

HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

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Items marked † are new or have been altered.

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.

†***Lord Dubs** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the implications of the Court of Appeal's judgment on 23 February depriving Shamima Begum of British citizenship, in particular with regard to whether she is now in effect stateless.

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

†**Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024** Lord Caine to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 10 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 26 February*

†**Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling etc.) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Caine to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 10 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 26 February*

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

†**Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 10 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 26 February. 10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Paternity Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 10 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 26 February*

†**Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 1 February be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 26 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.

†**Baroness Hoey** to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert, “; but regrets that, in a manner inconsistent with Strand One (5)(d) of the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement and section 42 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, cross-community consent remains disapplied for the Article 18 procedure, as it relates to Articles 5 to 10 of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland, and further regrets that the continuing effect of the Protocol is to over-ride and suspend the provisions of Article 6 of the Acts of Union 1800.”

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 Scott of Bybrook]

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]