

**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)*

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



## Future Business

### 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 Offord of Garvel to move that the amendments for the Report stage be marshalled and considered in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 36	Schedule 8
Schedule 1	Clauses 139 to 143
Clauses 37 to 57	Schedules 9 to 11
Schedule 2	Clause 144
Clauses 58 to 125	Schedule 12
Schedule 3	Clause 145
Clauses 126 to 128	Schedule 13
Schedule 4	Clauses 146 to 150
Clause 129	Schedules 14 to 15
Schedule 5	Clauses 151 to 208
Clause 130	Schedule 16
Schedule 6	Clauses 209 to 214
Clauses 131 to 137	Schedule 17
Schedule 7	Clause 215
Clause 138	Schedule 18

Clauses 216 to 224	Schedule 24
Schedule 19	Clauses 295 to 300
Clauses 225 to 250	Schedule 25
Schedule 20	Clauses 301 to 308
Clauses 251 to 254	Schedule 26
Schedule 21	Clauses 309 to 324
Clause 255	Schedule 27
Schedule 22	Clauses 325 to 326
Clauses 256 to 283	Schedule 28
Schedule 23	Clauses 327 to 339
Clauses 284 to 294	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 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.

†*Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 4 March, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 5 March.*

## 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.

### **Wednesday 27 March 2024 at 3.00pm**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Wheeler** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve treatment and care for those of working age who are affected by stroke.

†\***Lord Krebs** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to carry forward surplus emissions from the Third Carbon Budget, in the light of the advice of the Committee on Climate Change published on 28 February.

†\***The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to protect regional arts organisations and facilities funded by local authorities, particularly where those local authorities are facing financial difficulties. [1]



## 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 28 February and due for answer by 13 March.*

**Lord Addington** to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect all paediatric audiology services in England to be accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service's Improving Quality in Physiological Services scheme, and what plans they have to increase accreditation of audiology services nationally. HL2821

**Lord Addington** to ask His Majesty's Government, as part of the Paediatric Hearing Services Improvement Programme, how many reviews of patient records have been undertaken, and how many children have been identified as requiring reassessment. HL2822

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are taking steps through the Financial Action Task Force against Russia for violating sanctions on North Korea. HL2823

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of concerns about a lack of preparedness for the holding of elections in South Sudan, as expressed in the discussion paper *How (not) to hold elections in South Sudan* published by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in April 2023. HL2824

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the remarks of the chairman of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission that there is a lack of political agreement in South Sudan to enable free and credible elections to take place; and whether they intend to make representations to the government of South Sudan on voter registration and expediting the work of the National Elections Commission. HL2825

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure the prompt delivery of the pledged £2.5 billion from the sale of Chelsea Football Club to support victims of Russia's invasion of Ukraine; and when they anticipate that this will happen. HL2826

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Tunisia on the imprisonment of Rached Ghannouchi and of other opposition figures. HL2827

**Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent** to ask His Majesty's Government what was the gender breakdown of people leaving the Armed Forces in each year from 2010 to 2023. HL2828

**Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the gender breakdown of (1) people currently employed by the Ministry of Defence and associated agencies, and (2) civil servants employed by the Ministry of Defence, by grade. HL2829

**Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent** to ask His Majesty's Government how many sexual harassment specialists are employed in Defence Business Services. HL2830

**Lord Berkeley** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in setting up the Road Safety Investigation Branch. HL2831

**Baroness Browning** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address barriers to discharge from mental health inpatient units for autistic people and people with learning disabilities related to the provision of (1) suitable housing, and (2) social care support. HL2832

**Baroness Browning** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of the dynamic support register and Care (Education) and Treatment Review policy for autistic people without a learning difficulty in (1) preventing hospital admissions, and (2) speeding up hospital discharges. HL2833

**Baroness Browning** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that Care (Education) and Treatment Reviews are taking place within recommended timeframes, and that recommendations arising from those reviews are being acted on. HL2834

**Baroness Chakrabarti** to ask His Majesty's Government what guidance, if any, they provide to ensure that the work of the National Security Online Information Team is compliant with protection of the rights to freedom of expression and privacy; and whether they will publish that guidance. HL2835

**Lord Dodds of Duncairn** to ask His Majesty's Government whether, prior to the United Kingdom leaving the European Union, seed potatoes could be moved by professional operators to consumers in Northern Ireland. HL2836

**Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of claims that Drax Power Station is burning wood from rare forests in Canada; and whether such behaviour is consistent with the terms of the environmental subsidies provided to it. HL2837

**Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Douglas-Miller on 22 February (HL Deb col 701), what assessment they have made of the merits of returning peatland sites to fully functioning bog habitat, including by limiting burning regimes. HL2838

**Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government whether payments to farmers in England to rewet upland peat are sufficient (1) to offset management costs and provide income to the farmers, and (2) to ensure levels of restoration activity that are consistent with short-term and long-term targets. HL2839

