

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*)

Future Business**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.

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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*)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

†**Data Protection and Digital Information Bill** Committee (day 2) [Viscount Camrose] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbots** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to require credit card issuers to provide a full description of goods or services provided on their customer invoices.

***Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to improve food security.

***Lord Trefgarne** to ask His Majesty's Government what has been the cost to public funds of the arms and ammunition supplied to Ukraine so far.

Topical oral question. Ballot 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.

Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Berkeley** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to minimise delays at borders with the European Union caused by the proposed introduction of hand and face scanning.

†***Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made in creating an *ad hoc* international tribunal, and in repurposing Russian assets, in response to Russian war crimes in Ukraine.

†***Lord Watson of Invergowrie** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the concerns expressed by the board of Ofsted, at its meeting on 20 September 2023, that the reliability of school inspections will be compromised if funding is further constrained.

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 20 March and due for answer by 5 April.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the answer by the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on 20 March on Hong Kong security legislation, whether they are still actively considering targeted sanctions against Chinese officials; and if not, why.

HL3440

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the UK's defence spending aligns with the current strategic threat landscape, particularly in the light of emerging hybrid and cyber warfare tactics.

HL3441

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address the challenges of integrating advanced technologies into the UK's defence capabilities, to maintain a cutting-edge military in 2024 and beyond.

HL3442

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure transparency and cost-effectiveness in the procurement of defence equipment, given the increasing complexity and expense of modern military hardware.

HL3443

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what initiatives are currently in place to ensure that military veterans receive timely access to (1) physical rehabilitation services, and (2) mental health services, specifically those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

HL3444

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to streamline the transition of medical care from military services to the NHS for service leavers.

HL3445

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what support is available for military veterans transitioning back into civilian life.

HL3446

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the appropriateness of Electronic Arts remaining a member of the Technical Working Group on Loot Boxes, following the ruling by the Advertising Standards Authority that it breached the CAP Code by failing to disclose the presence of in-game purchases in some of its products.

HL3447

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that companies, such as Meta, appropriately regulate advertisements on their platforms to ensure compliance prior to publication; and whether they will consider imposing a ban on platforms that repeatedly fail to do so.

HL3448

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address the shortage of NHS staff in rural and understaffed areas.

HL3449

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve mental health services and reduce waiting times for those seeking treatment.

HL3450

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase funding and support for Alzheimer's research to accelerate the development of effective treatments and improve early diagnosis techniques.

HL3451

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support research and development of treatments for patients with haemochromatosis.

HL3452

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure equitable access to specialised care and support for patients with rare diseases across England.

HL3453

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty's Government what provisions are in place to support the families and caregivers of individuals with rare diseases.

HL3454

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government whether the new EU law on protection of geographical indications for craft and industrial products will be introduced in Northern Ireland under the Windsor Framework via Article 13(4)(a), following the applicability motion on 19 March which did not gain cross-community consent. HL3455

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in implementing the National Maternity Review's report *Better Births*, published on 22 February 2016. HL3456

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will review spending on (1) gliomas, and (2) astrocytoma cancer, to account for any increase in incidences. HL3457

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce the adverse disparity in survival rates for brain tumour patients compared to other cancers whose treatment attracts greater levels of funding. HL3458

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the National Institute for Health and Care Research, the Medical Research Council, and the UK Research and Innovation work together collaboratively to ensure progress on funding brain tumour research. HL3459

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to provide funding for biomedical research into (1) the causes of, and (2) potential cures for, myalgic encephalomyelitis. HL3460

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to respond to the findings of the Inclusion at Work Panel report, published by the Cabinet Office, especially as it relates to diversity and inclusion interventions in Government departments. HL3461

Lord Kempson to ask His Majesty's Government what is the timetable for the launch of the British ISA announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Budget Statement on 6 March. HL3462

Lord Kempson to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the quality of customer services provided by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs to taxpayers; and whether they will undertake a review or ask an independent third party to do so. HL3463

The Lord Bishop of Leicester to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of new fathers have taken (1) their full statutory paternity leave entitlement, and (2) shared parental leave, in each year since 2017. HL3464

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have issued guidance to public institutions and universities concerning security arrangements for the protection of historic portraits of past statesmen. HL3465

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have received on 'not for EU' labelling provisions; and what steps they will take to reduce the regulatory burden and costs of introducing them on small and medium-sized companies. HL3466

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking to ensure that all those considering leaving work permanently are subject to 'work search' requirements before they receive benefits. HL3467

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the delay in Great British Nuclear's selection of small modular reactor designs for public support and its awarding of contracts for development. HL3468

