

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.

†***Baroness Lister of Burtersett** to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking in response to the fact that 4.3 million children lived in relative poverty in 2023, according to data published by the Department for Work and Pensions on 21 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]

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



Future Business

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]*

†***Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the level of interest being charged on student loans.

Allowances The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) to move that:

(1) Members of this House, except any Member who receives a salary under the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 and the Chairman and Principal Deputy Chairman of Committees, should be entitled to an overnight allowance in respect of each day of attendance on or after 15 April 2024 as provided for below.

(2) Members are eligible to claim the overnight allowance—

(a) if the Member’s registered residential address is outside Greater London,

(b) the Member has a recorded attendance,

(c) for reimbursement towards the expense of hotel or similar accommodation costs in Greater London incurred in staying overnight away from their registered residential address where it is necessary to do so for the purpose of attendance.

(3) “Attendance” means attendance—

(a) at a sitting of this House,

(b) at a meeting of a Committee of this House, or

(c) on such other Parliamentary business as may be determined by the House of Lords Commission.

(4) The maximum daily amount payable to a Member should be £100.

(5) The maximum daily amount can be claimed for each day of recorded attendance or each night which falls immediately before a day of recorded attendance. Members cannot claim for more nights than days attended.

(6) The provisions of this Resolution apply in accordance with guidance issued under the authority of the House of Lords Commission.

(7) In relation to the year beginning with 1 April 2025, and each subsequent year beginning with 1 April—

(a) any formula or mechanism included in the IPSA determination for the year as a result of section 4A(4) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (adjustment of MPs’ salaries) should be treated as applying for the purposes of adjusting for that year the amount of the allowance payable to a Member of this House, and

(b) accordingly, the amount of the allowance payable to a Member in respect of a day of attendance in that year should be—

(i) the amount obtained by applying the formula or mechanism to the amount payable by way of allowance (under paragraph 4 or this paragraph) in the previous year, or

(ii) where no formula or mechanism is included in the determination, the same amount payable by way of allowance (under paragraph 4 or this paragraph) in the previous year.

(8) In paragraph 7(a) “IPSA determination” means a determination under section 4(4) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009.

(9) Any fraction of a pound in an amount obtained under paragraph 7(b)(i) should be rounded up to the nearest pound if the fraction is 50p or more, but otherwise should be disregarded.

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*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

†**Data Protection and Digital Information Bill** Committee (day 3) [Viscount Camrose] *Scottish, Welsh and 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

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Taylor of Stevenage** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the provision of social housing of removing the right of local authorities to retain 100 per cent of receipts from right-to-buy sales.

***The Earl of Lytton** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mark the 200th anniversary year since the death of George Gordon 6th Lord Byron, which commences on 19 April; and whether they are providing support for the relocation of his statue from a traffic island in Park Lane in London.

***Baroness Northover** to ask His Majesty's Government why the UK–Africa Investment Summit scheduled for April has been postponed, and when they plan to hold it.

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.

Monday 22 April 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made on plans to increase the number of medical student places in England.

†***Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are taking steps to ban the import and sale of fur.

†***Baroness Anelay of St Johns** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to mark International Mother Earth Day, and to fulfil the United Kingdom's commitments set out in their White Paper on International Development, published in November 2023 (CP 975).

†***Lord Browne of Ladyton** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the United Nations Special Rapporteur report on *Paying polluters: the catastrophic consequences of investor-State dispute settlement for climate and environment action and human rights*, published on 13 July 2023.

Thursday 25 April 2024 at 11.00am

Lord Snape to move that this House takes note of the case for a coherent plan to address the failings of the transport system.

Viscount Chandos to move that this House takes note of the supply of genuinely affordable housing, its impact on the economy, and the steps needed to increase supply, particularly for key workers and those on lower incomes.

Select Committee Reports

The date on which the report was published is in italics.

