

**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.

†**Victims and Prisoners Bill** Lord Bellamy to move that the amendments for the Report stage be marshalled and considered in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 42  
The Schedule

Clauses 43 to 62  
Title.

**Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]** Second Reading  
[Lord Stewart of Dirleton]

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

*It is expected that the following two motions, and the associated amendment, will be debated together:*

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

Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 6 March be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report*

**Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville** to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert "but this House regrets that the new growth duty imposed on Ofwat 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."

**Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance Refresh** Lord Johnson of Lainston to move that the draft Statutory Guidance laid before the House on 6 March be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report*

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*Items marked † are new or have been altered*

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



***Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm***

†**Data Protection and Digital Information Bill** Committee (day 4) [Viscount Camrose] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

**Future Business**

**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.

\***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.

\***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.

†\***Lord Hain** to ask His Majesty's Government what rules apply to compensation payments made to farmers affected by flooding from the Farming Recovery Fund and similar schemes.

*Four questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (40 minutes)*

†\***The Lord Bishop of Winchester** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what assessment he has made of the current state of freedom of religion or belief in India.

†\***Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what action the Government are taking to maintain moral and physical support, in the United Kingdom and internationally, for Ukraine's war against the Russian invasion.

†\***Lord Owen** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs when the next bilateral is planned between the United Kingdom and French governments on security issues, and whether it will involve the President and Prime Minister as well as the two foreign secretaries.

†\***Baroness Chakrabarti** to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs what plans he has to mark the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of London establishing the Council of Europe on 5 May.

*If a message is received from the Commons on the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill, it is expected that it will be considered.*

**Victims and Prisoners Bill** Report [Lord Bellamy] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

## 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.

*Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 15 April.*

**Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill** Committee (day 2) [Baroness Neville-Rolfe] *Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent withheld; Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

†*It is expected that the Grand Committee on the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill will continue at 4.15pm in the Moses Room.*

## 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.

\***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 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.  
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*Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 16 April.*

**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.

### ***Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm***

**Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) Order 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 12th Report*

*The following two motions are expected to be debated together:*

**Official Controls (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Douglas-Miller] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report*

**Plant Health (Fees) (England) and Official Controls (Frequency of Checks) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Douglas-Miller] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report*

**Veterinary Medicines (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Douglas-Miller] *18th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

**Goods Vehicles (International Road Transport Permits and Haulage Within the EU) Regulations 2024** Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Davies of Gower]

### **Friday 19 April 2024 at 10.00am**

**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).

**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).

**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).

### **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.

**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. (*Dinner break business*)

### **Tuesday 23 April 2024 at 2.30pm**

**Lord Goodman of Wycombe** will be introduced.

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

\***Lord Farmer** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the connection between COVID-19 vaccination and increased prevalence of coronary disease.

\***Baroness Twycross** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the implementation of the expansion of free childcare hours.

\***Baroness Pitkeathley** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to review the care worker visa regime.

## Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 3.00pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Dubs** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to assist family reunion under the existing visa rules for persons in Gaza.

†\***Baroness Wilcox of Newport** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for stronger consultation and co-operation with the Welsh Government on energy policy to manage overlapping responsibilities in that area.

†\***Baroness Fox of Buckley** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to issue guidance on data to be collected throughout the criminal justice system by sex, as registered at birth, not gender identity, to ensure consistency of crime statistics across England and Wales.

## Thursday 25 April 2024 at 11.00am

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Prashar** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the growing number of companies reporting their ethnicity pay gap and of the case for legislating for mandatory reporting.

†\***Lord Hain** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to review sanctions against Russian individuals in the light of President Putin's re-election and the continuing war in Ukraine.

†\***Lord Woodley** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of racial bias in Crown Prosecution Service charging decisions.

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

†*Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 15 April, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 16 April.*

**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.

## ***Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm***

†**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. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

†**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. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

†**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government how UK aid is used to support minorities in Pakistan. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

†**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. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

## Monday 29 April 2024 at 2.30pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Leigh of Hurley** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the pressure experienced by start-up companies arising from delays in accessing tax incentive schemes designed to support them, including the Enterprise Investment Scheme and Research and Development tax credits.

