

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.

Future Business**Monday 11 March 2024 at 2.30pm**

†**Lord Petitgas** will be introduced.

Stuart Marks will be introduced as a Baron.

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.

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill Report [Lord Offord of Garvel] *Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought, 3rd and 13th Reports from the Delegated Powers Committee*

Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 2.30pm

†**Lord Booth** will be introduced.

John Fuller OBE will be introduced as a Baron.

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.

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



***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 in 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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 8 March.

Four questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (40 minutes).

†**Lord Young of Cookham** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs when he will next meet the President of the European Commission.

†**Lord Oates** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what consideration he has given to introducing measures to compel private creditors to take part in debt restructuring for low- and middle-income countries facing debt crises.

†**Viscount Stansgate** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what steps he is taking to increase the amount of humanitarian aid to Gaza.

†**Baroness Smith of Basildon** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what steps he is taking to support the BBC World Service, particularly in relation to (1) its special provision in response to emergency situations, and (2) the challenges posed to it by disinformation campaigns backed by foreign state actors.

Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill Third Reading [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *2nd Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, 3rd Report from the Constitution Committee*

Victims and Prisoners Bill Committee (day 7) [Lord Bellamy] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought, 7th Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee, 1st Report from the Constitution Committee*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Barran]

Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Scott of Bybrook]

Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Callanan] *15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

National Minimum Wage (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Offord of Garvel]

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 forest degradation 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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 9 March.

It is expected that the Report stage of the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill will continue, and that it will conclude.

West Midlands Combined Authority (Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions) Order 2024 Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 7 February be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 15th Report (Dinner break business)*

Lord Bach to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert "but this House regrets that the draft Order entails the transfer of power being completed without the consent of other relevant local authorities, and without the consent of the people of the West Midlands through a vote; and notes that the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee concluded that the public consultation required by law was not commenced before an initial decision was made."

Thursday 14 March 2024 at 11.00am

Lord Shamash will be introduced.

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 oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 8 March, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 12 March.

Lord McInnes of Kilwinning to move that this House takes note of the case for strengthening and safeguarding the union of the United Kingdom. [I]

Lord McNally to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the regulation of news broadcasting companies. *(Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour)*

Lord Young of Cookham to move that this House takes note of the housing needs of young people.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill Committee [Lord Douglas-Miller] *Scottish Legislative Consent granted, Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

Monday 18 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Lord Banner will be introduced.

James Jamieson OBE will be introduced as a Baron.

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 Tradeshaw 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.

Lord Shipley to move that this House takes note of current local government finances and the impact on local communities. (*Balloted debate*)

Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 11 March, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 12 March.

Lord Scriven to move that this House takes note of countries that use sporting events to "sportswash" their human rights record, and the role of sporting bodies in aiding this practice. (*Balloted debate*)

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 Abbots** 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]

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*

Baroness Pitkeathley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Integration of Primary and Community Care Committee *Patients at the centre: integrating primary and community care* (HL Paper 18). *15 December 2023*

Baroness Hamwee to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Justice and Home Affairs Committee *Cutting crime: better community sentences* (1st Report, HL Paper 27). *28 December 2023*

Baroness Drake to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Constitution Committee *Permanent secretaries: their appointment and removal* (17th Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 258). *20 October 2023*

Motion Relating to Delegated Legislation

Lord Rennard to move that this House regrets the Government’s decision to lay the draft Representation of the People (Variation of Election Expenses and Exclusions) Regulations 2024, given the large scale of the proposed increases, the proximity of elections on 2 May, the lack of evidence of parties and candidates being constrained in their ability to reach voters by current expense limits, and the effect of increasing reporting thresholds on reducing transparency of funding for elections. *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Motion Relating to a Treaty

Lord Goldsmith to move that this House takes note of the Protocol on the Accession of the United Kingdom to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, laid before the House on 19 February. *Special attention drawn by the International Agreements Committee, 6th Report*

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.

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 Abbots 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)*

Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to incentivise the food and drinks industry to reformulate their products to use less processed sugar and healthier natural alternatives. *(Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)*

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government how UK aid is used to support minorities in Pakistan. *(Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)*

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of gambling advertising, marketing and sponsorship on problem gambling. *(Department for Culture, Media & Sport)*

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 7 March and due for answer by 21 March.

