

Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 3.00pm**†Royal Assent***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. [I]

***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.

***Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of recent remarks by a head teacher in Southampton criticising the quality of school meals for children.

†Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2024 Lord Harlech to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 22 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 19 March*

†Single Source Contract (Amendment) Regulations 2024 The Earl of Minto to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 22 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 19 March*

†Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024 Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 8 February be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 19 March. 15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon to move that the Regulations laid before the House on 26 February be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 19 March*

†Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill Consideration of Commons Reasons [Lord Sharpe of Epsom]

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*

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



Future Business

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.

†***Baroness Chakrabarti** to ask His Majesty's Government what are the reasons for their new policy of paying failed asylum seekers to travel to Rwanda; how this policy will deliver (1) justice, and (2) deterrence; and how they expect it will work alongside their policy of seeking to forcibly transport illegal migrants to that country.

†**Lord Shipley** to move that this House takes note of current local government finances and the impact on local communities. (*Balloted debate, 2½ hours*)

†**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, 2½ hours*)

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.

†**Victims and Prisoners Bill** Committee (day 8) [Lord Bellamy] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

†**Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Financial Penalty) Regulations 2024** Lord Offord of Garvel to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 19 February be approved.

†**Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-Engagement** Lord Offord of Garvel to move that the draft Code laid before the House on 19 February be approved. *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Baroness Swinburne to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 19 February be approved.

†**Strategy and Policy Statement for Energy Policy in Great Britain** Lord Callanan to move that the draft Strategy and Policy Statement laid before the House on 21 February be approved. *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Fair Dealing Obligations (Milk) Regulations 2024** Lord Douglas-Miller to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 1 March be approved. *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support persecuted Christians around the world. (*1½ hours*)

†*It is expected that the Grand Committee on the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill will continue at 3.45pm in the Moses Room.*

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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Wednesday 20 March, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 22 March.*

†**Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill** Third Reading [Lord Offord of Garvel] *Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

†**Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill** Second Reading [Lord Callanan]

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Callanan to move that the bill be committed to a Grand Committee.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

†**Occupational Pension Schemes (Funding and Investment Strategy and Amendment) Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Viscount Younger of Leckie] *17th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Davies of Gower] *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†**Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disapplication or Modification of Financial Regulator Rules in Individual Cases) Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Vere of Norbiton]

†**Accounting Standards (Prescribed Bodies) (United States of America and Japan) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Offord of Garvel]

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]

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 21 March, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 25 March.*

†**Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill** Second Reading [Baroness Scott of Bybrook] *16th Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee. Welsh legislative consent sought*

If the bill is read a second time, Baroness Scott of Bybrook to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and that it be an instruction to the Committee of the Whole House that they consider the bill in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 7	Clauses 45 and 46
Schedule 1	Schedule 9
Clauses 8 to 18	Clauses 47 to 68
Schedule 2	Schedule 10
Clauses 19 to 29	Clauses 69 to 103
Schedule 3	Schedule 11
Clauses 30 to 36	Clauses 104 to 108
Schedules 4 to 7	Schedule 12
Clauses 37 to 44	Clauses 109 to 123
Schedule 8	Title.

Special Public Bill Committee in the Moses Room at 10.30am

†**Arbitration Bill [HL]** (*Law Commission Bill*) Committee [Lord Bellamy] *Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

Monday 15 April 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the social impact of the Port Talbot steel works blast furnace's closure on the surrounding communities.

***Lord Addington** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that, when meeting the needs of those with special educational needs in the school and college system, a legacy of training and knowledge is retained within those institutions.

***Lord Heseltine** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the conduct of the police in their treatment of Joe Anderson who resigned as the Mayor of Liverpool in 2021.

***Baroness Deech** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their state of preparedness for the next pandemic.

Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of bullying of students and newly qualified midwives in the NHS on (1) retention of staff, and (2) the treatment of pregnant women, as highlighted in the #Saynotobullyinginmidwifery report published on 12 November 2023.

†***Lord Kennedy of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to introduce an independent property-agent regulator, to deliver a legally enforceable code of practice for property agents. [1]

†***Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government when a decision on eligibility for a potential 2024 respiratory syncytial virus immunisation programme will be confirmed, and whether this will be aligned to the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation's September 2023 advice.

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.