Lord Hollick to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Industry and Regulators Committee *Must do better: the Office for Students and the looming crisis facing higher education* (2nd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 246). *23 September 2023*

Baroness Brown of Cambridge to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Science and Technology Committee *The neglected pollutants: the effects of artificial light and noise on human health* (2nd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 232). *19 December 2023*

Lord Moylan to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Built Environment Committee *The impact of environmental regulations on development* (2nd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 254). *21 September 2023*

Baroness Morris of Yardley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Public Services Committee *Homecare medicines services: an opportunity lost* (4th Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 269). *16 November 2023*

Lord Redesdale to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Horticultural Sector Committee *Sowing the seeds: A blooming English horticultural sector* (Session 2022–23, HL Paper 268). *6 November 2023*

Lord Bridges of Headley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *Making an independent Bank of England work better* (1st Report, HL Paper 10). *27 November 2023*

Lord Johnson of Marylebone to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Education for 11 to 16-year olds Committee *Requires improvement: urgent change for 11–16 education* (HL Paper 17). *12 December 2023*

Lord Lisvane to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Artificial Intelligence in Weapon Systems Committee *Proceed with Caution: Artificial Intelligence in Weapon Systems* (HL Paper 16). *1 December 2023*

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

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

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

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

Lord Oates to move that this House regrets the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (HC 556), published on 19 February, in particular the provisions preventing overseas care workers from bringing family to the United Kingdom, as this will (1) deprive migrant care workers of the basic right of caring for their own children, (2) increase workers' dependency on their sponsors by removing the safety net of a partner's income, and (3) make it harder for workers to report and change sponsors, increasing the risk of exploitation. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 16th Report*

Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville to move that this House regrets that the new growth duty imposed on Ofwat by the draft Economic Growth (Regulatory Functions) (Amendment) Order 2024 could seriously impact its ability to take enforcement action against polluting water companies, and further regrets the failure of the Government to prioritise the sanctioning of polluters and the cleanliness of waterways *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report*

Questions for Short Debate

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

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*)

Lord Popat to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to (1) raise awareness among United Kingdom businesses of commercial opportunities in African markets, and (2) support United Kingdom exports to Africa. (*Department for Business and Trade*)

Lord Harries of Pentregarth to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the recommendations in *From Arrival to Integration: Building Communities for Refugees and for Britain* published on 20 March by the Woolf Institute. (*Home Office*)

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS FOR DEBATE

†**Lord Aberdare** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase the availability and take-up of first aid training, including in the use of defibrillators. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

†**Lord McNally** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the work of the Youth Justice Board in the year of its 25th anniversary. (*Ministry of Justice*)

†**Lord Davies of Brixton** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report *Monitoring the Mental Health Act in 2022–2023* published by the Care Quality Commission on 21 March. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 25 March and due for answer by 10 April.

Earl Attlee to ask His Majesty's Government how many businesses, or their obvious subsidiaries, have been granted a Special Order under section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to move an abnormal load, or loads, at a gross weight exceeding 150 tonnes in the most recent 12-month period for which the figures are available. HL3570

Earl Attlee to ask His Majesty's Government how many businesses, or their obvious subsidiaries, have been granted a VR1 Authorisation under an order made under section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to move an exceptionally wide load in the most recent 12-month period for which figures are available. HL3571

Earl Attlee to ask His Majesty's Government how many businesses, or their obvious subsidiaries, have been granted a Special Order made under section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to move an exceptionally wide load in excess of 6.1 metres wide in the most recent 12-month period for which figures are available. HL3572

Lord Birt to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made, if any, of the scale of damage to public footpaths and bridleways caused by four-wheel drive vehicles and scrambler bikes. HL3573

The Earl of Clancarty to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they intend to take to combat the theft of stone from historic sites. HL3574

The Earl of Clancarty to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to improve crime reporting in relation to national heritage, including through the development of a heritage crime marker to highlight protected sites and other cultural property in police call handling. HL3575

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government why NHS England has decided to allow the prescription of gender affirming hormones as a routine commissioning treatment option for young people from around their 16th birthday after only a literature review and without consulting medical and other specialists, or taking note other countries' experience of such hormones. HL3576