Earl Attlee to ask His Majesty's Government what their policy is on enforcing the size requirements for signage in paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to the Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (General) Order 2003; and, in particular, under what circumstances a vehicle would be stopped from being used on roads under this provision. HL3096

Earl Attlee to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to increasing the size tolerance for signage in paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to the Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (General) Order 2003 in the interests of simplifying transportation for industry. HL3097

Baroness Cox to ask His Majesty's Government, following recent attacks on civilians and UN peacekeepers, what is their assessment of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei capacity at its current troop level to protect civilians in Abyei Administrative Area. HL3098

Baroness Cox to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the governments of Sudan and South Sudan to implement the UN Security Council's recommendations in the Secretary-General's Report on the situation in Abyei. HL3099

Baroness Cox to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of South Sudan concerning the implementation of President Kiir's decree on the disarmament of any violent groups within the Ngok and Twic Dinka communities. HL3100

Baroness Cox to ask His Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the humanitarian situation in Abyei, following any conflict-induced internal displacements; and what support they will provide to enable the safe return of any internally displaced persons to their homes. HL3101

Baroness Deech to ask His Majesty's Government which genocides, other than Jewish, will be included in the Holocaust Learning Centre planned for Victoria Tower Gardens; on what criteria they have been selected; whether representatives of those affected communities have been consulted concerning their inclusion; and whether those communities have been asked to contribute to the cost of the Learning Centre. HL3102

Baroness Deech to ask His Majesty's Government what will be the theme of each of the exhibition rooms constituting the Holocaust Learning Centre planned for Victoria Tower Gardens. HL3103

Baroness Deech to ask His Majesty's Government what is their current estimate of the cost of building the planned Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in Victoria Tower Gardens. HL3104

Baroness Deech to ask His Majesty's Government what consultations they have carried out with UK Jewish communities which are not part of the United Synagogue concerning the planned Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in Victoria Tower Gardens. HL3105

Baroness Deech to ask His Majesty's Government why the National Muslim War Memorial will not be situated in Westminster. HL3106

Baroness Deech to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Mayor of London concerning the location of the memorial for victims of the transatlantic slave trade. HL3107

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of their levelling-up measures in Northern Ireland in each of the past five years. HL3108

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the working relationship between the Treasury and the Fiscal Council of Northern Ireland. HL3109

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have sought to canvass the views of the EU Council of Ministers and MEPs about their readiness to remove those requirements set out by Article 4(3) of EU Regulation 2023/1231 before committing to remove statutory quotas for identity checks pertaining to the movement of goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland beyond the red lane. HL3110

The Earl of Effingham to ask His Majesty's Government, in the light of reports that homelessness among military veterans in England increased by 14 per cent in the past 12 months, what steps they plan to take to ensure that ongoing regular training on the benefits of financial, dietary and physical education are provided to members of the armed forces throughout their careers rather than only as they leave the armed forces. HL3111

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what local revenue raising conditions were attached to the recent financial package awarded to the Northern Ireland Executive. HL3112

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of any dangers to some users of the commonly prescribed asthma drug montelukast. HL3113

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government, in relation to the use of montelukast in the UK, what assessment they have made of the US Food and Drug Administration's issuing a "black box warning" in March 2020 about serious mental health side effects of the drug and restricting its use for allergic rhinitis. HL3114

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the level of awareness by doctors of any dangers of the commonly prescribed drug montelukast, as highlighted by the US Food and Drug Administration in March 2020, that the use of the drug resulted in "a wide variety of mental health side effects have been reported, including completed suicides". HL3115

Baroness Janke to ask His Majesty's Government, in the light of the recent decisions by the governments of Belgium, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands suspending the licensing of arms and military equipment to Israel, whether they will review the United Kingdom's Strategic Export Licensing Criteria and suspend the licensing of arms and military equipment to Israel. HL3116

Baroness Merron to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Markham on 1 February (HL1933), what are the agreed efficiency standards following restoration of breast screening services since the COVID-19 pandemic; how this decision was made; and by whom. HL3117

Baroness Merron to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Markham on 1 February (HL1933), what were the agreed efficiency standards for breast cancer screening prior to the restoration of services since the COVID-19 pandemic; and what are the agreed efficiency standards now. HL3118

Baroness Merron to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Markham on 1 February (HL1933), what progress they have made on reducing variation in breast screening services since 2019. HL3119

Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer to ask His Majesty's Government with regard to the ban on the use of neonicotinoids, what is their rationale for allowing a derogation in 2024 year for sugar beet growers; and for how many years an emergency authorisation can be in place. HL3120

Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer to ask His Majesty's Government, with regard to the *Statement of reasons for the decision on the application for emergency authorisation for the use of Cruiser SB on sugar beet crops in 2024*, updated on 18 January, what steps they are taking to ensure that sugar beet growers are able to comply with the conditions of emergency use, in particular that (1) "Only a specific list of crops, none of which flower before harvest, are permitted to be planted in the same field as treated sugar beet within 32 months", and (2) "no further use of thiamethoxam seed treatments on the same field within 46 months"; and what assessment they have made of likely compliance from sugar beet growers given restrictions on land supply and restrictions on reuse of a field for sugar beet cultivation that may take place before 46 months has passed since the last same usage. HL3121