†\***Lord Colgrain** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they expect to meet the statutory timeframe within which a decision on the Lower Thames Crossing Development Consent Order must be made.

†\***Lord Young of Cookham** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to replacing excise duty on fuel with road pricing.

†\***Lord Moylan** to ask His Majesty's Government how many (1) women, and (2) persons who were under 18 years of age when their index offence was committed, are serving an indeterminate sentence for public protection and have never been released on licence.

## Tuesday 30 April 2024 at 2.30pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Quin** to ask His Majesty's Government what recent meetings they have had with environmental organisations to discuss measures to reduce sewage pollution in lakes and rivers.

†\***Baroness Willis of Summertown** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in exploring how best the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures framework can be incorporated into UK policy and legislation in line with their commitment in the 2023 Green Finance Strategy.

†\***Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government when they intend to publish the chemicals strategy to which they committed in their 25-year environment plan of January 2018.

## Wednesday 1 May 2024 at 3.00pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Campbell-Savours** to ask His Majesty's Government what proposals they are considering to reform the House of Lords, in particular with regard to the size of the House.

†\***Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government what estimates have been made of the distributable reserves of each water company now that OFWAT has taken powers under the Environment Act 2021 to change their licence conditions, including whether they can pay dividends.

†\***The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government, following recent announcements of proposed university staff cuts, what steps they are taking to support the study of the arts and humanities in higher education.

## Thursday 2 May 2024 at 11.00am

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of NHS England London stating that "anyone with ovaries can get ovarian cancer" in a social media post rather than referring to "women", whereas at other times NHS England refers to "men" in relation to prostate cancer; and whether this wording has been market tested with women, including those for whom English is a second language, to ensure that it is fully understood.

†\***Lord Watson of Wyre Forest** to ask His Majesty's Government what support they provide to nuclear test veterans.

†\***Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to issuing a Best Value Notice to the Tees Valley Combined Authority, given the scale of the legal costs that its subsidiary the South Tees Development Corporation is likely to incur after losing a court case that it brought against PD Teesport.

## **Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 2.30pm**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Strathcarron** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the warning by independent WHO experts at the Brownstone Institute that amendments to the International Health Regulations to be made at its forthcoming meeting in May 2024 may contravene Article 55 of those Regulations.

†\***Baroness Verma** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the scale of period poverty.

†\***Lord Lexden** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Ireland about their approach to addressing the legacy of the Troubles in Northern Ireland since April 1998.

## **Wednesday 8 May 2024 at 3.00pm**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address the decline in uptake of childhood immunisations.

†\***Baroness Eaton** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to their 2022 response to the report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life on Local Government Ethical Standards, what plans they have to address concerns about councillors having to publish their home addresses.

†\***Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure political deepfakes on social media are not used to undermine the outcome of the general election.

## **Thursday 9 May 2024 at 11.00am**

†**Baroness Porter of Fulwood** and

†**Baroness Hazarika** will be introduced.

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***The Earl of Shrewsbury** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they are making in tackling rural crime.

†\***Lord Cashman** to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Uganda regarding its Anti-Homosexuality Act.

†\***Lord Holmes of Richmond** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to protect intellectual property rights in relation to artificial intelligence, in particular large language models, since discontinuing plans to develop a code of practice.

## 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*

**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 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*

**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 Lister of Burtsett** to move that this House regrets that provisions in the Statement of Changes to the Immigration Rules (HC 590), published on 14 March, will initially increase the minimum income requirement for family visas from £18,600 to £29,000 without consultation or sufficient justification; will cause family separation, contrary to respect for family life, the best interests of children, and community integration; and will have a discriminatory impact; and regrets the Government's failure to publish an impact assessment or equalities impact assessment. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 20th Report*



## Questions for Short Debate

*These Questions for Short Debate were drawn in the ballot on Wednesday 27 March 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 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.

†**Lord Bird** to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to address the root causes of child poverty across the United Kingdom.

†**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.

†**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.

†**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.

†**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.

†**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.

†**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.

†**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.

†**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.

†**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.

†**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.

†**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.

