

**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*

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



**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]

## Future Business

**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.

†\***Lord Young of Cookham** to ask His Majesty’s Government what is their response to the final report of the Competition and Markets Authority’s housebuilding market study, published on 26 February.

**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.

†**Earl Attlee** to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert “, but regrets that the provision on temporary exclusion could enable foreign states to prevent a member from attending the House for up to ten sitting days.”

*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 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 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 Tradeshow 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.

## Monday 25 March 2024 at 2.30pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Dubs** to ask His Majesty's Government how many asylum claims are currently waiting to be determined.

†\***Viscount Stansgate** to ask His Majesty's Government when the revised version of the Cabinet Manual will be published.

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†\***Baroness Cumberlege** to ask His Majesty's Government what are the timescales for, and what progress has been made on, a response to the Patient Safety Commissioner's report on options for redress for those harmed by sodium valproate and pelvic mesh, published on 7 February.

†\***Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are taking steps to change train operating company contracts to achieve planned improvements to rail services.

## 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*)

†**Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts** to ask His Majesty's Government what specific steps they are taking to ensure that Levelling Up provides support for the most deprived neighbourhoods with the greatest community need. (*Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities*)

## Questions for Written Answer

*Tabled on 26 February and due for answer by 11 March.*

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Pakistan concerning the denial of the right to vote as Muslims of Ahmadi Muslims in the 2024 elections in that country. HL2717

**Lord Anderson of Ipswich** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of Professor Philippa Webb's report prepared for the European Parliamentary Research Service, *Legal options for confiscation of Russian state assets to support the reconstruction of Ukraine*, published in February 2024. HL2718

**Baroness Benjamin** to ask His Majesty's Government how many pornographic websites have been the subject of (1) regulatory inquiries, or (2) formal investigations by the Information Commissioner's Office, regarding their use of children's personal data, on the basis that they are likely to be accessed by minors, since the Age Appropriate Design Code came into force in September 2020. HL2719

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the products of the Norwegian fish farming industry imported into the UK on global health insecurity and food shortage as a result of the industry's use of feed and fish oil from Mauritania. HL2720

**Lord Berkeley** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the latest design for the approach tunnels and grade separation works for the HS2 approaches to Euston; how many station platforms are they designed to accommodate; whether this design has received full safety approval and from whom; and whether they plan to place a copy of the plans in the Library of the House. HL2721

**Lord Blunkett** to ask His Majesty's Government how long, on average, it takes for security vetting to be completed in (1) security and policing jobs, and (2) other public service jobs which require security clearance. HL2722

**Baroness Boycott** to ask His Majesty's Government when the results of the Storm Overflow Assessment Framework will be published for storm overflows potentially discharging untreated sewage into English rivers; and on what occasions there have been (1) overflows where untreated sewage can be lawfully discharged other than as a result of exceptional rainfall, and (2) overflows where untreated sewage cannot be lawfully discharged other than as a result of exceptional rainfall. HL2723

**Baroness Boycott** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to direct the Environment Agency to revise all permits issued in respect of water company sewage discharges under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016, so that those permits fully reflect the combined obligations of the Urban Waste Water Treatment (England and Wales) Regulations 1994 and the judgment in the case of *Commission v UK*, case C-301/10, of 18 October 2012. HL2724

**Baroness Boycott** to ask His Majesty's Government what powers the Environment Agency holds to require companies to release 15-minute flow data when requested, and under which regulations they have this power. HL2725

**Baroness Eaton** to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of the role of the Environment Agency in ensuring that drainage ditches owned by riparian owners are maintained HL2726

**Baroness Eaton** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the financial situation of internal drainage boards and what plans they have to ensure that internal drainage boards can collect levies independently to that of local government. HL2727

**Baroness Eaton** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce a register of children outside of school. HL2728



**Baroness Fox of Buckley** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of advice from NHS Sussex Trust that male lactation fluid is (1) safe and (2) beneficial for infants. HL2729

**Baroness Helic** to ask His Majesty's Government how much funding they have provided to the organisation Remembering Srebrenica in each financial year since its establishment; and what plans they have to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the genocide that was committed there. HL2730

**Baroness Helic** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the extent to which the government of Rwanda is supporting the M23 militia and its incursions into and occupation of Congolese territory; what recent discussions they have had with the governments of France and the United States regarding this issue; and what, if any, representations they have made to the government of Rwanda. HL2731

