

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. [1]

Business of the House The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) to move that, in the event of the Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Bill having been brought from the House of Commons, Standing Order 44 (*No two stages of a Bill to be taken on one day*) be dispensed with on Tuesday 19 March to allow the Bill to be taken through its remaining stages that day.

Business of the House The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) to move that Standing Order 44 (*No two stages of a Bill to be taken on one day*) be dispensed with on Tuesday 19 March to enable the National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill to be taken through its remaining stages that day and that, in accordance with Standing Order 47 (*Amendments on Third Reading*), amendments shall not be moved on Third Reading.

Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 Baroness Barran to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 6 December 2023 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 12 March*

National Minimum Wage (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 Lord Offord of Garvel to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 31 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 12 March*

Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Suitability for Fixed Term Recall) Order 2024 Lord Bellamy to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 22 February be approved. *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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Items marked † are new or have been altered

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



The following two motions are expected to be debated together:

Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that this House takes note of the Spring Budget 2024.

National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill Second Reading [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

The following four motions are expected to be debated together:

Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Authorised Officers) Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Gascoigne] *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Recovery of Cryptoassets and Investigations: Codes of Practice) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Gascoigne] *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors: Code of Practice) Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Gascoigne] *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Terrorism Act 2000 (Certain Information Orders: Code of Practice) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Gascoigne] *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (Election of Mayor and Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions) Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Gascoigne] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 15th Report*

North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Scott of Bybrook]

Future Business

Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Lord Hannett of Everton and

Baroness Ramsey of Wall Heath will be introduced.

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 15 March.

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.

Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Lord Callanan to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 February be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 12 March. 15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

In the event that the Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Bill has been brought from the Commons, and if the Business of the House motion in the name of the Lord Privy Seal on Monday 18 March is agreed to, it is expected that the second reading and remaining stages will be taken.

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to move that this House takes note of the Report from the International Agreements Committee *Scrutiny of international agreements: UK accession to the Comprehensive Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership* (6th Report, HL Paper 70).

Representation of the People (Variation of Election Expenses and Exclusions) Regulations 2024 Baroness Scott of Bybrook to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 29 January be approved. *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Lord Rennard to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert “but this House regrets the Government’s decision to lay the draft Regulations, 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.”

Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Amendment of List of Safe States) Regulations 2024 Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 8 November 2023 be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 4th Report*

Lord German to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert “but this House regrets that 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 that it is unclear how this policy change will work in practice.”

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. *(1½ hours)*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Single Source Contract (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [The Earl of Minto]

Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Harlech]

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon]

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 18 March.

Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill Committee [Baroness Neville-Rolfe] *Welsh Legislative Consent withheld; Scottish and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought; King's consent sought*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Data Protection and Digital Information Bill Committee [Viscount Camrose] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

Thursday 21 March 2024 at 11.00am

Baroness Monckton of Dallington Forest and

Baroness Smith of Llanfaes will be introduced.

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's recommendations on financial redress in the LGBT veterans independent review.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 15 March, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 19 March.

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

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)*

Friday 22 March 2024 at 10.00am

Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Holmes of Richmond]

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Holmes of Richmond to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Moylan]

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Moylan to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Genocide (Prevention and Response) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws]

If the bill is read a second time, Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

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 11.00am

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]

Thursday 18 April 2024 at 11.00am

Lord Patel to move that this House takes note of the long-term sustainability of the NHS to be able to deliver comprehensive, timely and affordable health and social care for all, including options for systems of care and funding.

Lord Laming to move that this House takes note of the continuing increase in the number of children and young people being committed into the care of the local authorities.

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*

Questions for Short Debate

These Questions for Short Debate were drawn in the ballot on Wednesday 7 February in line with the recommendations of the 1st Report of the Procedure and Privileges Committee (Session 2021–22, HL Paper 41). These questions may be used as dinner break business or last business if time is available.

Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to support persecuted Christians around the world.

Lord 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.