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government how many complaints to Border Force are not answered within the service standard of 20 days. HL3577

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government why no reason is given to inward travellers for being held for 6 hours; why they are offered no food or drink during such detention; and why no apology is offered when nothing untoward has been found in their travel to the UK. HL3578

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government what procedures Border Force has in place to learn lessons from incidents of unnecessary detention or of the loss of paper-work such that a complaint takes 11 months to process. HL3579

Baroness Helic to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports by UN experts on 19 February of "credible allegations of egregious human rights violations" against Palestinian women and girls in Gaza and the West Bank by Israel Defence Forces; and whether they have offered practical support for investigating these alleged crimes, and for caring for survivors and witnesses. HL3580

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government which department will answer questions on matters relating to the Windsor Framework (Implementation) Regulations 2024. HL3581

Lord Holmes of Richmond to ask His Majesty’s Government what is the educational attainment gap for blind and visually impaired students at (1) Key Stage 2, (2) GCSE, and (3) A Level; by what date, if any, they aim to eradicate that gap; and what additional research have they undertaken, or do they intend to undertake, to support work in this area. HL3582

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty’s Government further to the Written Answers by Lord Markham on 27 February 2023 (HL5458) and 14 March 2023 (HL5916), whether they will place in the Library of the House a copy of the YAML, R and Python code exportable from NHS England’s Federated Data Platform for (1) the Ambulance Dataset Dashboard, and (2) the COVID Monitoring Reporting and Publication Dashboard. HL3583

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty’s Government what progress they have made on the funding of biomedical research into myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) since the then Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Care stated on 24 January 2019 that “there have not been good enough research proposals in the ME space, partly because of the stigma ... and partly because of the division in the medical community”. HL3584

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty’s Government how much research funding the National Institute for Health and Care Research and the Medical Research Council have invested in biomedical studies of the causes and treatment of myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) and non-biomedical studies of ME since 2019. HL3585

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the extent to which the 2021 NICE guidance for myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) has been implemented (1) in general, and (2) in relation to the training health and social care professionals on how to employ the new recommendations, (a) establishing a UK-wide network of hospital-based ME/CFS specialist services, (b) making all NHS services accessible and capable of providing personalised ongoing care and support to those with ME/CFS, and (c) ensuring social care provision for ME/CFS is monitored and regularly reviewed. HL3586

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty’s Government what recent assessment they have made of the role of insourcing as a solution to eliminating waiting list backlogs for elective procedures. HL3587

Lord Lee of Trafford to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they were invited to participate in the recently announced Franco-German Main Ground Combat System which is intended to jointly provide a successor tank to the Leopard and Leclerc. HL3588

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask His Majesty’s Government, further to the remarks of Baroness Vere of Norbiton on 18 March (HL Deb col 82), what is their assessment of the implications for calculating entitlement to contributory working age benefits and pensions of abolishing national insurance contributions. HL3589

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of reports (1) that the car park of UNWRA’s headquarters in Gaza sank in 2014 as a result of subterranean terror infrastructure, and (2) that UNWRA did not investigate this sinking. HL3590

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of reports that UNWRA did not remove the terror infrastructure beneath Zaitun Preparatory A Boys School in Gaza it discovered in 2021. HL3591

Lord Patten to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment, if any, have they made of the cultural and economic welfare of the permanent residents of the Scilly Isles. HL3592

Lord Patten to ask His Majesty’s Government which specific counties are included within the term “the west country of England” when they refer to this region. HL3593

Lord Patten to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment, if any, have they made of the number of illegal migrants who have reached the UK from or via Tunisia in each of the last 3 years. HL3594

Lord Pickles to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to build consensus among international partners on halting the supply of arms to all parties funding, sheltering or supporting proscribed terrorist groups, including Hamas. HL3595

Lord Pickles to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the implications for the UK's foreign policy of Israel's claims to have discovered a Hamas intelligence command centre and terror tunnels beneath UNWRA's Gaza headquarters. HL3596