**Baroness Hoey** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the amount of drone equipment and heavy machinery going from the UK to Armenia, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan which is then sent on to Russia. HL2840

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are taking steps to ensure that NHS organisations assess the purchase of absorbent continence products and their dispensation to patients based on (1) their impact on patient experience and outcomes, (2) whole-system costs, (3) laundry costs, including energy use, and (4) environmental impact, as well as item price; and what assessment they have made of the savings that would accrue to such organisations in doing so. HL2841

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking with NHS England to promote the principles of value-based procurement in the purchase and dispensation of absorbent continence products; and to ensure that pressure on NHS organisations to deliver short-term savings does not undermine the adoption of those principles. HL2842

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government whether the NHS refers patients with Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder to the Birmingham Food Refusal Service. HL2843

**Lord Laming** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report from the Local Government Information Unit, *The State of Local Government Finance in England 2024*, published on 28 February, which suggests that half the councils in England will face bankruptcy within the next Parliament. HL2844

**Baroness Lister of Burtersett** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Sharpe of Epsom on 14 February (HL2168), whether they will now answer the question put; namely, what assessment they have made of the findings of the report *Ghettoised and traumatised: the experiences of men held in quasi-detention in Wethersfield*, published by the Helen Bamber Foundation and Humans for Rights Network on 15 December 2023, and their implications for housing asylum seekers at MDP Wethersfield. HL2845

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the adequacy of integrated care board performance reports; and what discussions they have had with NHS England concerning that matter. HL2846

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of integrated care boards in the financial year 2022–23. HL2847

**Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to initiating a public awareness campaign regarding the accessibility of charge points for electric vehicle users, particularly in relation to (1) disabled users, and (2) personal safety considerations for all users. HL2848

**Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to mandating a uniform application process for all distribution network operators to reduce costs and delays and to level the playing field for electric vehicle charge point operators. HL2849

**Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to mandating electric vehicle charging point accessibility standards to remove any economic disadvantages incurred through voluntary compliance by charge point operators. HL2850

**Baroness Redfern** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that support provided to prison leavers to secure available housing and potential job opportunities is coordinated. HL2851

**Baroness Redfern** to ask His Majesty's Government when they intend to publish the results of the 2021 consultation on the fur market in Great Britain. HL2852

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government how many individuals have arrived into the UK via irregular routes since 7 March 2023; and of those individuals, how many have a case for refugee status started by the Home Office. HL2853

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government how many councils have indicated that they are in financial distress and may have to issue a section 114 notice within the next two years. HL2854

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied children seeking asylum who were housed in Home Office hotels are still missing; and what is the breakdown of (1) ages, and (2) length of time missing, for those children. HL2855

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to assess any correlation between recent increases in swap rates and rising mortgage rates. HL2856

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the National Housing Federation report *The economic impact of building social housing*, published in February, what assessment they have made of the economic benefits gained by investing in social housing. HL2857

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support exporters affected by delays and higher shipping costs as a result of Houthi attacks in the Red Sea. HL2858

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the Migration Advisory Committee's report *Rapid review of the Immigration Salary List*, published in February, what assessment they have made of the impact of the increased salary threshold for the Skilled Workers Visa on the ability of UK employers to fill jobs in key shortage areas. HL2859

**Lord Tyrie** to ask His Majesty's Government, since its creation, how many whistleblowers the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has compensated; how much in aggregate has been paid in compensation; and what reimbursement has the CMA received from the Treasury for compensation payments made. HL2860

**Lord Watson of Wyre Forest** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to review the findings of the First-tier Tribunal ruling relating to the appeal of Jane O'Connor against the Ministry of Defence [2024] UKFTT 00153 (GRC), regarding the health impacts on veterans exposed to radiation during nuclear tests; and what steps they intend to take in response. HL2861

**Lord Watson of Wyre Forest** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the findings of the First-tier Tribunal in the appeal of Jane O'Connor against the Ministry of Defence [2024] UKFTT 00153 (GRC), what assessment they have made of the accessibility of the 150 records withheld by AWE Aldermaston; and what plans they have to review of the accessibility of these records. HL2862

**Lord Watson of Wyre Forest** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the First-tier Tribunal ruling on the appeal of Jane O'Connor against the Ministry of Defence [2024] UKFTT 00153 (GRC), what plans they have to reassess procedures for access to historical records relating to the health outcomes of nuclear test veterans. HL2863

**Lord Watson of Wyre Forest** to ask His Majesty's Government what specific actions they are considering to address the findings of the First-tier Tribunal on the appeal of Jane O'Connor against the Ministry of Defence [2024] UKFTT 00153 (GRC), particularly in relation to the welfare and recognition of nuclear test veterans. HL2864

**Lord Weir of Ballyholme** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the total amount of (1) resource expenditure, and (2) capital expenditure, repurposed from previously allocated funding to form part of the package of overall funding offered to restore devolution in Northern Ireland. HL2865

