

Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Lord Booth and

Lord Fuller will be introduced.

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.

***Lord Clement-Jones** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of taxpayer-funded legal costs incurred by Government Ministers, following the recent libel settlement funded by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology.

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*

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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]

Future Business

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.

†***Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the research by campaign group Pregnant Then Screwed showing that mothers in the United Kingdom earned £4.44 less an hour than fathers in 2023.

†**Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill** Report (day 2) [Lord Offord of Garvel] *Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought, 3rd and 13th Reports from the Delegated Powers Committee*

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 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 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 and

†**Lord Jamieson** will be introduced.

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. [I]

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.

Procedure and Privileges The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the Report from the Select Committee *Amending stages of public bills* (3rd Report, HL Paper 73) be agreed to.

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 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 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 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. [*I*]

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*

Motions 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*

†**Lord German** to move that this House regrets the draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Amendment of List of Safe States) Regulations 2024 because His Majesty’s Government have not provided a clear explanation of why or how they have determined that India and Georgia are safe states for the purposes of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002; and because it is unclear how this policy change will work in practice. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 4th Report*

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 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*)

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*)

†**Baroness Coussins** to ask His Majesty’s Government what is their assessment of the importance of educational trips and exchanges from England to other countries, and the measures needed to facilitate them. (*Department for Education*)

†**Baroness Anelay of St Johns** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the impact of international conflict on children and the recommendations proposed by Save the Children in their report *Stop the War on Children: Let Children Live in Peace*, published in December 2023. (*Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 11 March and due for answer by 25 March.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number prescriptions for fluoxetine and nortriptyline issued in England each year since 2014 to patients under the age of 18. HL3162

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government how many prescriptions for mirtazapine were issued in each year since 2014; how many Yellow Card reports of sexual dysfunction and persistent sexual dysfunction the MHRA received for mirtazapine in each year since 2014; and what consideration NHS England has given to adding sexual dysfunction as a side effect on the patient information leaflets for mirtazapine. HL3163

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, following reporting that Shein is considering listing on the London Stock Exchange, what steps they are taking to ensure that such listings do not violate the UK's commitments to uphold the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and International Labour Organization Conventions. HL3164

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 7 March (HL2663), whether they have made any estimate of the number of camps, including the so-called anti-extremism centres and re-education camps, in (1) Tibet and (2) the rest of China. HL3165

Baroness Barker to ask His Majesty's Government on which dates since 24 July 2018 the Minister for Women and Equalities contacted officers or board members of the Equality and Human Rights Commission and discussed the Commission's operational matters; in each case, what operational matters were discussed, and what were the outcomes of those discussions. HL3166

Baroness Barker to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions the Minister for Women and Equalities, or her officials or advisers, have had with Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) about the EHRC's investigation of Baroness Falkner of Margravine; and what assessment they have made of the conduct of that investigation, including the EHRC's decisions to suspend and later to terminate it. HL3167

Lord Bradshaw to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Davies of Gower on 6 March (HL2702), whether any proportion of the costs of the Delay Repay scheme have resulted in a direct cost to public funds; and if so, how much. HL3168

Lord Bradshaw to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Davies of Gower on 6 March (HL2700), when they expect the train service specification for the TransPennine route to be finalised and approved. HL3169

Lord Bradshaw to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Davies of Gower on 6 March (HL2701), whether they have received any representations from Chiltern Railways about ending the direct access services between Northolt Junction and Paddington. HL3170

The Lord Bishop of Bristol to ask His Majesty's Government how much funding has been awarded in total from the Community Ownership Fund to communities seeking to turn places of worship into assets of community value. HL3171

The Lord Bishop of Bristol to ask His Majesty's Government which places of worship have received support from the Community Ownership Fund. HL3172

The Lord Bishop of Bristol to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to enable local communities to safeguard places of worship through the Community Ownership Fund. HL3173

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government, with regard to their *Government Cyber Security Strategy: 2022–2030*, published on 25 January 2022, what assessment they have made of the UK Cyber Security Council's progress in developing consistent taxonomies, standards and pathways for the cyber security profession across the UK. HL3174

Lord Carlile of Berriew to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to permit the use of PAVA incapacitant spray in the children's custodial estate; if so what is the timescale for its introduction; and what practical advice and instructions will be issued. HL3175

Lord Carlile of Berriew to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to publish an evidence-based assessment of the respective benefits and risks attached to the use of PAVA incapacitant spray in the children's custodial estate. HL3176

Baroness Deech to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with Network Rail concerning access by disabled people to Oxford station during the period of construction works there. HL3177

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made any representations to the government of Tunisia concerning the case of Rached Ghannouchi, the former Speaker of the Assembly of the Representatives of the People, who has been detained in Mornaguia civil prison since his arrest in April 2023. HL3178

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government whether funding for the Army Cadet Forces has been reduced; and if so, why. HL3179

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Army Cadet Forces are still permitted to fire live weapons. HL3180

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government why there were not enough places for all Combined Cadet Force units to attend its summer camp in 2023. HL3181

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans for all Combined Cadet Force units to have representation at its summer camp in 2024. HL3182

Baroness Sherlock to ask His Majesty's Government what data they collect on the religious identity of children who are bullied in schools. HL3183

Baroness Sherlock to ask His Majesty's Government how many students received a Panjabi GCSE in each of the past 10 years; and of those, how many were taught Panjabi in state schools. HL3184

Lord Shinkwin to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of overall pregnancy terminations have been carried out in accordance with paragraph (d) of section 1(1) of the Abortion Act 1967 in each of the past five years. HL3185

Lord Shinkwin to ask His Majesty's Government how many pregnancy terminations have been carried out on grounds of a diagnosis of (1) Down's Syndrome, or (2) Brittle Bones, in each of the past five years. HL3186