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*)

†**Baroness Helic** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current state of conservation and protection measures for hares in England and Wales. (*Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 19 March and due for answer by 4 April.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report by the Coalition on Secure Technology, *Chinese cellular (IoT) modules: Countering the threat*, published in March, and its conclusions that Chinese-made cellular internet of things modules should be banned from UK critical national infrastructure. HL3355

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the five recommendations made in the report by the First 1001 Days Movement, *A Manifesto for Babies*, published on 19 March; and whether they intend to respond to each recommendation. HL3356

Lord Birt to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to commission a review into the (1) economic, and (2) other, (a) benefits, and (b) disbenefits, of Brexit. HL3357

Lord Black of Brentwood to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the BBC's plans to introduce advertising on podcasts and on-demand content via third-party services; and whether the plans are compatible with the Royal Charter and Agreement. HL3358 [I]

Lord Black of Brentwood to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the BBC's initiatives to engage with competitors on their plans to introduce advertising on podcasts and on-demand content via third-party services. HL3359 [I]

Lord Black of Brentwood to ask His Majesty's Government, further to (1) the BBC Mid Term Review 2024, published on 22 January, and (2) the BBC's plans to introduce advertising on podcasts and on-demand content via third-party services, what steps they are taking to ensure that Ofcom's regulation of the BBC ensures the Corporation does not unduly harm the commercial sector. HL3360 [I]

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to update the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. HL3361

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty's Government, excluding sexual or violent offences, under what circumstances can someone subject to an Imprisonment for Public Protection sentence who has completed their license period have earlier, minor offences dropped from their record. HL3362

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty's Government what was the reason for the decision to increase the length of the COP3 assessment of capacity form from 12 to 21 pages. HL3363

Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of the varied needs of the families of those serving in the armed forces; what steps they have taken to increase support available to those families; and to what extent they have addressed the recommendations outlined in the report commissioned by the Ministry of Defence, *Living in our shoes: understanding the needs of UK Armed Forces Families* published in June 2020. HL3364

Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone to ask His Majesty's Government what plans he has, if any, to review the requirements for the Lords Spiritual to wear robes in the Chamber at times other than when they are saying prayers. HL3365

Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker whether the House of Lords funds the purchase and ongoing maintenance, including laundry, of robes worn by the Lords Spiritual. HL3366

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure the resilience of the supply chain across the UK and to reduce friction at the borders. HL3367

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address the issue of increased operating costs for hauliers, including those related to (1) fluctuating fuel prices, and (2) administrative requirements relating to the Windsor Framework. HL3368

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in March in simplifying trade procedures between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, to minimise disruption for businesses. HL3369

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that customs controls do not disproportionately affect small and medium-sized businesses trading between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. HL3370

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure a consistent and friction-free supply of goods to Northern Ireland from Great Britain. HL3371

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford to ask His Majesty's Government, following the publication of their rough sleeping statistics on 29 February which showed a 965.91 per cent increase from July to December 2023 in people sleeping rough after leaving asylum support over the previous 85 days, what consideration they have given to extending the move-on period from 28 days to 56 days for refugees leaving asylum support; and what assessment they have made of the impact this extension would have on homelessness. HL3372

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the benefits of staggering evictions of refugees from Home Office accommodation, particularly where the person is working with their local authority or a third sector organisation, to prevent their homelessness. HL3373

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to work with the third sector to jointly create a comprehensive and properly funded transition process for people whose asylum support is due to end, to enable information and support around housing and benefits to be given as far in advance as possible. HL3374

The Earl of Clancarty to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of any barriers faced by musicians touring in Europe following the UK's decision to leave the EU; and what steps they are taking to help musicians overcome these barriers. HL3375

The Earl of Clancarty to ask His Majesty's Government whether there is any single individual body responsible for overseeing and addressing any problems encountered by musicians touring in Europe as a result of the UK's decision to leave the EU. HL3376

The Earl of Clancarty to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to reconvene the Touring Working Group; and, if not, why. HL3377

Baroness Coussins to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to continue with the Colombia–UK Bilateral Investment Treaty after October 2024; and, if it is continued, what plans they have to increase protections for (1) human rights, and (2) the environment. HL3378

Baroness Coussins to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the high number of Investor-State Dispute Settlement cases against Columbia; and the impact of these cases on (1) the implementation of the Columbian Peace Accord, (2) the UK's role as penholder at the UN Security Council, and (3) human rights and the environment in Columbia. HL3379

Baroness Coussins to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to publish the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's strategy on Open Societies, Democracy and Human Rights. HL3380

Baroness Deech to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the level of support among Arab residents of Jerusalem for Israeli control of the city; and to what extent this is a consideration for their policy towards Israel and Palestine. HL3381

