

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.

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



(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 of 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”.

†**Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Coronavirus and Influenza) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2024** Lord Evans of Rainow to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 10 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February. 10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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

†**Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024** Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 15 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

†**Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024** Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 15 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

†**Bank of England Levy (Amount of Levy Payable) Regulations 2024** Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 22 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

†**Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention: Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024** Baroness Scott of Bybrook to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 20 February be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

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

†**Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024** Viscount Younger of Leckie to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 15 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

†**Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2024** Viscount Younger of Leckie to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 15 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

Media Bill Second Reading [Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay]

†**Lord Forsyth of Drumlean** to move, as an amendment to the motion that the bill be now read a second time, at end insert “but this House regrets that the bill does not make provision concerning the ownership and control by foreign governments of newspapers in the United Kingdom”.

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:

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| 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. |

Future Business

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.

†***Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of people killed or displaced throughout Sudan and Darfur during the current conflict, and what assessment they have made of warnings of impending famine.

†**Baroness Benjamin** to move that this House takes note of the Windrush scandal and the implementation and effectiveness of the Windrush Compensation Scheme. *(2½ hours)*

†**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. *(2½ hours)*

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.

†**Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill** Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the amendments for the Report stage be marshalled and considered in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 36	Clauses 209 to 214
Schedule 1	Schedule 17
Clauses 37 to 57	Clause 215
Schedule 2	Schedule 18
Clauses 58 to 125	Clauses 216 to 224
Schedule 3	Schedule 19
Clauses 126 to 128	Clauses 225 to 250
Schedule 4	Schedule 20
Clause 129	Clauses 251 to 254
Schedule 5	Schedule 21
Clause 130	Clause 255
Schedule 6	Schedule 22
Clauses 131 to 137	Clauses 256 to 283
Schedule 7	Schedule 23
Clause 138	Clauses 284 to 294
Schedule 8	Schedule 24
Clauses 139 to 143	Clauses 295 to 300
Schedules 9 to 11	Schedule 25
Clause 144	Clauses 301 to 308
Schedule 12	Schedule 26
Clause 145	Clauses 309 to 324
Schedule 13	Schedule 27
Clauses 146 to 150	Clauses 325 to 326
Schedules 14 to 15	Schedule 28
Clauses 151 to 208	Clauses 327 to 339
Schedule 16	Title.

†**Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill** Report [Lord Sharpe of Epsom]

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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Wednesday 28 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 1 March.*

†**Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton** to move that this House takes note of the United Kingdom's position on foreign affairs.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

†**Waste Enforcement (Fixed Penalty Receipts) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Douglas-Miller] *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Douglas-Miller]

†*The following four motions are expected to be debated together:*

†**Electricity Supplier Obligations (Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston] *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Renewables Obligation (Amendment) (Energy Intensive Industries) Order 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston] *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Energy-Intensive Industry Electricity Support Payments and Levy Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston] *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Electricity Capacity (Supplier Payment etc.) (Amendment and Excluded Electricity) Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Johnson of Lainston] *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Data Protection Act 2018 (Amendment of Schedule 2 Exemptions) Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Remedial) Order 2023** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *1st Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights*

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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 29 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 4 March.*

†*It is expected that the Report stage of the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill will continue, and that it will conclude.*

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.

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

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

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.

Friday 8 March 2024 at 10.00am

†**Baroness Barran** to move that this House takes note of International Women's Day and the steps taken to promote the economic inclusion of women.

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.

***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.

Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to require credit card issuers to provide a full description of goods or services provided on their customer invoices.

†***Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to improve food security.

†***Lord Trefgarne** to ask His Majesty's Government what has been the cost to public funds of the arms and ammunition supplied to Ukraine so far.

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.

†**Lord Scriven** to move that this House takes note of countries that use sporting events to “sportswash” their human rights record, and the complicity of sporting bodies in aiding this practice.

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*)

†**Lord Jackson of Peterborough** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce the proportion of foreign national offenders incarcerated across the prison estate. (*Ministry of Justice*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 27 February and due for answer by 12 March.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government how many asylum seekers from Nicaragua have arrived in the UK in each year since 2018; and how many of those have been granted asylum so far. HL2784

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Nicaraguan regime's attack on religious leaders, journalists, opposition leaders and human rights defenders. HL2785

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to international bodies since 2018 in relation to the human rights situation in Nicaragua; and what sanctions they have imposed upon those most responsible for human rights violations in Nicaragua since 2018. HL2786

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of how many Rohingya refugees are in Cox's Bazar; what discussions they have had with the government of Bangladesh concerning (1) the protection of refugees in Cox's Bazar, and (2) future arrangements for their protection. HL2787

Lord Anderson of Ipswich to ask His Majesty's Government what use, if any, has been made of the power in section 66 of the Immigration Act 2014 to deprive naturalised citizens of their British citizenship even when the consequence is to render them stateless; and what assessment they have made of the utility of that power. HL2788