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure that the Worcestershire and Herefordshire Integrated Care Board will make available services to people suffering from Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder. HL2732

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government whether a proposal for a toilet commissioner was dropped from the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023; and, if so, why. HL2733

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of a lack of public toilets on people with disabilities. HL2734

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of a lack of public toilets on people with ulcerative colitis. HL2735

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of a lack of public toilets on people who suffer from a frequent need to urinate. HL2736

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the health impact of people intentionally dehydrating because of a lack of public toilets. HL2737

**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, specifically the decision not to mandate age verification for the time being; and whether there are lessons for UK policy in this area. HL2738

**Lord Kamall** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the changes to the tax thresholds for Financial Promotion exemption, especially the impact on female-led start-ups, including those who rely on small investments from female angel-investors. HL2739

**Lord McInnes of Kilwinning** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 20 February (HL2204), what processes and safeguards are in place to ensure that UK funding to the government of Iraq is not channelled to the Popular Mobilisation Forces and affiliated organisations such as Kata'ib Hezbollah. HL2740

**Lord McInnes of Kilwinning** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 20 February (HL2204), whether they intend to apply further conditions to funding provided to the government of Iraq to prevent this funding being funnelled to other groups, including Kata'ib Hezbollah. HL2741

**Lord McInnes of Kilwinning** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 20 February (HL2204), what methods and tactics they have at their disposal when hostages are held by non-state actors within the territory of another state, such as the case of Elizabeth Tsurkov in Iraq; and what further steps they will take to facilitate her release. HL2742

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential impact of new optimal clinical pathways for those with neurological conditions. HL2743

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to work with NHS England, commissioners and providers to use the new optimal clinical pathways for the benefit of patients with neurological conditions. HL2744

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government why the scope of the Major Conditions Strategy does not include hundreds of neurological conditions. HL2745

**Lord Naseby** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that they are able to meet the targets of the Shared Rural Network programme to deliver 95 per cent 4G mobile coverage across the UK landmass by December 2025. HL2746

**Lord Naseby** to ask His Majesty's Government why they are planning to require larger retailers to accept used electrical items for recycling, including products originally bought from other retailers, rather than using existing local authority facilities and specialist scrap metal recycling units. HL2747

**Lord Naseby** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risks of the NHS using drone delivery supplies in the context of ever busier airspace and a lack of collision avoidance technology. HL2748

**Lord Oates** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to implement the recommendations of Bite Back's report *Fuel Us Don't Fool Us*, published on 22 February, concerning the sale and marketing of unhealthy food and drink to children and young people. HL2749

**Lord Patten** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the adequacy of reservoirs in England and Wales in ensuring continuous water supplies to meet (1) domestic, and (2) industrial, demand. HL2750

**Lord Patten** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made since the year 2000 of the need for new reservoirs in England and Wales. HL2751

**Lord Pearson of Rannoch** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the recent conviction of Stephen Green, whether they intend to introduce legislation to amend the Public Order Act 2023 to ensure that it is not a criminal offence to display publicly Psalm 139 anywhere. HL2752

**Lord Randall of Uxbridge** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their timetable for the (1) introduction, and (2) implementation, of activity regulations under the Animals (Low-Welfare Activities Abroad) Act 2023. HL2753

**Lord Reid of Cardowan** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the closure of the Help to Buy scheme on the property market. HL2754

**Lord Reid of Cardowan** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce a scheme providing for 99 per cent mortgages. HL2755

**Lord Reid of Cardowan** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have undertaken an impact assessment on the effects of any scheme to provide 99 per cent mortgages on the housing market. HL2756

**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the timetable for their review into operator protection devices on quad bikes. HL2757

**Lord Rogan** to ask His Majesty's Government how much the Ministry of Defence has spent in each of the past five years on surveillance operations to protect the network of undersea cables serving the British Isles from sabotage by hostile actors; and what proportion the government of the Republic of Ireland has contributed towards the cost of those operations. HL2758

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to place a copy of the Project Zebra review, associated with the Post Office Horizon scandal, in the Library of the House. HL2759

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the (1) highest, and (3) lowest, amount of compensation requested by sub-postmasters following the Post Office Horizon scandal; and what proportion of the requested amounts have been paid. HL2760