## Questions for Written Answer

*Tabled on 27 March and due for answer by 12 April.*

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effect of the prolonged heatwave and drought on eastern and southern Africa, in particular on children, and what steps they are taking in response. HL3645

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports from UNICEF that the 2023–24 El Niño phenomenon has led to the president of Malawi declaring a state of disaster in 23 out of the 28 districts in the country. HL3646

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports from UNICEF that the 2023–24 El Niño phenomenon has led to the closure of schools in South Sudan. HL3647

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports from UNICEF that the 2023–24 El Niño phenomenon has led to the declaration of a national emergency in Zambia. HL3648

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the estimate by the General Coordination of Camps for the Displaced and Refugees in Sudan that over 560 children have died from malnutrition during the last 11 months of the war in that country, and of UNICEF's prediction that 700,000 Sudanese children will suffer severe malnutrition in 2024, and what steps they are taking in response. HL3649

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the warning by Médecins Sans Frontières of a critical vaccine shortage in Darfur, and what steps they are taking in response. HL3650

**Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the World Food Programme's ability to scale up its humanitarian operation in Gaza. HL3651

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Markham on 25 March (HL2978), why they have specified how physician associates (PAs) are to be used, specifically with undifferentiated patients, rather than allowing GP practices to make their own decisions about the use of PAs. HL3652

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the regulation, or other oversight, of the sale of plant biostimulants, including consideration of their efficacy, safety and ecological impacts. HL3653

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for incorporating into pharmaceutical, pesticide and other chemical regulation consideration of impacts on human, animal, plant and soil microbiomes. HL3654

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government why no Minister attended the meeting on 21 March of the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum with members of the Scottish Parliament and Senedd Cymru. HL3655

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report by Global Witness on 8 November 2023 that BP and its project partners had transferred \$35 billion-worth of oil and gas production to the government of Azerbaijan since 2020, the year that war broke out in the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, and whether they plan to take any action in response. HL3656

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what support they are providing to assist women and girls subjected to sexual violence in Darfur in Sudan. HL3657

**Lord Browne of Ladyton** to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to resume the publication of timeliness data in respect of employment tribunals. HL3658

**Lord Browne of Ladyton** to ask His Majesty's Government whether any work is underway to prepare for a fiscal event outside of the usual Treasury timetable. HL3659

**Lord Browne of Ladyton** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the merits of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, and the viability of introducing similar provisions for England. HL3660

**Lord Browne of Ladyton** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have received any representations from allies at ministerial or ambassadorial level about specific boycotts undertaken by UK local authorities or other public bodies. HL3661

**Lord Cruddas** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Barran on 19 February (HL2185), whether they plan to undertake a detailed review of the teaching of financial literacy in Denmark, Norway and Sweden with a view to updating the mathematics national curriculum. HL3662

**Lord Cruddas** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Barran on 19 February (HL2185), what proportion of (1) primary, and (2) secondary, schools the Maths Hubs' Teaching for Mastery programme has reached in the light of the targets mentioned in the Answer to reach 75 per cent of primary schools and 65 per cent of secondary schools by 2025. HL3663

**Lord Cruddas** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Barran on 19 February (HL2185), what steps they are taking to ensure financial literacy education is actually reaching the most disadvantaged students. HL3664

**Lord Dodds of Duncairn** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the commencement of section 45B of the UK Internal Market Act 2020, what export procedures will apply to goods moving from Northern Ireland to Great Britain that are subject to provisions of Union law falling within the second sentence of Article 6(1) of the Windsor Framework, which prohibit or restrict the exportation of goods; what is a practical example of what a business moving a good in this context will encounter in terms of paperwork and checks; when the export procedure will be commenced; and how they plan to apply the procedure if there is no Border Control Post at Cairnryan. HL3665

**Lord Dodds of Duncairn** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the commencement of section 45B of the UK Internal Market Act 2020, what export procedures will apply to goods moving from Northern Ireland to Great Britain that are placed under the export procedure within the Union in accordance with Title V and Title VIII of Regulation (EU) 952/2013, what is a practical example of what a business moving a good in this context will encounter in terms of paperwork and checks; when the export procedure will be commenced; and how they plan to apply the procedure if there is no Border Control Post at Cairnryan. HL3666