Lord Birt to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to allow landlords of rented properties to claim (1) adding insulation where there was none before, and (2) upgrading a central heating boiler from an older, less efficient model, as expenses. HL2789

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made, if any, of the availability of NHS dentistry. HL2790

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made, if any, of the health of children's teeth nationally in England. HL2791

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of the Republic of Ireland about the defence of the Western Atlantic. HL2792

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to prevent under-18s from being exposed to gambling advertisement, sponsorship and marketing on social media and online platforms. HL2793

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure high recycling rates under the Simpler Recycling policy; and how such rates will be assessed to give consumers confidence. HL2794

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have assessed the effectiveness of introducing statutory guidance on Simpler Recycling which mandates the sorting of materials in order to be recycled by Material Recovery Facilities. HL2795

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have assessed the impact of mandating the sorting of co-mingled materials collected from households on increasing recycling rates under the Simpler Recycling policy. HL2796

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government whether they submitted any cross appeal on the finding of the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal in the matter of an application by James Allister and others that the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland created an inconsistency with Article 6 of the Acts of Union.

HL2797

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government how many foreign national offenders they have removed from the United Kingdom at the conclusion of their custodial sentences in each of the past ten years.

HL2798

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to issuing guidance on the placement and design of (1) electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and (2) micromobility parking provision.

HL2799

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the report commissioned by the Local Government Association *The path to inclusive footways*, published on 10 February, what steps they are taking to ensure utilities providers pay for reinstatement works where they have caused disruption to footways.

HL2800

Lord Kempson to ask His Majesty's Government how many designated smoking and vaping areas are currently located within the central Government administrative estate.

HL2801

Lord Kempson to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of the central Government administrative estate has installed smart meters.

HL2802

Lord Kempson to ask His Majesty's Government to provide an update on the principles or guidelines that are currently in place for the design and execution of public consultations by central Government; and whether the Government holds a cross-departmental register of all consultations across departments and their public bodies.

HL2803

Baroness Manzoor to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the extent of racism and discrimination within the NHS; what steps NHS England are taking to collate data on this issue; and how they disseminate best practice to improve working culture within the NHS.

HL2804

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Davies of Gower on 22 February (HL2450), whether the LEVI Fund can be used for the provision of lamp-post charging; and what standards they have set with electricity suppliers to facilitate the provision of those additional charging points.

HL2805

Lord Sharkey to ask His Majesty's Government what, if any, statutory powers they have to issue binding directions to (1) the Financial Conduct Authority, and (2) the Prudential Regulation Authority; and on how many occasions in each year since 2010 they have been exercised.

HL2806

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the recent survey conducted by Boston Consulting Group, what steps they are taking to address the chief concerns identified by businesses, such as (1) high energy prices, and (2) taxation.

HL2807

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of recent data from the British Retail Consortium which found that food inflation in February was at its lowest rate in almost two years; and what assessment they have made of the impact this will have on consumer confidence.

HL2808

Lord Truscott to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report commissioned by the Local Government Association *The path to inclusive footways*, published on 10 February; and what steps they are taking to ensure that (1) electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and (2) micromobility parking provision, do not obstruct footways.

HL2809

Lord Truscott to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of highway funding is spent on footways.

HL2810

Lord Warner to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the share size that private for-profit companies have of the market for residential special educational needs schools; what assessment they have made of whether competition in that sector is reducing; and what discussions they have had with the Competition and Markets Authority concerning investigations into that sector.

HL2811

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have held with railway operators to avoid disruption such as occurred on 26 February on trains to Gatwick; what discussions they have held with airlines regarding compensation for those who may miss their flights as a result of rail disruption; and what steps they will take to avoid such scenarios in future.

HL2812

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of when postmasters and postmistresses will receive legal exoneration through legislation; and when they expect that legislation to come into force.

HL2813

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government, following the request made by the Northern Ireland Executive, what assessment they have made of widening the scope of the legislation to reverse the convictions of sub-postmasters so that applies to Northern Ireland.

HL2814

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what financial commitment they will be making to the building of Casement Park in Belfast.

HL2815

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government why money allocated to Fresh Start Agreement funding has been repurposed to the general Northern Ireland budget.

HL2816

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government whether they remain committed to the Fresh Start Agreement funding programme.

HL2817

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the average costs to parents of providing school uniform for pupils attending (1) primary, and (2) secondary, state schools.

HL2818

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reconsider the commitment in the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's command paper, Civil Nuclear Roadmap to 2050, published in January, "not to support the use of plutonium stored at Sellafield by Advanced Nuclear Technologies".

HL2819

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to invest in the development of technologies associated with the fourth industrial revolution.