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government how many sub-postmasters wrongly prosecuted by the Post Office have since died without receiving any redress; and how many of their relatives have received full redress. HL2761

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that Royal Mail is not currently meeting its first-class and second-class letter delivery targets; and what remedial action they intend to take in response. HL2762

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government whether any Government departments knew about the flaws in the Post Office's Horizon software system prior to the privatisation of Royal Mail. HL2763

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government how many recipients of Tier 1 (Investor) visas were flagged as potentially at high risk of having links to corruption or organised crime in the recent Tier 1 (Investor) visa review. HL2764

**The Lord Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of dredging rivers and waterways while balancing environmental and habitat considerations; and, in particular, what assessment they have made of how effective this would be for the River Trent. HL2765

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking (1) to promote housing affordability and stability for renters, and (2) to support first-time buyers. HL2766

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of proposed 'Not for EU' labels on meat and dairy products on (1) food costs, and (2) exports. HL2767

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mitigate the impact of high inflation on consumers. HL2768

**Lord Truscott** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to implementing a windfall tax on the excess profits of UK banks. HL2769

**Lord Truscott** to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the total cost of eradicating homelessness in England. HL2770

**Lord Warner** to ask His Majesty's Government how many residential special educational needs schools there were in England at the end of (1) 2021, (2) 2022, and (3) 2023. HL2771

**Lord Warner** to ask His Majesty's Government how many residential special educational needs school were owned by private equity companies for the most recent date for which figures are available. HL2772

**Lord Warner** to ask His Majesty's Government how many residential special educational needs schools were rated by Ofsted as (1) outstanding, (2) good, (3) requires improvement, and (4) inadequate, at the end of 2023; and how many private equity owned schools were in each of those categories. HL2773

**Lord Warner** to ask His Majesty's Government how many residential special educational schools are currently owned by (1) charities, (2) public bodies, and (3) not for profit companies. HL2774

**Lord Warner** to ask His Majesty's Government how many children's homes there were in England at the end of (1) 2021, (2) 2022, and (3) 2023; and how many of those in each year were secure homes. HL2775

**Lord West of Spithead** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that, in future, the United Kingdom will not have to rely on foreign suppliers of nuclear technology. HL2776

**Lord West of Spithead** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to designate sites where new nuclear reactors can be tested and established, and how the processes of certification will be expedited. HL2777

**Lord West of Spithead** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the expected timescale from the decision to proceed with Hinkley Point C until it is providing power to the grid. HL2778

**Lord West of Spithead** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to ensure that in the competition to find the best modular reactor the support from agencies of the government of the United States and large US commercial enterprises for US designs will not place Rolls-Royce at a disadvantage. HL2779

**Lord West of Spithead** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the design of the Rolls-Royce nuclear reactor. HL2780

**Lord West of Spithead** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of risk of declining to adopt the Rolls-Royce reactor for the future of Britain's nuclear industry. HL2781

**Baroness Whitaker** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to request that Ipsos includes a category of "Speech, Language, and Communication Difficulties" in the annual GP Patient Survey. HL2782

**Lord Young of Cookham** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of not renewing funding for the Household Support Fund on unpaid family carers. HL2783

## 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.*

### **25 January** (8 February)

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

### **8 February** (22 February)

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

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

### **9 February** (23 February)

HL2358 Lord Dodds of Duncairn [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

### **12 February** (26 February)

HL2403 Lord Patten [Ministry of Defence]

HL2405 Baroness Randerson [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2406 Baroness Randerson [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2408 The Lord Bishop of St Albans [Home Office]

HL2409 The Lord Bishop of St Albans [Home Office]

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

Defence (1)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (6)

Home Office (2)

**Bills in Progress**

	<b>Type of Bill</b>	<b>To be considered</b>
<b>Waiting for Second Reading</b>		
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	
<b>Committed to a Special Public Bill Committee</b>		
Arbitration Bill [HL] ( <i>Law Commission Bill</i> ) ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	
<b>Committed to a Select Committee</b>		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
<b>Committed to a Grand Committee</b>		
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
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



Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disapplication or Modification of Financial Regulator Rules in Individual Cases) Regulations 2024

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

Draft Official Controls (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

**Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution**

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

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

Draft Animal Welfare (Primate Licences) (England) Regulations 2023 (27 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 (27 February)