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for strengthening current advertising codes, including the UK Code of Non-broadcast Advertising and Direct & Promotional Marketing (CAP) code 2.1. HL3382

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the joint report by the University of Bristol and Channel 5 *New Season, More Self-Regulation, More Marketing*, published in September 2023, which found that 92 per cent of social content marketing ads sent by major gambling brands in the opening weekend of the Premier League were not clearly identifiable as advertising. HL3383

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will place in the Library of the House a copy of the letter they received from the government of Brazil in 2011 that sought a reciprocal social security agreement with the UK, and a copy of their response to that letter. HL3384

Lord Hampton to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential (1) social, and (2) economic, benefits of expanding the School Milk Subsidy Scheme to provide a free one third of a pint portion of milk to all primary school age children each day attending school. HL3385

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve early diagnosis and intervention for children with autism spectrum disorders. HL3386

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what measures are in place to train healthcare professionals in understanding and supporting the specific medical needs of individuals with autism. HL3387

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of efforts to reduce the numbers of illegal border crossings into the UK. HL3388

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government how many (1) asylum seekers, and (2) other migrants are being housed in hotel-style accommodation; and how much financial support they are providing in support of these arrangements. HL3389

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support the UK fishing industry to ensure sustainable management of UK fishing waters and the livelihoods of British fishermen. HL3390

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to dismantle the border control posts at UK ports, following the publication of *Safeguarding the Union* in January (CP 1021). HL3391

Baroness Helic to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Benyon on 12 July 2023 (HL9069), which stated that "Introducing a close season for brown hares remains an option", what indicators they are using to assess the necessity of this option, and how frequently they review it. HL3392

Baroness Helic to ask His Majesty's Government how many instances of violent crime or intimidation related to hare coursing or poaching were recorded by police in each of the past five years. HL3393

Baroness Helic to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the links between hare coursing and organised crime, and what assessment they have made of the economic impact of hare coursing and poaching. HL3394

Baroness Helic to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the measures relating to hare coursing introduced by the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 since they came into force. HL3395

Baroness Helic to ask His Majesty's Government what support they are giving to (1) the National Wildlife Crime Unit, and (2) the National Rural Crime Unit, to address hare coursing and poaching. HL3396

Baroness Helic to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with, and what guidance they have issued to, the National Police Chiefs' Council about tackling hare coursing. HL3397

Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts to ask His Majesty's Government, following the announcement on 4 March of the establishment of an inquiry into third party litigation funding, whether they expect to announce the terms of reference, the members of the inquiry panel and the timing of the review. HL3398

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government which plants, trees and seeds are not allowed to be sent to Northern Ireland from Great Britain as a result of the Windsor Framework. HL3399

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in developing approved exam board syllabuses for a GCSE in British Sign Language. HL3400

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that there are sufficient tutors available to teach the GCSE in British Sign Language when it is introduced. HL3401

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure that members of the British Deaf Community are offered opportunities to become tutors to teach the GCSE in British Sign Language in schools when it is introduced. HL3402

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether the proposed new British Sign Language GCSE will count towards the English Baccalaureate to ensure it is seen by schools as holding the same weight as other languages. HL3403

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government how much funding they have allocated for research into the (1) cause, and (2) treatment, of astrocytoma brain tumours in each of the past ten years; and to which organisations and projects and those funds were allocated. HL3404

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government, following research from Cancer Research UK which found that brain, other central nervous system and intracranial tumours incidence rates have increased by almost two-fifths in the UK since the early 1990s, what steps they are taking to ensure that the funding spent on brain tumour research keeps pace with the increased incidence. HL3405

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they are making in establishing a hydrogen certification scheme for imported and exported hydrogen. HL3406

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what funding assistance they are providing for market structures and mechanisms for supporting increased hydrogen production. HL3407

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government, following the publication of the *British energy security strategy* policy paper in 7 April 2022, what progress they are making in their ambition for the UK to achieve up to 10 gigawatts of low carbon hydrogen production capacity by 2030, with at least half of this coming from electrolytic hydrogen. HL3408

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what support, if any, they will provide to Anglia Ruskin University in their ambition to establish a Global Innovation Centre for Energy Transition in Peterborough. HL3409

Lord Kamall to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the BBC over its plans to launch four new spin-off radio stations and over whether the introduction of these stations risks being anti-competitive. HL3410

Baroness Redfern to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have (1) to review the standard duration of licences for animal research, and (2) to introduce more challenge into the system for granting such licences, given the pace of technological change in the sector. HL3411