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce a legislative control framework before implementing the Future of Flight Action Plan. HL3469

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the cause of the fire at Terminal 2 of Luton Airport on 10 October 2023; and whether the cause has been established to be a diesel or an electric car. HL3470

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government what representations Ministers have received on the potential for appointing a deputy lieutenant for the county of Middlesex. HL3471

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with P&O Ferries regarding the wages currently paid to its staff, following reports that those are below the National Minimum Wage; why the provisions of the Seafarers' Wages Act 2023 have not yet been implemented; and when they expect that to happen. HL3472

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Future of Flight Action Plan, published on 18 March, when they anticipate that the British Standards Institute will report on recommended performance standards for uncrewed aircraft systems for testing in operational non-segregated airspace environments known as 'temporary reserved areas'. HL3473

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Future of Flight Action Plan, published on 18 March, what regulations are being considered to ensure that 'temporary reserved areas' do not impact citizens regarding (1) safety, (2) noise, (3) privacy, and (4) environmental impacts; and when they will provide the necessary regulatory frameworks. HL3474

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Future of Flight Action Plan, published on 18 March, what is their timeline to achieve operational 'temporary reserved areas' by end of 2024. HL3475

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Future of Flight Action Plan, published on 18 March, what manufacturing standards will be in place for uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS), and when, to ensure compliance with Regulation (EU) 2019/947 which requires operators to ensure UAS are capable of performing intended flights safely. HL3476

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Future of Flight Action Plan, published on 18 March, where the 'temporary reserved areas' will operate; and what will be the size of those areas. HL3477

Lord Reid of Cardowan to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report by the New Bletchley Network, *Rebuild The Army Now – to Prepare, Prevent, Deter War*, published on 27 February. HL3478

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the civil war in Sudan and the humanitarian consequences for communities and individuals across that country. HL3479

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what further steps they will take, along with international partners, to secure a ceasefire in the Israel– Hamas war. HL3480

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what (1) funding, and (2) other assistance, they will provide along with international partners to prevent famine and starvation in (a) Gaza, and (b) Sudan. HL3481

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what funding they are currently providing to the government of Iraq broken down in terms of (1) how much funding is provided, and (2) where this funding is directed once it reaches Iraq. HL3482

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what mechanisms for oversight, checks and balances, and due diligence they have in place for funding to the government in Iraq; and whether the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office track where this funding is allocated by the government of Iraq. HL3483

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what checks and balances they have in place to ensure that funding to the government of Iraq does not benefit organisations such as the Popular Mobilisation Forces, or any Iranian-backed organisations operating in Iraq. HL3484

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of recent research reported by The Times which suggests that unconscious bias training is not effective. HL3485

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the PwC report *UK Higher Education Financial Sustainability Report*, published in January. HL3486

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to support universities who are facing bankruptcy. HL3487

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the levels of debt in UK universities. HL3488

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address the problem of criminal gangs intentionally crossing police force borders to exploit weaknesses in policing methods. HL3489

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the National Rural Crime Network's report *Rural Crime: Serious, Organised and International*, published on 10 March. HL3490

Lord Stevens of Birmingham to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of the Gambia concerning new legislation which would decriminalise female genital mutilation. HL3491

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are considering to mitigate the potential inflationary effects of the increase in the National Living Wage and the National Minimum Wage. HL3492

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the Football Governance Bill and independent football regulator on the governance structures and processes in football clubs and leagues. HL3493

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the role of hydrogen technology in reducing aviation carbon emissions to net zero by 2050, and what steps they are taking to accelerate the adoption of hydrogen-powered aircraft. HL3494

Lord Truscott to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to reconsider banning pillion riders on mopeds, scooters and motorbikes, to prevent their use for violent theft. HL3495

Lord Truscott to ask His Majesty's Government what analysis they have conducted, if any, of the reasons behind rising numbers of landlords selling their properties. HL3496

Lord Walney to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the causes of the reported 2,000 per cent increase in UK car exports to Azerbaijan since they imposed sanctions prohibiting such car sales on Russia; and what steps they will take if it is found that the 2,000 per cent increase is partly caused by attempts to evade sanctions imposed on Russia. HL3497

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by The Earl of Minto on 19 March (HL3052), when the 150 documents related to the nuclear test veterans were declassified; and who authorised their declassification. HL3498

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by The Earl of Minto on 19 March (HL3052), how many total pages are contained within the 150 declassified documents related to the nuclear test veterans. HL3499

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by The Earl of Minto on 19 March (HL3052), whether they will place a copy of the declassified documents concerning the nuclear test veterans in the Library of the House. HL3500