Lord Shinkwin to ask His Majesty's Government what was the ethnicity pay gap for (1) people of Bangladeshi heritage, (2) people of Pakistani heritage, and (3) people of African Caribbean heritage, for each of the past five years. HL3187

Lord Shinkwin to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of progress made towards closing (1) the overall ethnicity pay gap, and (2) the ethnicity pay gap, for (a) people of Bangladeshi heritage, (b) people of Pakistani heritage, and (c) people of African Caribbean heritage. HL3188

Lord Shinkwin to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have a timeframe for closing (1) the overall ethnicity pay gap, and (2) the ethnicity pay gap, for (a) people of Bangladeshi heritage, (b) people of Pakistani heritage, and (c) people of African Caribbean heritage. HL3189

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Budget statement announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 6 March, what assessment they have made of the long-term implications of abolishing tax relief for holiday lets and ending multiple dwelling relief from stamp duty land tax on the housing market and local economies. HL3190

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to accelerate progress towards gender equality in the financial services industry. HL3191

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of recent fluctuations in the exchange rate of the pound sterling on the price of imports and exports. HL3192

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]

12 February (26 February)

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]

26 February (11 March)

HL2725 Baroness Boycott [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL2729 Baroness Fox of Buckley [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL2731 Baroness Helic [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL2760 Lord Sikka [Department for Business and Trade]

HL2762 Lord Sikka [Department for Business and Trade]

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

Business and Trade (2)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (11)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (3)

Health and Social Care (1)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (1)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
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

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	13 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

Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) Order 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*

LEGISLATION

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

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.

Tuesday 12 March

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
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 2	4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 3A	4.15pm

Wednesday 13 March

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

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

Preterm Birth Committee		3.00pm
National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 8	4.00pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee		4.00pm

Tuesday 19 March

Communications and Digital Committee		2.00pm
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Wednesday 20 March

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

Services Committee	Room 3A	12.15pm
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Tuesday 30 April

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

Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	5.00pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Monday 11 March 2024

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

1 **Lord Petitgas** Franck Robert Marie Petitgas, having been created Baron Petitgas, of Bosham in the County of West Sussex for life by Letters Patent dated in the forenoon of 7 March, was introduced between Lord Hill of Oareford and Lord Johnson of Lainston, took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

2 **Lord Marks of Hale** Stuart Adam Marks, CBE, having been created Baron Marks of Hale, of Hale in the County of Greater Manchester for life by Letters Patent dated in the afternoon of 8 March, was introduced between Lord Leigh of Hurley and Baroness Williams of Trafford, took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

3 **Lord McAvoy** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) informed the House that Lord McAvoy, a member of the House, had died on 8 March.

Private Business

4 **Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]** The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) informed the House that he had appointed the following Lords to form the Select Committee on the bill:

Hale of Richmond, B. (*Chair*)
Fairhead, B.
German, L.

Hayter of Kentish Town, B.
Naseby, L.

It was ordered that the Committee do meet on 18 April 2024.

Public Business

5 **Prioritising Early Childhood: Academy of Medical Sciences report** A question was asked by Lord Hunt of Kings Heath and answered by Lord Markham.

6 **809 Naval Air Squadron** A question was asked by Lord West of Spithead and answered by the Earl of Minto.

7 **Operation Conifer** A question was asked by Lord Lexden and answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

8 **Regulator of Community Interest Companies** A question was asked by Lord Harris of Haringey and answered by Lord Johnson of Lainston.

9 **Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill** The report was received. Amendments 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13 (see division 1), 18 and 21, 23 (see division 3), 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 35, 36, 38, 40 to 42, 43 (see division 4), 44, 46, 48, 50 to 54, 56 (see division 5), 58 and 62 were agreed to. Amendment 14 was disagreed to (see division 2). The report stage was adjourned after amendment 63.

The House adjourned at 8.13pm until Tuesday 12 March at 2.30pm.

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 Honours System—The Elizabeth Emblem. (1033)

Affirmative Instrument

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

- 1 Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) Order 2024

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2024 (306)
- 2 Recovery of Costs (Remand to Youth Detention Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (327)
- 3 Electronic Monitoring (Responsible Persons) (Amendment) Order 2024 (328)
- 4 Social Security and Universal Credit (Migration of Tax Credit Claimants and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 (341)
- 5 Export Control (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (346)
- 6 Statute, made by Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford on 29 November 2023, revising the existing Statutes of the College (—)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Report and Accounts of the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation 2022–23
- 2 Report and Accounts of the Office of the Small Business Commissioner 2022–23

Divisions

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill

Division No. 1

Lord Faulks moved amendment 13, in clause 19, page 11, line 7, to leave out “proportionate” and insert “appropriate”. The House divided:

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Division No. 2

Lord Leong moved amendment 14, in clause 20, page 12, line 30, to leave out from “to” to “in” in line 31 and insert “harm competition in the relevant digital activity or the other activity”. The House divided:

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Division No. 3

Lord Leong moved amendment 23, in clause 29, page 16, line 13, to leave out paragraph (c). The House divided:

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Division No. 4

Baroness Jones of Whitchurch moved amendment 43, in clause 89, page 55, line 32, to leave out “, 114 (appeals)”. The House divided:

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Division No. 5

Lord Lansley moved amendment 56, in clause 114, page 71, line 17, at end to insert—

“(5) When the CMA seek the approval of the Secretary of State for guidance, the Secretary of State must within 40 days either—

(a) approve the guidance; or

(b) refer the proposed guidance back to the CMA with a statement of reasons why the guidance should not be published in that form.”

The House divided:

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