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*)

†**Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the *Practical toolkit for law enforcement officials to promote and protect human rights in the context of peaceful protests*, published on 7 March by the UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, and how they intend to ensure that the United Kingdom aligns with United Nations standards on the use of surveillance technology at protests. (*Home Office*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 14 March and due for answer by 28 March.

The Earl of Clancarty to ask His Majesty's Government what is their current target time for processing (1) online, and (2) postal, applications for certificates confirming payment of UK National Insurance when working temporarily abroad ("A1 Forms"), and when they expect to achieve these target times. HL3275

Lord Clement-Jones to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Neville-Rolfe on 19 February (HL2184), how many of the 20 Integrated Data Service projects and 600 Secure Research Service projects referred to in that answer have a lead researcher whose primary affiliation is given as (1) academic, (2) central government, (3) commercial, (4) local government, (5) non-commercial, and (6) the Office for National Statistics. HL3276

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government how much of the money allocated for the construction of border control posts in Northern Ireland is for (1) agricultural food inspections, and (2) customs. HL3277

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on trade to Northern Ireland from Great Britain of repealing regulation 13 of the Windsor Framework Retail Movement Scheme Regulations 2023 and the powers of the EU in Article 14(5) of the EU regulation 2023/1231. HL3278

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government how much expenditure they have incurred since 2020 assisting businesses engaging with rules and regulations pertaining to the movement of goods between (1) Northern Ireland and Great Britain, and (2) Great Britain and Northern Ireland, following agreement with the EU on the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland, and subsequently the Windsor Framework. HL3279

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what financial provision they have made for the 2024–25 financial year to assist businesses dealing with the requirements of the Windsor Framework for the movement of goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. HL3280

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government whether recurring financial provision will be made to implement the Windsor Framework; and, if so, what quantum they are expecting. HL3281

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government how many civil servants they currently employ to implement all aspects of the Windsor Framework, broken down by Department. HL3282

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what are (1) the value, and (2) the term length, of each contract awarded to private sector companies to assist with the implementation of the Windsor Framework. HL3283

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the status of the guidance issued by the British Medical Association in its report *Safe Scope of Practice for Medical Associate Professionals (MAPs)* in relation to Physician and Anaesthesia Associates. HL3284

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will issue guidance to the NHS on whether the Government endorses the British Medical Association's report *Safe Scope of Practice for Medical Associate Professionals (MAPs)* in relation to Physician and Anaesthesia Associates. HL3285

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will discuss the implications for Physician and Anaesthesia Associates of the British Medical Association report *Safe Scope of Practice for Medical Associate Professionals (MAPs)* with the United Medical Associate Professionals. HL3286

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether the adoption of the British Medical Association's report *Safe Scope of Practice for Medical Associate Professionals (MAPs)* would restrict the role of Physician Associates. HL3287

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether the adoption of the British Medical Association's report *Safe Scope of Practice for Medical Associate Professionals (MAPs)* would undermine established governance and frameworks. HL3288

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on community pharmacies, in particular in relation to funding reductions, of technical problems preventing such pharmacies from submitting accurate data for Pharmacy First consultations in February. HL3289

Lord Lipsey to ask His Majesty's Government what is the (1) median, and (2) upper decile, wait time for His Majesty's Revenue and Customs to answer telephone calls. HL3290

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to monitor the safety of British ships crossing the Arctic Ocean as new shipping lanes become accessible as a result of climate change. HL3291

Lord Rooker to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Markham on 2 May 2023 (HL7168) whether the National Food Crime Unit of the Food Standards Agency now has the necessary powers to present cases to the courts. HL3292

Baroness Royall of Blaisdon to ask His Majesty's Government whether there is a cap on the combined total for ministerial salaries in any financial year. HL3293

Baroness Royall of Blaisdon to ask His Majesty's Government how many times since 2015 ministers have been asked to forego a ministerial salary; and what were the reasons for those requests. HL3294

Baroness Royall of Blaisdon to ask His Majesty's Government how many times since 2015 a minister has foregone a ministerial salary at the request of the Cabinet Office. HL3295

Baroness Royall of Blaisdon to ask His Majesty's Government how many times since 2015 ministers have asked to forego a ministerial salary, either full or in part; and who were those ministers. HL3296

