

**GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS**

**TODAY'S LISTS
THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024**

[Notes about this document are set out at the end]

Business in the Chamber at 11.00am

Prayers by the Bishop of Manchester (5 minutes)

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. **(The Earl of Minto, MoD)**
- * 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. **(Lord Gardiner of Kimble, SDS)**
- * Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the work of the Environment Agency in protecting public health and the environment. **(Lord Douglas-Miller, DEFRA)**
- * Lord Bellingham to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to revise the Zimbabwe sanctions regime in the light of the recent announcement by the government of the United States that it will adjust and tighten its sanctions. **(Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, FCDO)**

Senior Deputy Speaker's Business

Two Select Committee appointment motions en bloc - Lord Gardiner of Kimble

Main Business

Lord Blunkett to move that this House takes note of the contribution of higher education to national growth, productivity and levelling-up. (Time-limited to 3 hours)

Speakers:

- L Blunkett
- L Patten
- B Blackstone
- B Garden of Frognal
- 5 B Wolf of Dulwich
- L Howarth of Newport (Virtual)
- L Willetts

- L Liddle
L Londesborough
10 V Chandos
L Storey
L Johnson of Marylebone
L Bilimoria
B Chapman of Darlington
15 B Bennett of Manor Castle
B Prashar
L Norton of Louth
V Hanworth
L Mountevans
20 L Parekh
L Shipley
L Vaizey of Didcot
L Watson of Invergowrie
L Freyberg

25 L Wallace of Saltaire
B Wilcox of Newport
B Barran
L Blunkett

Except for Lord Blunkett (15 minutes), Lord Wallace of Saltaire (10 minutes), Baroness Wilcox of Newport (10 minutes) and Baroness Barran (20 minutes), all speeches are limited to 5 minutes

Questions on an Oral Statement made in the House of Commons on Wednesday 28 February (40 minutes)

'Defence Acquisition Reform' - The Earl of Minto (MoD)

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. (Time-limited to 2 hours)

Speakers:

- B Armstrong of Hill Top
L Mawson
B Bennett of Manor Castle
B Chapman of Darlington
5 L Mann
B Donaghy
Bp Norwich

L Shipley
B Taylor of Stevenage
10 B Swinburne
B Armstrong of Hill Top

Except for Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top (15 minutes), Baroness Swinburne (20 minutes), all speeches are limited to 10 minutes

Estimated rising time

The House is expected to rise at around 5.30pm.

Notes:

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