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Overseas Territories are permitted to negotiate their own free trade agreements with third countries. HL3501

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what occupations are covered by the new Immigration Salary List. HL3502

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the health and social care sectors regarding the implications for those sectors of the proposed new net migration measures, since the announcement of those measures on 4 December 2023. HL3503

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to expand the applicability of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill to cover postmasters and postmistresses in Northern Ireland. HL3504

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]

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]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

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

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]

6 March (20 March)

HL3062 Baroness Hayman of Ullock [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3067 Baroness Janke [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3068 Baroness Janke [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3090 Lord Truscott [Home Office]

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

Business and Trade (5)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (7)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (1)

Health and Social Care (8)

Home Office (1)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (1)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Housing Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	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	25 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	
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	
Returned to the Commons amended		
Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill	Government	

Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

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

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

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 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)*

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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)*

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*

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

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*

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*

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.

Thursday 21 March

Food, Diet and Obesity Committee	Room 4	9.45am
Services Committee	Room 3A	12.30pm

Monday 25 March

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

Tuesday 26 March

Science and Technology Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 1	10.30am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Built Environment Committee	Room 2	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 4	1.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 3	3.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 2	4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 3A	4.00pm
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	4.00pm

Wednesday 27 March

Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 4	10.30am

Wednesday 17 April

Constitution Committee		10.00am
Public Services Committee		3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

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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Wednesday 22 May

Finance Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
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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 Wednesday 20 March 2024

The House met at 3.00pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Worcester.

1 **Royal Assent** The Lord Speaker (Lord McFall of Alcluith) notified the King's Assent to the following Acts:

Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Act 2024	c 4
National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Act 2024	c 5
Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Act 2024	c 6
Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Act 2024	ch i

Select Committee Report

2 Statutory Instruments

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

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

Draft Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance Refresh

Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) Order 2024. (16th Report, HL Paper 91)

Public Business

3 **Free childcare scheme** A question was asked by Baroness Twycross and answered by Baroness Barran.

4 **Children's cancer services** A question was asked by Baroness Bloomfield of Hinton Waldrist and answered by Lord Markham.

5 **Teesworks project: audit** A question was asked by Baroness Taylor of Stevenage and answered by Baroness Swinburne.

6 **School meals for children** A question was asked by Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe and answered by Baroness Barran.

7 **Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2024** Lord Harlech moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 22 January be approved. The motion was agreed to.

8 **Single Source Contract (Amendment) Regulations 2024** The Earl of Minto moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 22 January be approved. The motion was agreed to.

9 **Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024** Lord Sharpe of Epsom moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 8 February be approved. The motion was agreed to.

10 **Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon moved that the Regulations laid before the House on 26 February be approved. The motion was agreed to.

11 **Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill** The Commons reasons were considered.

Motion A Lords amendment 1 was not insisted on and amendment 1B in lieu was agreed to (see division 1).

Motion B Lords amendments 2 and 3 were not insisted on and amendments 3B in lieu of Lords amendment 2 and 3C in lieu of Lords amendment 3 were agreed to (see divisions 2 and 3).

Motion C Lords amendments 4 and 5 were not insisted on.

Motion D Lords amendment 6 was not insisted on and amendment 6B in lieu was agreed to (see division 4)

Motion E Lords amendment 7 was not insisted on and amendment 7B in lieu was agreed to (see division 5).

Motion F Lords amendment 8 was not insisted on.

Motion G Lords amendment 9 was insisted on (see division 6). A Committee was appointed to propose a reason. The Committee proposed the following reason for insisting on Lords Amendment 9: “Because the Lords wish the Commons to consider the matter again.” The reason was agreed to.

Motion H Lords amendment 10 was not insisted on and amendment 10B in lieu was agreed to (see division 7).

12 Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill The bill was considered in Committee. Amendments were considered. The House resumed after clause 1 was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 10.01pm until Thursday 21 March at 11.00am.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

The Grand Committee met in the Moses Room at 4.15pm.

Data Protection and Digital Information Bill The bill was considered in Committee. Amendments were considered. The Committee adjourned after amendment 10.

The Committee adjourned at 8.14pm.

Papers

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

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

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| 1 Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) (Environmental Standards) Order 2024 | (378) |
| 2 Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2024 | (384) |
| 3 Immigration, Nationality and Passport (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 | (398) |

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Report and Accounts of Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust 2022–23
- 2 Report on the operation of the UK Internal Market 2023–24

Divisions

Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill

Division No. 1

Lord Coaker moved Motion A1, as an amendment to Motion A, at end to insert “, and do propose Amendment 1B in lieu—

1B Clause 1, page 1, line 5, at end insert “while having due regard for domestic and international law.””