**Lord Dodds of Duncairn** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the commencement of section 45B of the UK Internal Market Act 2020, what export procedures will apply to goods moving from Northern Ireland to Great Britain that do not exceed 3,000 euros in value and are packed or loaded for export shipment within the Union, in accordance with Article 221 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2447, what is a practical example of what a business moving a good in this context will encounter in terms of paperwork and checks; when the export procedure will be commenced; and how they plan to apply the procedure if there is no Border Control Post at Cairnryan. HL3667

**The Earl of Effingham** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report from the Institute for Fiscal Studies that around 3.5 million private sector employees do not pay anything into their pensions in a given year, and what they will do to address this. HL3668

**Lord Elliott of Mickle Fell** to ask His Majesty's Government what are the latest available data on the number and percentage of students who left school after their A-levels to go into work; and what percentage of them received (1) 100 UCAS points or above in their A-levels, and (2) 150 UCAS points or above in their A-levels. HL3669

**Lord Elliott of Mickle Fell** to ask His Majesty's Government when the Office for National Statistics plans to begin publishing data classifying jobs in the labour market based on the new six-digit Extended Standard Occupational Classification 2020 framework rather than the current four-digit Standard Occupational Classification 2020 framework. HL3670

**Lord Farmer** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the UK of the global decline in fertility rates. HL3671

**Lord Farmer** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the Abortion Act 1967 on UK birth rates. HL3672

**Lord Farmer** to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking to help the mental health of boys who were impacted by the lockdown restrictions. HL3673

**Lord Forsyth of Drumlean** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will release the documents relating to the 1994 Mull of Kintyre Chinook crash. HL3674

**Lord Freyberg** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to ensure that existing web protocols designed to prevent unauthorised access to personal data are widely known and easily navigable for both individuals and organisations. HL3675

**Lord Freyberg** to ask His Majesty's Government what measures they have implemented to address the challenges individuals may face in opting out of large language models accessing their personal data, particularly considering any complexity and difficulty of navigating existing protocols. HL3676

**Lord Freyberg** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce measures to encourage companies using large language models to adopt easily accessible machine-readable opt-in mechanisms to obtain consent from data subjects. HL3677

**Lord Freyberg** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to implement regulations mandating AI developers to incorporate web protocols aimed at preventing large language models from accessing personal data without obtaining prior consent. HL3678

**Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with Sport England about ensuring Parkrun collects sufficient sex data to monitor female activity and therefore evaluate the impact of its £5 million grant. HL3679

**Lord Johnson of Marylebone** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are aware of any examples in the past five years of higher education institutions succumbing to pressure from student unions to undertake boycott divestment and sanction actions in relation to their investment and procurement decisions. HL3680

**Lord Johnson of Marylebone** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risk that higher education institutions succumb to pressure from student unions to undertake boycott divestment and sanction actions in relation to their investment and procurement decisions. HL3681

**Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** to ask His Majesty's Government why Natural England has not used its power to apply to the Secretary of State for creation orders to be made to create rights of way to inaccessible islands of public access land, under section 58 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. HL3682

**Lord Lexden** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Sharpe of Epsom on 26 March (HL3210), when they anticipate that officials will complete their work and that a decision will be taken by ministers. HL3683

**Lord Lipsey** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they gave to the Report from the Communications and Digital Committee *Digital exclusion* (3rd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 219) when removing the postal address for HMRC from tax code notices. HL3684

**Lord Morrow** to ask His Majesty's Government how many companies were registered on the UK Trader Scheme at the highest point of its operation. HL3685

**Lord Morrow** to ask His Majesty's Government how many companies are registered on the UK Internal Market Scheme which are based in Northern Ireland. HL3686

**Lord Morrow** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the commencement of section 45B of the UK Internal Market Act 2020, what export procedures will apply to goods moving from Northern Ireland to Great Britain when placed under a procedure listed in Article 210 of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013; what is a practical example of what a business moving a good in this context will encounter in terms of paperwork and checks; when the export procedure will be commenced; and how they plan to apply the procedure if there is no Border Control Post at Cairnryan. HL3687