Baroness Redfern to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to accelerate the development, validation and uptake of new technologies and methods to reduce reliance on the use of animals in science; and what is their timetable for the publication of any such plans. HL3412

Baroness Redfern to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have (1) to increase the fees for licences to use animals in scientific research, and (2) to seek to reduce the use of animals in such research. HL3413

Baroness Redfern to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have (1) to introduce a complete ban on the commercial movement of pregnant dogs, and (2) to increase the age at which puppies can be imported to six months. HL3414

Baroness Redfern to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce a complete ban on the (1) importation, and (2) sale, of dogs which have had (a) their ears cropped, or (b) their tails docked, for cosmetic reasons. HL3415

Baroness Redfern to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the *Annual Report of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP/YOI Feltham*, published on 12 March; and in particular, the finding that violence in classrooms and workshops has made young prisoners reluctant to attend education and rehabilitation sessions. HL3416

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will announce a timeline for a full-scale licensing review for mopeds, motorcycles and other powered light vehicles, and if so when, . HL3417

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Motorcycle Industry Association and Zemo Partnership report *Realising the Full Potential of Zero Emission Powered Light Vehicles: A Joint Action Plan for Government and Industry*, published in February 2022, what steps they are taking to simplify the licensing regime for mopeds and motorcycles. HL3418

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the proposals to simplify the licensing regime for powered light vehicles contained in the Motorcycle Industry Association report *A Licence to Net Zero: Unleashing Our Potential, License Reform Essential: L-Category Licensing Reform Proposals*, published in October 2023. HL3419

The Lord Bishop of Southwark to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to reinstate funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and, if so, when. HL3420

The Lord Bishop of Southwark to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, *IPC Global Initiative - Special Brief*, published 19 March, that famine in Gaza is imminent; and what steps they are taking in response. HL3421

The Lord Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to limiting the size of solar plants in areas of best and most versatile agricultural land. HL3422

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are aware of any plans of the government of Israel to rehome Palestinian refugees from Gaza in the Sinai. HL3423

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have had discussions with (1) the European Union, or (2) the government of Egypt, about receiving Palestinian refugees from Gaza. HL3424

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Israel about the forcible expulsion of the Palestinian population from Gaza. HL3425

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 2 March concerning the requirement by 2027 for pension funds to disclose how much they invest in British businesses, what steps they are taking to assess the potential consequences on overall competitiveness and attractiveness of the UK as an investment destination. HL3426

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of programmes funded under (1) the Levelling Up Fund, (2) the Towns Fund, and (3) the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, in addressing regional socio-economic divides across the UK. HL3427

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential (1) costs, and (2) benefits, of reintroducing tax-free shopping for international visitors, including the impact on (a) retail sales, (b) employment levels, and (c) economic recovery. HL3428

Lord Touhig to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with international partners about securing Red Cross access to hostages being held by Hamas in Gaza. HL3429

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to ensure the implementation and application of the definition of extremism is consistent across all (1) Government departments, and (2) public bodies throughout England. HL3430

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government why Northern Ireland has been excluded from the Community Engagement Principles for countering extremism. HL3431

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government whether the proposed EU ban on mercury-based dental amalgam will apply in Northern Ireland. HL3432

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the EU about the possibility of seeking an exemption for Northern Ireland on any ban on mercury-based dental amalgam. HL3433

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to ban mercury-based dental amalgam in England and, if so, when. HL3434

Baroness Wolf of Dulwich to ask His Majesty's Government how much money has been transferred to small and medium-sized enterprises by levy-paying businesses using their apprenticeship service account to transfer unused levy funds in (1) 2020–21, (2) 2021–22, and (3) 2022–23. HL3435

Baroness Wolf of Dulwich to ask His Majesty's Government how many small and medium-sized enterprises have received funds for apprenticeship training as a result of levy-paying businesses using their apprenticeship service account to transfer unused levy funds in (1) 2020–21, (2) 2021–22, and (3) 2022–23. HL3436

The Lord Bishop of Worcester to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the humanitarian relief effort in Gaza and the West Bank of the decision to suspend aid to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. HL3437

The Lord Bishop of Worcester to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the livelihoods of Palestinian refugees in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon of the decision to suspend aid to the United Nations Refugee and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. HL3438

The Lord Bishop of Worcester to ask His Majesty's Government what barriers exist to the unfettered flow of humanitarian aid to Gaza, and what steps they are taking to remove those barriers. HL3439