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to adopt a new immunisation programme and ensure that there is high uptake of this programme. HL3597

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government how they plan to assess the wider productivity and economic benefits of any new immunisation programmes for infant respiratory syncytial virus. HL3598

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government how they plan to assess the impact of new immunisation programmes for infant respiratory syncytial virus on (1) hospitalisations, and (2) health inequality. HL3599

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence's severity modifier on the prescribing of cancer medicines. HL3600

Lord Shinkwin to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of recent reports that Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh was an UNRWA teacher. HL3601

Lord Shinkwin to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the reported sale of equipment imported by UNRWA to (1) Hamas, and (2) Palestinian Islamic Jihad. HL3602

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following the release of data showing that the number of children living in absolute poverty has risen by the highest rate in 30 years, what steps they are taking to address the increase in child poverty rates. HL3603

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the factors contributing to the recent decline in consumer prices inflation. HL3604

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of recent trends in consumer spending; and what assessment they have made of the impact of this on (1) the retail sector, and (2) the wider economy. HL3605

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government whether they classify platforms hosting large language models as hosting providers or as publishers and content creators in their own right, and what assessment they have made of the impact of this classification on the regulation and accountability of such platforms. HL3606

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what additional support they are providing to enable local authorities and childcare providers to meet demand arising from their commitment to provide free childcare hours. HL3607

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the percentage of eligible families who will be able to take advantage of free childcare care hours committed by April. HL3608

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the percentage of areas where there is a shortage of childcare facilities and providers to provide their commitment of free childcare hours. HL3609

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what percentage of (1) primary, and (2) secondary, schools currently provide breakfast clubs. HL3610

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government how much funding they provided to UNRWA in each of the past five years. HL3611

Lord Young of Cookham to ask His Majesty's Government, following statistics published on 21 March showing that the percentage of young carers who missed at least ten per cent of school is almost twice as high as that for pupils without caring responsibilities, what steps they are taking to improve the (1) identification of, and (2) support for, young carers in schools. HL3612

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)

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

1 March (15 March)

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)

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

6 March (20 March)

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

7 March (21 March)

HL3136 Lord Trees [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

8 March (22 March)

HL3159 The Marquess of Lothian [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

11 March (25 March)

HL3163 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3188 Lord Shinkwin [Women and Equalities]

HL3189 Lord Shinkwin [Women and Equalities]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (8)

Health and Social Care (5)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (1)

Women and Equalities (2)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Housing Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Workforce Information (Ethnicity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Commercial Organisations and Public Authorities Duty (Human Rights and Environment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Coroners (Determination of Suicide) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
At-Home Early Medical Abortion (Review) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Asylum Application (Entry to the United Kingdom) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Ecocide Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Protection of Care Recipients and Carers Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Wheelchair Access Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide Determination Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Heritage Trees Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Status of Workers Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Disestablishment of the Church of England Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Public Service (Integrity and Ethics) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Abortion (Gestational Time Limit Reduction) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Still-Birth (Definition) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Road Traffic Offences (Cycling) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill	Government	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	27 March
Committed to a Committee of the Whole House		
Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent withheld; Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought; King's consent sought</i>)	Government	

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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	
Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide (Prevention and Response) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Waiting for Report		
Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent granted</i>)	Government	
Victims and Prisoners Bill (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</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

Draft Combined Authorities (Finance) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Contracts for Difference (Sustainable Industry Rewards) Regulations 2024

Draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Amendment) Order 2024

Draft Procurement 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 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 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 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*

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*

Air Services Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia *Scrutiny period expires: 14 May*

Host Country Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Forest Institute *Scrutiny period expires: 15 May*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Bahrain concerning Air Services *Scrutiny period expires: 15 May*

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgements in Civil or Commercial Matters *Scrutiny period expires: 16 May*

Defence Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Senegal concerning Military Cooperation *Scrutiny period expires: 16 May*

Amendment of the Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to remove the Statutory Lending Limit (SLL) *Scrutiny period expires: 16 May*

Treaties considered by a Select Committee

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.