HL2820

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]

12 February (26 February)

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

13 February (27 February)

HL2416 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL2418 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL2421 Lord Berkeley [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities]

HL2423 Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury [Department for Culture, Media and Sport]

HL2429 The Earl of Effingham [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2434 Baroness Hoey [Department for Business and Trade]

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

Business and Trade (1)

Culture, Media and Sport (1)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (6)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (2)

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
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	4 March

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 *15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 15th Report*

Draft West Midlands Combined Authority (Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 15th Report*

Draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024 *15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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 Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Coronavirus and Influenza) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2024 *10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (28 February)*

Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2024 *(28 February)*

Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024 *(28 February)*

Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024 *(28 February)*

Draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024 *(28 February)*

Draft Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *(5 March)*

Draft Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024

Draft Bank of England Levy (Amount of Levy Payable) Regulations 2024 *(28 February)*

Draft Electricity Capacity (Supplier Payment etc.) (Amendment and Excluded Electricity) Regulations 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (5 March)*

Draft Electricity Supplier Obligations (Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (5 March)*

Draft Energy-Intensive Industry Electricity Support Payments and Levy Regulations 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (5 March)*

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

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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 (5 March)*

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 (5 March)*

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

Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention: Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 (28 February)

Draft Waste Enforcement (Fixed Penalty Receipts) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (5 March) *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Negative Instruments

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*

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 15th Report. Praying time ends 23 March*

Supreme Court Fees Order 2024 *15th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 25 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 (5 March)*

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*

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*

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*

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

Protocol on the Accession of the United Kingdom to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership *Reported by the International Agreements Committee on 20 February. Scrutiny period expires: 22 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

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

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
Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee		3.30pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee		4.00pm

Tuesday 5 March

Science and Technology Committee		10.00am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee		10.30am
Built Environment Committee		10.30am
Industry and Regulators Committee		10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee		2.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee		3.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 3A	4.00pm

Wednesday 6 March

Financial Services Regulation Committee		10.00am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Private meeting	2.45pm

Thursday 7 March

Arbitration Bill [HL] Special Public Bill Committee		2.00pm
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Tuesday 12 March

Finance Committee		12.30pm
European Affairs Committee		4.00pm

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 Tuesday 27 February 2024

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Leeds.

Select Committee Report

1 Secondary Legislation Scrutiny

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

Drawn to the special attention of the House:

Draft West Midlands Combined Authority (Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions) Order 2024 and one linked instrument

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) Order 2024

Includes information paragraphs on:

Draft Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024

Supreme Court Fees Order 2024. (15th Report, HL Paper 75)

Public Business

2 **Gender pay gap** A question was asked by Baroness Thornton and answered by Baroness Barran.

3 **Avanti trains** A question was asked by Lord Snape and answered by Lord Davies of Gower.

4 **Post Office: executive remuneration** A question was asked by Lord Sikka and answered by Lord Johnson of Lainston.

5 **Shamima Begum** A question was asked by Lord Dubs and answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

6 **Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024** Lord Caine moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 10 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

7 **Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling etc.) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Caine moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 10 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

8 **Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 10 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

9 **Paternity Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 10 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

10 **Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 1 February be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

11 **Israel and Gaza** Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon repeated a statement made in the House of Commons.

12 **Post Office Horizon: compensation and legislation** Lord Johnson of Lainston answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 26 February.

13 Animal Welfare (Primate Licences) (England) Regulations 2023 Lord Douglas-Miller moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 14 December 2023 be approved. Then Baroness Hayman of Ullock moved, as an amendment to the 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.” After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to.

14 Northern Ireland Lord Caine moved 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. Then Baroness Hoey moved, as an amendment to the 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 disappplied 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.” After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to, and it was ordered that the Address be presented to His Majesty by the Lord Chamberlain.

The House adjourned at 9.21pm until Wednesday 28 February at 3.00pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

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

Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Coronavirus and Influenza) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2024 Lord Evans of Rainow moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Coronavirus and Influenza) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024 Baroness Vere of Norbiton moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024 Baroness Vere of Norbiton moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024. The motion was agreed to.

Bank of England Levy (Amount of Levy Payable) Regulations 2024 Baroness Vere of Norbiton moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Bank of England Levy (Amount of Levy Payable) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention: Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 Baroness Scott of Bybrook moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention: Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

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Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024 Viscount Younger of Leckie moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2024 Viscount Younger of Leckie moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The Committee adjourned at 6.55pm.

Papers

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

Command Papers

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

- 1 Terrorism—Government Response to the Annual Report from the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation on the Operation of the Terrorism Acts in 2021. (1022)
- 2 Explanatory Memorandum—Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Strategy and Policy Statement for Energy Policy in Great Britain laid on 21 February. (—)

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (220)
- 2 Water Industry (Special Administration) (England and Wales) Rules 2024 (229)

Paper not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland 2021–22