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]

27 February (12 March)

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

1 March (15 March)

HL2934 Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle [Department for Business and Trade]

HL2948 Baroness Hoey [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL2950 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL2951 Baroness Kennedy of Cradley [Department for Business and Trade]

HL2969 Baroness Wolf of Dulwich [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL2970 Baroness Wolf of Dulwich [Department of Health and Social Care]

4 March (18 March)

HL2971 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL2972 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL2978 Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL2987 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL2998 Lord Polak [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3002 Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick [Department of Health and Social Care]

5 March (19 March)

HL3016 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3047 Lord Taylor of Warwick [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities]

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

Business and Trade (3)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (6)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (2)

Health and Social Care (10)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (2)

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	26 March
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	27 March
Ministry for Poverty Prevention Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]	Government	
Committed to a Special Public Bill Committee		
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>) (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	27 March
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	25 March
Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	

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Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill <i>(Welsh Legislative Consent withheld; Scottish and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought; King's consent sought)</i>	Government	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 and Welsh Legislative Consent granted)</i>	Government	
Waiting for Third Reading		
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill <i>(Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)</i>	Government	26 March
Sent to the Commons		
Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Government	
Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	Government	
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL]	Government	
Waiting for Consideration of Commons Reasons		
Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill	Government	20 March
Waiting for Royal Assent		
Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Bill <i>(Money and Supply Bill—18 March)</i>	Government	20 March
National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill	Government	20 March
Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans- Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL]	Government	20 March
Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [HL]	Private	20 March

Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

Draft Economic Growth (Regulatory Functions) (Amendment) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report*

Draft Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance Refresh *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report*

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 Single Source Contract (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *(20 March)*

Draft Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2024 (20 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 Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024 *15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (20 March)*

Draft Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (25 March)

Draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Financial Penalty) Regulations 2024 (25 March)

Draft Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-Engagement *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (25 March)*

Draft Accounting Standards (Prescribed Bodies) (United States of America and Japan) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (26 March)

Draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2024 *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (26 March)*

Draft Strategy and Policy Statement for Energy Policy in Great Britain *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (25 March)*

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disapplication or Modification of Financial Regulator Rules in Individual Cases) Regulations 2024 (26 March)

Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Funding and Investment Strategy and Amendment) Regulations 2024 *17th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (26 March)*

Draft Official Controls (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report*

Draft Fair Dealing Obligations (Milk) Regulations 2024 *16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (25 March)*

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (20 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 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report*

Draft Veterinary Medicines (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024 *18th 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*

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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*

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report. Praying time ends 2 May*

National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *18th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 2 May*

Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2024 *18th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 May*

Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024 *18th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 May*

Infrastructure Planning (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *18th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 May*

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*

Health Claims (Revocation) Regulations 2024 *Sifting period expires: 19 April*

Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Sifting period expires: 19 April*

Treaties before the House

Treaties not yet considered by a Select Committee

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*

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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*

International Coffee Agreement 2022 *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 12 March. Scrutiny period expires: 26 March*

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

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	12.30pm

Monday 25 March

Preterm Birth Committee		3.00pm
Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee		3.30pm
National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 8	4.00pm

Tuesday 26 March

Science and Technology Committee		10.00am
Industry and Regulators Committee		10.30am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee		10.30am
Built Environment Committee		10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee		1.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee		3.00pm
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 Tuesday 19 March 2024

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Worcester.

1 Lord Hannett of Everton John Hannett, OBE, having been created Baron Hannett of Everton, of Bramley-Moore Dock in the City of Liverpool for life by Letters Patent dated in the afternoon of 12 March, was introduced between Lord Kennedy of Southwark and Baroness Smith of Basildon, took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

2 Baroness Ramsey of Wall Heath Jane Ramsey, having been created Baroness Ramsey of Wall Heath, of Dulwich in the London Borough of Southwark for life by Letters Patent dated in the afternoon of 13 March, was introduced between Baroness Hayman and Lord Falconer of Thoroton, took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

3 Earldom of Castle Stewart in the Peerage of Ireland The Lord Chancellor reported that Andrew Richard Charles Stuart (otherwise known as Viscount Stuart) had established his claim to the Earldom of Castle Stewart in the Peerage of Ireland.