**Lord Morrow** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the commencement of section 45B of the UK Internal Market Act 2020, what export procedures will apply to goods moving from Northern Ireland to Great Britain to goods that are in temporary storage in accordance with Article 144 of Regulations (EU) No 952/2013; what is a practical example of what a business moving a good in this context will encounter in terms of paperwork and checks; when the export procedure will be commenced; and how they plan to apply the procedure if there is no Border Control Post at Cairnryan. HL3688

**Lord Pearson of Rannoch** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Vere of Norbiton on 27 March (HL3259), whether they will now answer the question put; namely, how much money the United Kingdom pays to the European Union annually; on what that money is spent; and what plans they have, and to what timescale, for its reduction. HL3689

**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Department for Transport) on 18 March (17105), what discussions have taken place between the Department for Transport and the Driver and Vehicles Standards Agency regarding the Motorcycle Industry Association's 'A Licence to Net Zero' campaign. HL3690

**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Department for Transport) on 12 February (12929), when they will publish the chapter on zero emission powered light vehicles for the Local Authority Transport Decarbonisation Toolkit. HL3691

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government whether any foreign country has paid for the flights or accommodation of any Minister visiting that country in the past two years; and if so, who the Ministers were, what were the reasons for their visits, which country was visited, and the cost of (1) the flights, and (2) the accommodation. HL3692

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the government of Georgia introducing a bill that would curtail LGBT+ rights on the UK government's declaration that Georgia is a safe country for immigration purposes. HL3693

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government what evidence they have examined, and from which organisations, to determine that (1) Georgia, and (2) India, are safe countries. HL3694

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government what evidence they have considered, and from which organisations, which has led them to the conclusion that Rwanda is a safe country. HL3695

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government what conditions exist in Rwanda that have led them to conclude that appropriate and professional age assessments will be capable of being carried out on people sent there for immigration purposes where special requirements apply in respect of an uncertainty over an individual's age. HL3696

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government, following recent findings by the Resolution Foundation regarding the affordability and quality of housing, what steps they are taking to (1) address, and (2) mitigate, those challenges. HL3697

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the easing grocery price inflation on (1) consumer spending habits, and (2) household budgets. HL3698

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to (1) ensure that stabilising mortgage rates contribute to sustained growth in the housing market, and (2) address challenges faced by homebuyers concerning the increased cost of living. HL3699

**Lord Turnberg** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any evidence that UNRWA is inciting hatred of Jews in the textbooks it provides in its schools in Gaza. HL3700

**Lord Turnberg** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of allegations of rape of Israeli women by members of Hamas in its attack on 7 October 2023, and the implications for international law. HL3701

**Lord Turnberg** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that Hamas is seeking to prevent airdrops of aid provided by the UK and others. HL3702

**Lord Turnberg** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any evidence that Hamas is diverting aid meant for Gazan civilians for its own use. HL3703

**Baroness Warsi** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of British nationals travelling to Israel to fight in the Israel Defence Forces. HL3704

**Baroness Warsi** to ask His Majesty's Government how many British or dual British nationals are currently serving in the Israel Defence Forces. HL3705

**Baroness Warsi** to ask His Majesty's Government what arrangements are in place to engage with British nationals returning to the UK after serving in the Israel Defence Forces to ascertain whether they have been involved in any breaches to the Geneva Convention. HL3706

**Baroness Warsi** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of any risk posed to national security and national cohesion of returning British nationals who have served in the Israel Defence Forces. HL3707

**Lord Wasserman** to ask His Majesty's Government how many times the pay of (1) Police and Crime Commissioners, and (2) Chief Officers of Police in England and Wales, has been increased since November 2012; and when these increases took place. HL3708

**Lord Wasserman** to ask His Majesty's Government by what percentage the pay of (1) Police and Crime Commissioners, and (2) Chief Officers of Police in England and Wales, has been increased between November 2012 and 15 March 2024. HL3709