The House divided:

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Division No. 2

Lord Hope of Craighead moved Motion B1, as an amendment to Motion B, at end to insert “, and do propose Amendment 3B in lieu—

3B Clause 1, page 1, line 12, leave out “is a safe country” and insert “will be a safe country when the arrangements provided for in the Rwanda Treaty have been fully implemented and for so long as they continue to be so.””

The House divided:

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Division No. 3

Lord Hope of Craighead moved Motion B2, as an amendment to Motion B, at end to insert “, and do propose Amendment 3C in lieu—

3C Clause 1, page 2, line 31, at end insert—

“(7) The Rwanda Treaty will have been fully implemented for the purposes of this Act when the Secretary of State has obtained and laid before Parliament a statement from the independent Monitoring Committee formed under Article 15 that the Objectives referred to in Article 2 of the Treaty have been secured by the creation of the mechanisms listed in that Article.

(8) The Rwanda Treaty will cease to be treated as fully implemented if Parliament decides, on the advice of the Monitoring Committee, that the provisions of the treaty are no longer being adhered to in practice.””

The House divided:

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Division No. 4

Baroness Chakrabarti moved Motion D1, as an amendment to Motion D, at end to insert “, and do propose Amendment 6B in lieu—

6B Leave out Clause 4 and insert the following new Clause—

“Decisions in individual claims

(1) Section 2 does not prevent—

(a) the Secretary of State or an immigration officer from deciding (under any applicable provision of, or made under, the Immigration Acts) whether the Republic of Rwanda is a safe country for the person in question or for a group of persons to which the person belongs,

(b) a court or tribunal considering a review of, or an appeal against, a relevant decision to the extent that the review or appeal is brought on the grounds that the Republic of Rwanda is not a safe country for the person in question or for a group of persons to which that person belongs, or

(c) a decision-maker considering whether there is a real risk that the Republic of Rwanda will remove or send the person in question to another State in contravention of any of its international obligations.

(2) The court or tribunal may grant an interim remedy that prevents or delays, or that has the effect of preventing or delaying, the removal of the person to the Republic of Rwanda, providing such prevention or delay is for no longer than strictly necessary for the fair and expeditious determination of the case.

(3) Section 54 of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 is disapplied for the purposes of this Act.

(4) In this section—

“interim remedy” means any interim remedy or relief however described (including, in particular, an interim injunction or interdict);

“relevant decision” means a decision taking by the Secretary of State or an Immigration officer (under any applicable provision of, or made under, The Immigration Acts) that the Republic of Rwanda is a safe country for the person in question.””

The House divided:

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Division No. 5

Baroness Lister of Burtsett moved Motion E1, as an amendment to Motion E, at end to insert “, and do propose Amendment 7B in lieu—

7B After Clause 4, insert the following new Clause—

“Age assessment of unaccompanied children

In section 57 of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 (Decisions relating to a person’s age), insert after subsection (6)—

“(6A) If a person is to be removed to the Republic of Rwanda, subsection (6) does not apply and in this section “relevant authority” means a local authority, within the meaning of Part 4 (age assessments) of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022, which has conducted an age assessment of the person under section 50(3)(b) of that Act.””

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Division No. 6

Baroness Butler-Sloss moved Motion G1, as an amendment to Motion G, to leave out from “House” to end and insert “do insist on its Amendment 9.”

The House divided:

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Division No. 7

Lord Browne of Ladyton moved Motion H1, as an amendment to Motion H, at end to insert “, and do propose Amendment 10B in lieu—

10B After Clause 5, insert the following new Clause—

“Exemption for agents, allies and employees of the UK Overseas

(1) Notwithstanding the Nationality and Borders Act 2022, the Illegal Migration Act 2023, any earlier Immigration Acts and the other provisions of this Act, the following categories of person may not be removed to the Republic of Rwanda—

- (a) agents or allies who have supported His Majesty’s armed forces overseas in an exposed or meaningful manner that now affects their claim for protection;
- (b) persons who have been employed by or indirectly contracted to provide services to the UK Government in an exposed or meaningful manner that now affects their claim for protection;
- (c) the partners and dependent family members of persons referred to in (a) or (b) above;
- (d) persons who were the partners or family members of persons referred to in (a) or (b) above in a manner that now affects their claim for protection.

(2) The exemption in (1) above includes but is not limited to persons eligible for entry to the UK under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (“ARAP”) and Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (“ACRS”).

(3) A person seeking to rely upon the exemption in (1) above must give the Secretary of State notice as soon as reasonably practicable to allow prompt verification of available records as to allies, agents, employees, contractors and family members.””

The House divided:

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