Select Committee Reports

4 Secondary Legislation Scrutiny

The following Reports from the Select Committee were made and ordered to be printed:

Drawn to the special attention of the House:

Draft Economic Growth (Regulatory Functions) (Amendment) Order 2024 and one linked instrument
Draft Plant Health (Fees) (England) and Official Controls (Frequency of Checks) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 and one linked instrument
Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Order 2024

Includes information paragraphs on:

Draft Veterinary Medicines (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024
National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2024 and two linked instruments (18th Report, HL Paper 87)
Changes to the impact assessment process: correspondence (19th Report, HL Paper 88).

5 House of Lords Commission

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

Financial support for Members of the House of Lords. (2nd Report, HL Paper 89)

6 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

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

Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill. (16th Report, HL Paper 90)

Public Business

7 Advanced modular reactors: criticality tests A question was asked by Viscount Hanworth and answered by Lord Callanan.

8 Schools: special needs pupils A question was asked by Lord Touhig and answered by Baroness Barran.

9 **Electronic payment devices** A question was asked by Lord Blunkett and answered by Baroness Vere of Norbiton.

10 **Home insulation: health and mortality rates** A question was asked by Baroness Blake of Leeds and answered by Lord Callanan.

11 **Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill** The bill was returned from the Commons on Monday 18 March with reasons. The Commons reasons were printed in accordance with Standing Order 49(2). (HL Bill 55)

12 **Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]** Lord Evans of Rainow, on behalf of Lord Stewart of Dirleton, presented a bill to amend section 58AA of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 to make provision about the enforceability of litigation funding agreements. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 56)

13 **Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 56–EN)

14 **Procedure and Privileges** Lord Gardiner of Kimble moved that the Report from the Select Committee *Amending stages of public bills* (3rd Report, HL Paper 73) be agreed to. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

15 **Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Authorised Officers) Order 2024** Lord Gascoigne moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 22 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

16 **Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Recovery of Cryptoassets and Investigations: Codes of Practice) Regulations 2024** Lord Gascoigne moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 22 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

17 **Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors: Code of Practice) Order 2024** Lord Gascoigne moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 22 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

18 **Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Terrorism Act 2000 (Certain Information Orders: Code of Practice) Regulations 2024** Lord Gascoigne moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 22 January be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

19 **South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (Election of Mayor and Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions) Order 2024** Lord Gascoigne moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 7 February be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

20 **North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024** Lord Gascoigne, on behalf of Baroness Scott of Bybrook, moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 7 February be approved. The motion was agreed to.

21 **Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Callanan moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 February be approved. The motion was agreed to.

22 **Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Bill** Baroness Vere of Norbiton moved that the bill be now read a second time. The motion was agreed to and the Committee was negatived. Then, Standing Order 44 having been dispensed with, the bill was read a third time and passed.

23 **National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill** The bill was considered in Committee. The House resumed and the bill was reported without amendment. Then, Standing Order 44 having been dispensed with, the report was received, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

24 Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (IAC Report) Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town moved that this House takes note of the Report from the International Agreements Committee *Scrutiny of international agreements: UK accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership* (6th Report, HL Paper 70). After debate, the motion was agreed to.

25 Extremism definition and community engagement Baroness Swinburne answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Thursday 14 March.

26 Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill [HL] The bill was returned from the Commons agreed to.

27 Representation of the People (Variation of Election Expenses and Exclusions) Regulations 2024 Baroness Scott of Bybrook moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 29 January be approved. Then Lord Rennard moved, as an amendment to the 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.” After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to.

28 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Amendment of List of Safe States) Regulations 2024 Lord Sharpe of Epsom moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 8 November 2023 be approved. Then Lord German moved, 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.” After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to.

29 Sexual and reproductive healthcare A question was asked by Baroness Barker and, after debate, answered by Lord Markham.

The House adjourned at 9.37pm until Wednesday 20 March at 3.00pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

The Grand Committee met in the Moses Room at 3.45pm.

Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024 Lord Sharpe of Epsom moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

Single Source Contract (Amendment) Regulations 2024 The Earl of Minto moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Single Source Contract (Amendment) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2024 Lord Harlech moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon moved that the Grand Committee do consider the draft Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The Committee adjourned at 5.43pm.

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 Public Inquiry—Government Response to the Public Inquiry into Brook House Immigration Removal Centre. (1041)

Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Statute, made by Clare Hall, Cambridge on 11 January, amending 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 Housing Ombudsman 2022–23
- 2 Sovereign Grant Act 2011: Report of the Royal Trustees on the Sovereign Grant 2024–25

Proposed Negative Statutory Instruments

The following papers were laid under the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023:

- 1 Health Claims (Revocation) Regulations 2024
- 2 Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