**Lord Wasserman** to ask His Majesty's Government why the pay of Police and Crime Commissioners, which was initially roughly equivalent to that of Assistant Chief Constables, is now roughly equivalent to that of Chief Inspector. HL3710

**Viscount Waverley** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the possible involvement of EVE Energy in the West Midlands Gigafactory and of the criteria that were used in the selection process. HL3711

**Lord Wills** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made, in each of the past five years, of the economic costs of the effects of post-operative cancer treatments. HL3712

**Baroness Wolf of Dulwich** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Markham on 9 February (HL2216), why the information mentioned in the Answer on government expenditure is commercially sensitive. HL3713

## 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.*

### **21 February** (6 March)

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

### **11 March** (25 March)

HL3188 Lord Shinkwin [Women and Equalities]

HL3189 Lord Shinkwin [Women and Equalities]

### **14 March** (28 March)

HL3278 Lord Dodds of Duncairn [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

### **18 March** (3 April)

HL3308 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

### **19 March** (4 April)

HL3357 Lord Birt [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3399 Baroness Hoey [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

### **20 March** (5 April)

HL3484 Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

### **21 March** (8 April)

HL3522 The Marquess of Lothian [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3524 The Marquess of Lothian [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

### **22 March** (9 April)

HL3566 Lord Scriven [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

### **25 March** (10 April)

HL3580 Baroness Helic [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3602 Lord Shinkwin [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

### **26 March** (11 April)

HL3628 Lord Naseby [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3629 Lord Patten [Department for Business and Trade]

### **27 March** (12 April)

HL3645 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3647 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3649 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3650 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

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HL3651 Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]  
HL3657 Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]  
HL3692 Lord Scriven [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]  
HL3700 Lord Turnberg [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]  
HL3701 Lord Turnberg [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]  
HL3711 Viscount Waverley [Department for Business and Trade]

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

Business and Trade (4)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (3)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (15)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (1)

Women and Equalities (2)



**Bills in Progress**

	<b>Type of Bill</b>	<b>To be considered</b>
<b>Waiting for Second Reading</b>		
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	
Ministry for Poverty Prevention Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]	Government	15 April
<b>Committed to a Select Committee</b>		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
<b>Committed to a Grand Committee</b>		
Data Protection and Digital Information Bill ( <i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	15 April
Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill	Government	
<b>Committed to a Committee of the Whole House</b>		
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	17 April
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	

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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	
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	
<b>Waiting for Report</b>		
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	16 April
Arbitration Bill [HL] ( <i>Law Commission Bill</i> ) ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	
<b>Sent to the Commons</b>		
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL]	Government	
<b>Returned to the Commons amended</b>		
Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill	Government	
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	
<b>Waiting for Consideration of Commons Amendments</b>		
Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Government	
<b>Waiting for Royal Assent</b>		
Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	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 (18 April)*
- Draft Official Controls (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report (18 April)*
- Draft Goods Vehicles (International Road Transport Permits and Haulage Within the EU) Regulations 2024 (*18 April*)

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 (18 April)*

Draft Veterinary Medicines (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024 *18th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (18 April)*

Draft Economic Growth (Regulatory Functions) (Amendment) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report (15 April)*

Draft Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance Refresh *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report (15 April)*

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

### **Negative Instruments**

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*

Statement of changes in Immigration Rules (HC 590) *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 20th Report. Praying time ends 10 May*

Social Security and Universal Credit (Migration of Tax Credit Claimants and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 *20th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 7 May*

Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (England) (Amendment) Order 2024 *20th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 10 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**

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**

Agreement between the United Kingdom and Hungary concerning the Protection of Classified Information *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 26 March. Scrutiny period expires: 2 May*

Convention on the Establishment of the ‘Global Combat Air Programme – GCAP International Government Organisation’ *8th Report of the International Agreements Committee. Scrutiny period expires: 16 April*

## Select Committee Reports awaiting a Government response after two months

*The Government has undertaken to respond in writing to the reports of select committees, if possible, within two months of publication. Only in exceptional circumstances should a response be deferred for more than six months after the report's publication. If it appears likely that a response may be received later than two months after the date of publication, the department concerned should write to the Committee explaining the reasons and indicating the likely timetable.*