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton on 5 March (HL Deb col 1544), whether they have received the interim report of the UN concerning allegations surrounding UNRWA staff members' involvement in the 7 October 2023 Hamas attack on Israel; whether they have any plans to reinstate funding to UNRWA; and what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of UNRWA in delivering aid in Gaza. HL3122

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made to Amnesty International's claim that the Myanmar authorities' treatment of Rohingya amounts to apartheid; and what steps they plan to take, if any, in response. HL3123

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what recent steps they have taken to secure guarantees from Sudan's warring factions for the safe and unimpeded delivery of humanitarian assistance to conflict-affected populations. HL3124

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to increase multi-year funding to support the most food-insecure people in Sudan and Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries. HL3125

The Earl of Sandwich to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the continuing role of the UNRWA in aid distribution in Gaza following allegations against some of the staff. HL3126

The Earl of Sandwich to ask His Majesty's Government what impact the UK's suspension of funding for UNRWA had on its performance in delivering aid to Gaza in the last financial year; and what is their forecast of funding in 2024. HL3127

The Earl of Sandwich to ask His Majesty's Government how many aid workers from UNRWA and other agencies have (1) died, and (2) been injured, in the course of aid distribution and the provision of essential services in Gaza to date. HL3128

Lord Smith of Finsbury to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Viscount Camrose on 31 January (HL1716), why the choice of geographical coverage for the Shared Rural Network of telephone masts includes areas in the Highland region of Scotland where coverage can reach no house or community. HL3129

Lord Smith of Finsbury to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Viscount Camrose on 31 January (HL1716), what protection they have included in provision for the Shared Rural Network of telephone masts in the Highland region of Scotland for wild land and areas of natural beauty, and scientific importance and interest. HL3130

Lord Smith of Finsbury to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Viscount Camrose on 31 January (HL1716), what consultation they have undertaken with Community Councils in the Highland region of Scotland in relation to the siting of proposed telephone masts under the auspices of the Shared Rural Network. HL3131

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address the risks posed by the use of artificial intelligence in the gambling industry, particularly (1) problem gambling, (2) addiction, and (3) mental health issues. HL3132

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support prospective homebuyers amidst recent increases in house prices. HL3133

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to safeguard firms from the effects of rising prices and supply chain disruptions. HL3134

Lord Trees to ask His Majesty's Government what is their timetable for consulting on activity regulations under the Animals (Low-Welfare Activities Abroad) Act 2023. HL3135

Lord Trees to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Animal Welfare Committee report *Opinion on the welfare implications of different methods and systems for the catching, carrying, collecting and loading of poultry*, published in March 2023, whether they have any plans to introduce the recommendation contained in that report to amend the law so that "it is legally permitted to lift chickens, and turkeys weighing less than 10-kg, by two legs". HL3136

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government how many businesses are expected to benefit from raising of the threshold for VAT exemption from £85,000 to £90,000 per annum. HL3137

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they had with devolved administrations concerning the level and continuance of Air Passenger Duty prior to the Budget statement announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 6 March. HL3138

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they undertook on air connectivity within the UK and on the wider impact on the Union, before deciding to raise aspects of Air Passenger Duty in the Budget statement announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 6 March. HL3139

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase Government contributions to Tax-free Childcare Allowance. HL3140

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government why thresholds for child benefit entitlement do not take into account overall household income, so that families with one earner are sometimes disadvantaged under the current system. HL3141

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]

14 February (28 February)

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

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

20 February (5 March)

HL2610 The Lord Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2628 Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

21 February (6 March)

HL2647 Lord Dodds of Duncairn [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2649 Lord Dodds of Duncairn [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2657 Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2660 Baroness Hoey [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2685 Lord Shipley [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities]

22 February (7 March)

HL2698 Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2709 The Marquess of Lothian [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

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

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (13)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (2)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (1)

Bills in Progress

| | Type of Bill | To be considered |
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| Waiting for Second Reading | | |
| Housing Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| 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 | |
| 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 (<i>Welsh legislative consent sought</i>) (<i>King's and Prince of Wales's consent to be signified</i>) | 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 | 14 March |
| Committed to a Committee of the Whole House | | |
| Victims and Prisoners Bill (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>) | Government | 12 March |
| Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |

LEGISLATION

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| Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill <i>(Welsh Legislative Consent withheld; Scottish and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought; King's consent sought)</i> | Government | |
| Media Bill | Government | |
| Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re- engagement) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL] | Private Member's | |
| Waiting for Report | | |
| Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill <i>(Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)</i> | Government | 11 March |
| Waiting for Third Reading | | |
| Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill | Government | 12 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 Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Suitability for Fixed Term Recall) Order 2024 *16th Report from the
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Goods Vehicles (International Road Transport Permits and Haulage Within the EU) Regulations
2024