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

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 4	10.30am

Wednesday 17 April

Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
Constitution Committee		12.30pm
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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Monday 22 April

Preterm Birth Committee		3.00pm
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Thursday 25 April

Services Committee	Room 3A	12.30pm
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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 Monday 25 March 2024

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

1 House of Lords Business Plan It was ordered that the Business Plan of the House of Lords Administration 2024/25, as authorised by the House of Lords Commission, be published. (HL Paper 93)

Public Business

2 Asylum claims A question was asked by Lord Dubs and answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

3 Cabinet Manual A question was asked by Viscount Stansgate and answered by Baroness Neville-Rolfe.

4 Sodium valproate and pelvic mesh A question was asked by Baroness Cumberlege and answered by Lord Markham.

5 Train operating company contracts A question was asked by Baroness Randerson and answered by Lord Davies of Gower.

6 Victims and Prisoners Bill The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with the question that clause 53 be agreed to. The House resumed and the bill was reported with an amendment. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 57)

7 Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Financial Penalty) Regulations 2024 Lord Offord of Garvel moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 19 February be approved. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

8 Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-Engagement Lord Offord of Garvel moved that the draft Code laid before the House on 19 February be approved. Then Lord Woodley moved, as an amendment to the motion, at end to insert “but this House regrets that the draft Code contains no effective measures to restrain unjustified use of fire and rehire; and fails to include any measures (1) contained in the Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL], or (2) recommended by the International Labour Organization Committee on Freedom of Association’s *Definitive Report 404* published in October 2023 on the matter of dismissals of 786 staff by P&O Ferries Limited.” After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to.

9 Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Baroness Swinburne moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 19 February be approved. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

10 Strategy and Policy Statement for Energy Policy in Great Britain Lord Callanan moved that the draft Strategy and Policy Statement laid before the House on 21 February be approved. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

11 Fair Dealing Obligations (Milk) Regulations 2024 Lord Douglas-Miller moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 1 March be approved. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

12 Christians: persecution A question was asked by Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee and, after debate, answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.

The House adjourned at 8.50pm until Tuesday 26 March at 2.30pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

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

Data Protection and Digital Information Bill The Grand Committee further considered the bill, beginning with amendment 11. Amendments 20 and 42 were agreed to The Committee adjourned after amendment 52A.

The Committee adjourned at 7.40pm.

Papers

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

Papers Withdrawn

The following papers, laid before the House on the dates shown, were withdrawn:

- 1 Government Response to the Ninth Report of the House of Commons Transport Committee on the draft revised National Policy Statement for National Networks (*6 March*)
- 2 Report on the British Wool Marketing Board Agricultural Marketing Scheme 2020–21 (*1 December 2021*)

Command Papers

The following papers were presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

- 1 Local Government—Government Response to the Third Report of the House of Commons Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee on financial distress in local authorities. (1050)
- 2 Defence—Delivering the UK’s Nuclear Deterrent as a National Endeavour. (1058)

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House for approval by resolution:

- 1 Draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Amendment) Order 2024
- 2 Draft Procurement Regulations 2024

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Civil Aviation (Environmental Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (413)
- 2 Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (England) Regulations 2024 (418)

Treaties subject to scrutiny under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The following papers were laid before the House by command of His Majesty, accompanied by Explanatory Memoranda:

- 1 Justice—Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters (1037)
- 2 Defence—Defence Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Senegal concerning Military Cooperation (1053)
- 3 Finance—Amendment of the Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to remove the Statutory Lending Limit (SLL) (1054)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Annual Statement of Emissions 2022
- 2 Government Response to the Ninth Report of the House of Commons Transport Committee on the draft revised National Policy Statement for National Networks
- 3 Report and Accounts of the Competition Appeal Tribunal and Competition Service 2022–23
- 4 Report on the British Wool Marketing Board Agricultural Marketing Scheme 2022–23
- 5 Report on the British Wool Marketing Board Agricultural Marketing Scheme 2021–22