Lord Scriven to ask His Majesty's Government on which occasions in the past five years a UK ambassador to Bahrain, Saudi Arabia or Qatar has been a guest of the government, a government body or the F1 governing body, at F1 races. HL3297

Lord Strathcarron to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that draft NHS guidance stated that "Not everyone who experiences menopause is a woman." HL3298

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what has been the loss to the UK economy because of shoplifting for each of the last three years. HL3299

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the adequacy of the Sentencing Code with regard to shoplifting. HL3300

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with police forces in England and Wales about their response to shoplifting, in the light of the Retail Crime Action Plan. HL3301

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with Retailers Against Crime on the rise in organised shoplifting. HL3302

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following the publication of the draft Payment Services (Amendment) Regulations 2024, what steps they are taking to introduce legal safeguards to protect consumer rights and ensure transparency in the process of delaying payments for further investigation. HL3303

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following reports that mortgages in arrears hit a seven-year high in the final quarter of 2023, what assessment they have made of the impact on (1) housing stability, and (2) homelessness rates. HL3304

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following reports that water companies plan to raise customer bills by up to 70 per cent over the next five years, what assessment they have made of the impact of those rises on (1) household budgets, (2) consumer spending, and (3) overall economic stability; and what steps they are taking to mitigate any such challenges. HL3305

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]

21 February (6 March)

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

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

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]

HL2760 Lord Sikka [Department for Business and Trade]

27 February (12 March)

HL2813 Lord Weir of Ballyholme [Department for Business and Trade]

28 February (13 March)

HL2822 Lord Addington [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL2841 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL2842 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [Department of Health and Social Care]

29 February (14 March)

HL2868 Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent [Cabinet Office]

HL2869 Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent [Cabinet Office]

HL2870 Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent [Cabinet Office]

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

Business and Trade (2)

Cabinet Office (3)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (6)

Health and Social Care (4)

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	22 March
Genocide (Prevention and Response) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	22 March
Workforce Information (Ethnicity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL]	Private Member's	22 March
Commercial Organisations and Public Authorities Duty (Human Rights and Environment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Coroners (Determination of Suicide) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
At-Home Early Medical Abortion (Review) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Asylum Application (Entry to the United Kingdom) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Ecocide Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Protection of Care Recipients and Carers Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Wheelchair Access Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide Determination Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Heritage Trees Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Status of Workers Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Disestablishment of the Church of England Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Public Service (Integrity and Ethics) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Abortion (Gestational Time Limit Reduction) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Still-Birth (Definition) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Road Traffic Offences (Cycling) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill	Government	
Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill (<i>Welsh legislative consent sought</i>) (<i>King's and Prince of Wales's consent to be signified</i>)	Government	
Ministry for Poverty Prevention Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill	Government	18 March
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	20 March
Committed to a Committee of the Whole House		
Victims and Prisoners Bill (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	

LEGISLATION

Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill <i>(Welsh Legislative Consent withheld; Scottish and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought; King's consent sought)</i>	Government	20 March
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		
Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill <i>(Scottish Legislative Consent granted, Welsh Legislative Consent sought)</i>	Government	
Waiting for Third Reading		
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill <i>(Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)</i>	Government	
Sent to the Commons		
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	
Returned to the Commons amended		
Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill	Government	
Waiting for Royal Assent		
Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [HL]	Private	

Statutory Instruments in Progress

Affirmative Instruments waiting for consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

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

Draft Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance Refresh

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

Draft Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Amendment of List of Safe States) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 4th Report (19 March)*

Draft Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 *(18 March)*

LEGISLATION

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 (18 March)*

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors: Code of Practice) Order 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (18 March)*

Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Recovery of Cryptoassets and Investigations: Codes of Practice) Regulations 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (18 March)*

Draft Single Source Contract (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *(19 March)*

Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Authorised Officers) Order 2024 *12th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (18 March)*

Draft Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2024 *(19 March)*

Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 12th Report*

Draft Representation of the People (Variation of Election Expenses and Exclusions) Regulations 2024 *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (19 March)*

Draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 *(18 March)*

Draft Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (19 March)*

Draft North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024 *(18 March)*

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 (18 March)*

Draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024 *15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (19 March)*

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 *17th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Official Controls (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

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

Draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Suitability for Fixed Term Recall) Order 2024 *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (18 March)*

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *(19 March)*

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

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*

School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 *17th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 26 April*

Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *17th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 26 April*

Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *17th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 26 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: 15 April*

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) (Revocation) Regulations 2024 *Sifting period expires 15 April*

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*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and Hungary concerning the Protection of Classified Information *Scrutiny period expires: 2 May*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Swiss Confederation on Mutual Recognition in Financial Services *Scrutiny period expires: 2 May*

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 (19 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 18 March

National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 8	3.00pm
Preterm Birth Committee	Room 2	3.00pm
Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee	Room 3	3.30pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee	Room 1	4.00pm

Tuesday 19 March

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

Wednesday 20 March

Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 4	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee		10.30am
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee	Room 2	2.00pm
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.00pm
Public Services Committee	Room 3	3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm
Conduct Committee	2-03 Millbank House	4.00pm

Thursday 21 March

Food, Diet and Obesity Committee	Room 4	9.45am
Services Committee	Room 3A	12.15pm

Tuesday 26 March

European Affairs Committee		4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 3A	4.00pm

Thursday 18 April

Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL] Committee	Room 2A	11.00am
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Tuesday 30 April

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Room 2A	3.00pm
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Wednesday 1 May

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	10.00am
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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 Thursday 14 March 2024

The House met at 11.00am.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

1 **Lord Shamash** Gerald David Shamash, having been created Baron Shamash, of West Didsbury in the City of Manchester for life by Letters Patent dated in the afternoon of 6 March, was introduced between Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town and Baroness Smith of Basildon, took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

Public Business

2 **Red Sea telecommunication cables** A question was asked by Baroness Rawlings and answered by the Earl of Minto.

3 **Royal Navy: climate change training** A question was asked by Lord McColl of Dulwich and answered by the Earl of Minto.

4 **India: democratic freedoms** A question was asked by Baroness D'Souza and answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.

5 **Cancer: staffing** A question was asked by Baroness Merron and answered by Lord Markham.

6 **United Kingdom: union** (2½-hour debate) Lord McInnes of Kilwinning moved that this House takes note of the case for strengthening and safeguarding the union of the United Kingdom. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

7 **Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill** The bill was reported from the Grand Committee without amendment.

8 **Gas-fired power stations** Lord Callanan answered questions on an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Wednesday 13 March.

9 **News broadcasting: regulation** A question was asked by Lord McNally and, after debate, answered by Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay.

10 **Post Office legislation** Lord Johnson of Lainston answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Wednesday 13 March.

11 **Housing: young people** (2½ hour debate) Lord Young of Cookham moved that this House takes note of the housing needs of young people. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

12 **Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024** Baroness Scott of Bybrook moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 January be approved. The motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6.14pm until Monday 18 March at 2.30pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

The Grand Committee met in the Moses Room at 1.00pm.

Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill The bill was considered in Committee. Amendments were considered. The bill was reported from the Grand Committee without amendment.

The Committee adjourned at 2.26pm.

Papers

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

Affirmative Instrument

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

- 1 Draft Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

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| 1 Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024 | (345) |
| 2 Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2024 | (347) |
| 3 Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (Fees) Order 2024 | (362) |
| 4 Tribunal Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2024 | (364) |
| 5 Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (England) (Amendment) Order 2024 | (371) |

Paper subject to disapproval

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, together with an Explanatory Memorandum

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Information Commissioner's Office: Data Protection Fining Guidance
- 2 Information Commissioner's Office: Outcomes Report: Review of the processing of personal data for the purposes of journalism under the Data Protection Act 2018
- 3 Plan of the Competition and Markets Authority 2024–25
- 4 Return of expenditure incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and incidences of disease in imported animals for the year 2023
- 5 Report of Healthwatch England 2022–23