Draft Paternity Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (27 February)

Draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (27 February)*

Draft Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling etc.) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (27 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*

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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 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 *(27 February)*

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

### **Negative Instruments**

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*

Convention on the Establishment of the ‘Global Combat Air Programme – GCAP International Government Organisation’ *Scrutiny period expires: 16 April*

### **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)

## COMMITTEES

### Committees

*Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.*

#### **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

#### **Monday 4 March**

Preterm Birth Committee		2.30pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee		4.00pm

#### **Tuesday 5 March**

International Agreements Committee	Room 3A	4.00pm
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#### **Wednesday 6 March**

Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
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#### **Thursday 7 March**

Arbitration Bill [HL] Special Public Bill Committee		2.00pm
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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

#### **Monday 18 March**

National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 4A	4.00pm
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#### **Tuesday 30 April**

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Room 2A	3.00pm
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#### **Monday 10 June**

Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	5.00pm
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## Minutes of Proceedings of Monday 26 February 2024

*The House met at 2.30pm.*

*Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.*

**1 Barony of Bradbury in the Peerage of the United Kingdom** The Petition of John Timothy Bradbury claiming to have succeeded to the Barony of Bradbury in the Peerage of the United Kingdom and praying that the Clerk of the Parliaments might be directed to enter the petitioner as Lord Bradbury on the register of hereditary peers maintained under Standing Order 9(4) was presented and referred to the Lord Chancellor for a report to the House pursuant to Standing Order 10.

**2 Lord Cormack** The Lord Speaker (Lord McFall of Alcluith) informed the House that Lord Cormack, a member of the House, had died on 24 February.

### Select Committee Reports

#### 3 Procedure and Privileges

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

Amending stages of public bills. (3rd Report, HL Paper 73)

#### 4 National Security Strategy

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

Second Special Report A hostage to fortune: ransomware and UK national security: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2023–24. (HL Paper 74)

### Public Business

**5 Overseas Territories: tax haven status** A question was asked by Baroness Chakrabarti and answered by Baroness Vere of Norbiton.

**6 NHS: neurology care** A question was asked by Lord Londesborough and answered by Lord Markham.

**7 Life sciences businesses** A question was asked by Baroness Jones of Whitchurch and answered by Lord Johnson of Lainston.

**8 Employment of people with criminal convictions** A question was asked by Baroness Burt of Solihull and answered by Lord Bellamy.

**9 Registered Office Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2023 be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

**10 Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2023 be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

**11 Service Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2023 be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

**12 Principal Office Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 December 2023 be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

**13 Victims and Prisoners Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 133. The House resumed after amendment 148E.

**14 Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024** Lord Markham moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 13 December 2023 be approved. Then Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle moved, as an amendment to the 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.” After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to.

*The House adjourned at 10.10pm until Tuesday 27 February at 2.30pm.*

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

### **Grand Committee Business**

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

**Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024** Lord Caine moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling etc.) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Caine moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling etc.) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024. The motion was agreed to.

**Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**Paternity Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Paternity Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

*The Committee adjourned at 5.07pm.*



## Papers

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

### Instrument Withdrawn

The following affirmative instrument, laid before the House on the date shown, was withdrawn:

- 1 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Funding and Investment Strategy and Amendment) Regulations 2024 (29 January)

### Statutory Instruments laid under Standing Order 70

The following instruments were laid before the House on the dates shown:

- 1 Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Returning Officers' Accounts) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 181, laid on 23 February*)
- 2 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 192, laid on 23 February*)

### Affirmative Instruments

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

- 1 Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disapplication or Modification of Financial Regulator Rules in Individual Cases) Regulations 2024
- 2 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Funding and Investment Strategy and Amendment) Regulations 2024
- 3 Draft Official Controls (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

### Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Electricity (Individual Exemption from the Requirement for a Generation Licence) (Slough Multifuel) (England) Order 2024 (195)

### Treaty subject to scrutiny under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The following paper was laid before the House by command of His Majesty, accompanied by an Explanatory Memorandum:

- 1 Defence—Convention on the Establishment of the 'Global Combat Air Programme – GCAP International Government Organisation' (1011)

### Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order 2024 (213)

### Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Levelling Up: Analysis of Geographical Disparities
- 2 Levelling Up Missions: The Role of the Devolved Legislatures and Devolved Administrations in Connection with the Missions