Draft Plant Health (Fees) (England) and Official Controls (Frequency of Checks) (Amendment)
Regulations 2024

Draft Veterinary Medicines (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024

Draft Economic Growth (Regulatory Functions) (Amendment) Order 2024

Draft Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance Refresh

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 *(12
March)*

Draft Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 (*12 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 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 National Minimum Wage (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (*12 March*)

Draft Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (12 March)*

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 *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Accounting Standards (Prescribed Bodies) (United States of America and Japan) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2024 *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Strategy and Policy Statement for Energy Policy in Great Britain *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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

Draft Fair Dealing Obligations (Milk) Regulations 2024 *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Negative Instruments

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. 16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 23 March*

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

Statement of changes in Immigration Rules (HC 556) *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 16th Report. Praying time ends 16 April*

Proposed Negative Statutory Instruments laid under the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

Pressure Equipment (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Sifting period expires: 20 March*

Treaties before the House

Treaties not yet considered by a Select Committee

International Coffee Agreement 2022 *Scrutiny period expires: 26 March*

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

Treaties considered by a Select Committee

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*

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 *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 5 March. Scrutiny period expires: 22 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 *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 5 March. Scrutiny period expires: 25 March*

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Monday 11 March

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| Preterm Birth Committee | Room 1 | 3.00pm |
| Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee | Room 4 | 3.35pm |

Tuesday 12 March

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| Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee | Room 3A | 10.30am |
| Justice and Home Affairs Committee | Room 4 | 10.30am |
| Built Environment Committee | Room 1 | 10.30am |
| Industry and Regulators Committee | Room 3 | 10.30am |
| Science and Technology Committee | Room 2 | 10.45am |
| Finance Committee | Room 3A | 12.30pm |
| Economic Affairs Committee | Room 3 | 3.00pm |
| European Affairs Committee | Room 2 | 4.00pm |
| International Agreements Committee | Room 3A | 4.00pm |

Wednesday 13 March

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| House of Lords Commission | The Lord Speaker's Room | 10.00am |
| Financial Services Regulation Committee | Room 1 | 10.00am |
| Environment and Climate Change Committee | Room 3 | 10.00am |
| Constitution Committee | Room 2 | 10.00am |
| International Relations and Defence Committee | Room 4 | 10.30am |
| Windsor Framework Sub-Committee | Room 4 | 2.45pm |
| Human Rights (Joint Committee) | Room 8 | 2.45pm |
| Public Services Committee | Virtual Meeting | 3.00pm |
| Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee) | Virtual meeting | 3.40pm |

Thursday 14 March

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| Food, Diet and Obesity Committee | Room 3 | 10.30am |
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Monday 18 March

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| National Security Strategy (Joint Committee) | Room 4A | 4.00pm |
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Tuesday 19 March

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| Communications and Digital Committee | | 2.00pm |
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Wednesday 20 March

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| Conduct Committee | 2-03 Millbank House | 4.00pm |
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Thursday 21 March

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| Services Committee | Room 3A | 12.15pm |
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Tuesday 30 April

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

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| Restoration and Renewal Client Board | The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House | 5.00pm |
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Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday 7 March 2024

The House met at 11.00am.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Manchester.

Select Committee Report

1 House of Lords Commission

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

Restoration and Renewal Client Board: Strategic Case. (1st Report, HL Paper 82) (*published jointly with the House of Commons Commission*)

Public Business

- 2 **Military national service** A question was asked by Lord Naseby and answered by the Earl of Minto.
- 3 **Old Palace Yard** A question was asked by Lord Berkeley and answered by the Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble).
- 4 **Environment Agency** A question was asked by Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb and answered by Lord Douglas-Miller.
- 5 **Zimbabwe: sanctions** A question was asked by Lord Bellingham and answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.
- 6 **Justice and Home Affairs** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved that Lord Bach be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Berkeley. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.
- 7 **Preterm Birth** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) moved that Baroness Blackstone be appointed a member of the Select Committee. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.
- 8 **Higher education** (3-hour debate) Lord Blunkett moved that this House takes note of the contribution of higher education to national growth, productivity and levelling-up. After debate, the motion was agreed to.
- 9 **Defence acquisition reform** The Earl of Minto answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Wednesday 28 February.
- 10 **Local regeneration: industrial areas** (2-hour debate) Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top moved 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. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 4.54pm until Friday 8 March at 10.00am.

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.

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Estimates and Accounts) Order 2024 (295)
- 2 Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024 (309)
- 3 Health and Safety and Nuclear (Fees) (Amendment) and Gas Safety (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2024 (322)
- 4 Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (325)