**Lord Weir of Ballyholme** to ask His Majesty's Government what areas of previously allocated expenditure within the Northern Ireland Block Grant were repurposed to form part of the package for restored devolution in Northern Ireland. HL2866

## 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]

### **13 February** (27 February)

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

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

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

### **14 February** (28 February)

HL2468 Baroness Hayman of Ullock [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2469 Baroness Hayman of Ullock [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2470 Baroness Hayman of Ullock [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2472 Baroness Hayman of Ullock [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2493 Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick [Department of Health and Social Care]

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

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (10)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (1)

Health and Social Care (1)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (1)

**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	
Road Traffic Offences (Cycling) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill	Government	
Leasehold and Freehold Reform 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
Media Bill	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 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
Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (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 Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (5 March)

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

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

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

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

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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

### **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*

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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 Goodlad (29 February)

Lord Bamford (1 March)

## COMMITTEES

### Committees

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

#### **Thursday 29 February**

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

#### **Monday 4 March**

Preterm Birth Committee	Room 3	2.30pm
Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee	Room 1	3.30pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee	Room 2	4.00pm

#### **Tuesday 5 March**

Science and Technology Committee	Room 1	10.00am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 2	10.15am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Built Environment Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 4	2.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 3	3.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 3A	4.15pm

#### **Wednesday 6 March**

Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 3	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 1	10.30am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee	Room 3	3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

#### **Thursday 7 March**

Arbitration Bill [HL] Special Public Bill Committee	Room 3	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
Public Services Committee	Virtual Meeting	3.00pm

#### **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 Wednesday 28 February 2024

*The House met at 3.00pm.*

*Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Leeds.*

1 **Retirement** The Lord Speaker (Lord McFall of Alcluith) informed the House of the retirement with effect from 28 February of Lord Plant of Highfield under section 1 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014.

2 **Notification of retirement** The Clerk of the Parliaments informed the House that he had received written notice from Lord Bamford under section 1 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 stating that he would retire from the House on 1 March.

### Select Committee Reports

#### 3 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

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

Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill. (12th Report, HL Paper 76)

#### 4 Statutory Instruments

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

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. (13th Report, HL Paper 77)

### Public Business

5 **Skill shortages in business and industry** A question was asked by Lord Storey and answered by Baroness Barran.

6 **UNICEF: child poverty rankings** A question was asked by Lord Rooker and answered by Viscount Younger of Leckie.

7 **Housing Benefit: temporary accommodation** A question was asked by Baroness Thornhill and answered by Viscount Younger of Leckie.

8 **Housebuilding** A question was asked by Lord Young of Cookham and answered by Baroness Scott of Bybrook.

**9 Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill** A bill to prohibit the grant or assignment of certain new long residential leases of houses, to amend the rights of tenants under long residential leases to acquire the freeholds of their houses, to extend the leases of their houses or flats, and to collectively enfranchise or manage the buildings containing their flats, to give such tenants the right to reduce the rent payable under their leases to a peppercorn, to regulate the relationship between residential landlords and tenants, to regulate residential estate management, to regulate rentcharges and to amend the Building Safety Act 2022 in connection with the remediation of building defects and the insolvency of persons who have repairing obligations relating to certain kinds of buildings was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 50)

**10 Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 50–EN)

**11 Procedure and Privileges** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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. Then Earl Attlee moved, as an amendment to the 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.” After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to.

**12 Standing Orders (Public Business)** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved 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 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”.

The motion was agreed to.

**13 Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Coronavirus and Influenza) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2024** Lord Evans of Rainow moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 10 January be approved. The motion was agreed to.

**14 Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024** Baroness Vere of Norbiton moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 15 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

**15 Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024** Baroness Vere of Norbiton moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 15 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

**16 Bank of England Levy (Amount of Levy Payable) Regulations 2024** Baroness Vere of Norbiton moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 22 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

**17 Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention: Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024** Baroness Scott of Bybrook moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 20 February be approved. The motion was agreed to.

**18 Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024** Viscount Younger of Leckie moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 15 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

**19 Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2024** Viscount Younger of Leckie moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 15 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

20 **Media Bill** Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay moved that the bill be now read a second time. Then Lord Forsyth of Drumlean moved, as an amendment to the motion, 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”. After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to. Then Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay moved that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and that it be an instruction to the Committee 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.

The motion was agreed to.

21 **Ukraine** The Earl of Minto answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Thursday 22 February.

*The House adjourned at 10.01pm until Thursday 29 February at 11.00am.*

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

## Papers

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

### Command Paper

The following paper was presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

- 1 Hazardous Substances—Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, concluded at Basel on 22 March 1989. (1039)

### Affirmative Instrument

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

- 1 Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (218)

### Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Copyright and Performances (Application to Other Countries) (Amendment) Order 2024 (193)
- 2 Aviation Security (Air Cargo Agents) Regulations 2024 (228)
- 3 Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (231)

### Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions (Amendment) Order 2024 (191)



