

HL2314 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL2322 Lord Empey [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2323 Lord Empey [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2324 Lord Empey [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities]

HL2339 The Lord Bishop of Norwich [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL2344 Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

Business and Trade (3)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (3)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (5)

Health and Social Care (1)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (1)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	1 March
Housing Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL]	Private Member's	1 March
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	1 March
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	
Media Bill	Government	28 February
Road Traffic Offences (Cycling) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill	Government	
Committed to a Special Public Bill Committee		
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>) (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Committed to a Select Committee		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
Committed to a Grand Committee		
Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill (<i>Scottish Legislative Consent granted, Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	

Committed to a Committee of the Whole House

Victims and Prisoners Bill (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	26 February
Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies 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	

Waiting for Report

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government
Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill	Government

Sent to the Commons

Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [HL]	Private
Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL]	Government
Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Government
Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	Government
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL]	Government

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

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
Draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024
Draft Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
Draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Financial Penalty) Regulations 2024
Draft Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-Engagement
Draft Accounting Standards (Prescribed Bodies) (United States of America and Japan) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
Draft Fair Dealing Obligations (Milk) Regulations 2024
Draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2024
Draft Strategy and Policy Statement for Energy Policy in Great Britain
Draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Suitability for Fixed Term Recall) 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

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 (27 February)

Draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 (26 February)

Draft Principal Office Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024 (26 February)

Draft Registered Office Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024 *8th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (26 February)*

Draft Service Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024 (26 February)

Draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Coronavirus and Influenza) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2024 (27 February) *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024 (26 February)

Draft Paternity Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (26 February)

Draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (26 February)*

Draft Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling etc.) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (26 February)

Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2024 (27 February)

Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024 (27 February)

Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024 (27 February)

Draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024 (27 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 (27 February)

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 *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Representation of the People (Variation of Election Expenses and Exclusions) Regulations 2024 *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Data Protection Act 2018 (Amendment of Schedule 2 Exemptions) Regulations 2024 *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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

Draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2024 *(26 February)*

Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention: Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 *(27 February)*

Negative Instruments

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*

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*

Public Interest Merger Reference (Telegraph Media Group Limited) (Pre-emptive Action) Order 2024 *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 9 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

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

Protocol on the Accession of the United Kingdom to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership *Scrutiny period expires: 22 March*

Agreement No. 3 in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the United Kingdom and Ukraine amending the Political, Free Trade and Strategic Partnership Agreement between the two countries *Scrutiny period expires: 22 March*

International Coffee Agreement 2022 *Scrutiny period expires: 26 March*

Treaties considered by a Select Committee

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Denmark on the Participation in Certain Elections of Nationals of Each Country Resident in the Territory of the Other *Scrutiny period expires: 25 March*

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)

Select Committee Reports awaiting a Government response after two months

The Government has undertaken to respond in writing to the reports of select committees, if possible, within two months of publication. Only in exceptional circumstances should a response be deferred for more than six months after the report's publication. If it appears likely that a response may be received later than two months after the date of publication, the department concerned should write to the Committee explaining the reasons and indicating the likely timetable.

Integration of Primary and Community Care Committee Patients at the centre: integrating primary and community care (HL Paper 18), (response due 15 February, no further date agreed for a response) [Department of Health and Social Care]

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Monday 26 February

Preterm Birth Committee	Room 4	2.30pm
National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 4A	3.00pm
Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee	Room 3	3.30pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee	Room 1	4.00pm
Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	4.45pm

Tuesday 27 February

Science and Technology Committee	Room 1	10.00am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 2	10.30am
Built Environment Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 3	2.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 2	4.00pm

Wednesday 28 February

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 4	11.45am
Public Services Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee	Room 3	3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

Thursday 29 February

Food, Diet and Obesity Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Services Committee	Room 3A	12.15pm

Tuesday 5 March

International Agreements Committee	Room 3A	4.00pm
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Tuesday 12 March

Finance Committee		12.30pm
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Wednesday 13 March

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	10.00am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am

Tuesday 30 April

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Room 2A	3.00pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday 22 February 2024

The House met at 11.00am.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Durham.

Public Business

1 Schools: gender-questioning children A question was asked by Baroness Fox of Buckley and answered by Baroness Barran.

2 Peatlands A question was asked by Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick and answered by Lord Douglas-Miller.

3 NHS: Dementia Commission Report A question was asked by Baroness Wheeler and answered by Lord Markham.

4 Ministry of Defence: diversity, equality and inclusion A question was asked by Lord Bellingham and answered by Lord Harlech.

5 Poverty reduction (*Balloted debate, 2½ hours*) Lord Bird moved that this House takes note of the case for aligning poverty reduction policy-making across Government. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

6 Royal Assent The Deputy Speaker (Baroness Barker) notified the King's Assent to the following Act:
Finance Act 2024 c.3

7 Inter Faith Network Baroness Scott of Bybrook repeated as a statement the answer given to an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons.

8 Water and sewage companies: directors' remuneration A question was asked by Lord Sikka and, after debate, answered by Lord Douglas-Miller.

9 Pupil mental health, well-being and development (*Balloted debate, 2½ hours*) Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle moved 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. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 5.43pm until Monday 26 February at 2.30pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

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 Intelligence and Security—Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament on International Partnerships. (1020)

Affirmative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House for approval by resolution:

- 1 Draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Suitability for Fixed Term Recall) Order 2024

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Haiti (Sanctions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (178)
- 2 Non-Domestic Rating (Designated Areas) Regulations 2024 (183)
- 3 Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention and Renewable Energy Projects) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (184)
- 4 Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (187)