**European Affairs Committee** *The Ukraine Effect: The impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on the UK–EU relationship* (1st Report, HL Paper 48), (response due 31 March, no further date agreed for a response) [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

**Economic Affairs Committee** *Research and development tax relief, HMRC data requirements, promoters of tax avoidance and sentencing for tax fraud* (2nd Report, HL Paper 52), (response due 1 April, no further date agreed for a response) [Treasury]

**Communications and Digital Committee** *Large language models and generative AI* (1st Report, HL Paper 54), (response due 2 April, response expected 17 April) [Department for Culture, Media and Sport]

**Industry and Regulators Committee** *Who watches the watchdogs? Improving the performance, independence and accountability of UK regulators* (1st Report, HL Paper 56), (response due 8 April, response expected 10 May) [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities]

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**Committees**

*Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.*

**Monday 15 April**

Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee	Room 3	3.30pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee	Room 4	4.00pm

**Tuesday 16 April**

Science and Technology Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 2	10.30am
Built Environment Committee	Room 1	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 2	2.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 3	4.15pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 3A	4.15pm

**Wednesday 17 April**

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 4	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 1	10.30am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
Constitution Committee	Room 4	12.30pm
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee	Room 3	2.00pm
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
Public Services Committee	Room 2	3.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

**Thursday 18 April**

Food, Diet and Obesity Committee	Room 2	9.45am
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL] Committee	Room 2A	11.00am

**Monday 22 April**

Preterm Birth Committee		3.00pm
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**Tuesday 23 April**

Economic Affairs Committee		3.00pm
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**Wednesday 24 April**

Conduct Committee	2-03 Millbank House	4.00pm
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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

## Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday 27 March 2024

*The House met at 11.00am.*

*Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.*

### Public Business

- 1 **Stroke treatment** A question was asked by Baroness Wheeler and answered by Lord Markham.
- 2 **Surplus carbon emissions** A question was asked by Baroness Hayman, on behalf of Lord Krebs, and answered by Lord Callanan.
- 3 **Regional arts facilities** A question was asked by the Earl of Clancarty and answered by Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay.
- 4 **Student loan interest rates** A question was asked by Lord Sikka and answered by Baroness Barran.
- 5 **Arbitration Bill [HL] (*Law Commission Bill*)** The bill was reported from the Special Public Bill Committee with amendments. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 59)
- 6 **Occupational Pension Schemes (Funding and Investment Strategy and Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Gascoigne, on behalf of Viscount Younger of Leckie, moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 26 February be approved. The motion was agreed to.
- 7 **Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2024** Lord Davies of Gower moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 21 February be approved. The motion was agreed to.
- 8 **Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disapplication or Modification of Financial Regulator Rules in Individual Cases) Regulations 2024** Lord Evans of Rainow, on behalf of Baroness Vere of Norbiton, moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 26 February be approved. The motion was agreed to.
- 9 **Accounting Standards (Prescribed Bodies) (United States of America and Japan) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Evans of Rainow, on behalf of Lord Offord of Garvel, moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 21 February be approved. The motion was agreed to.
- 10 **Allowances** The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) moved 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.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**11 Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill** Baroness Scott of Bybrook moved that the bill be now read a second time. After debate, the motion was agreed to. Then Baroness Scott of Bybrook moved that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and that it be an instruction to the Committee 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**12 Building safety** Baroness Swinburne answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Tuesday 26 March.

*The House adjourned at 5.10pm until Monday 15 April at 2.30pm.*

**Simon Burton**  
*Clerk of the Parliaments*

**Grand Committee Business**

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

**Data Protection and Digital Information Bill** The Grand Committee further considered the bill, beginning with amendment 53. Amendments 61, 63 and 110 were agreed to. The Committee adjourned after clause 25 was agreed to.

*The Committee adjourned at 4.46pm.*

## **Paper**

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

## **Command Paper**

The following paper was presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

1 Debt—Exchange of Notes between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Argentina concerning the Clearance of Arrears (The United Kingdom/Argentina Debt Agreement No. 6 (2014) Amendment No. 1). (1056)

