

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*

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Future Business

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.

†***Viscount Stansgate** to ask His Majesty's Government how they intend to consult Parliament on the deployment of British armed forces in the Middle East.

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*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

†**Data Protection and Digital Information Bill** Committee (day 5) [Viscount Camrose] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

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 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.

Monday 13 May 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Hampton** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce deaths and injuries of vulnerable road users from public bus collisions in England.

†***The Lord Bishop of Bristol** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce waiting times for 'conclusive grounds' decisions under the National Referral Mechanism for modern slavery.

†***The Lord Bishop of Manchester** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential benefits of bringing the rate of Universal Credit for care leavers under 25 in line with the rate for over-25s.

†***Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the challenges for craftspeople in (1) travelling to and from, and (2) trading with, the European Union.

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 Burtersett 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 Abbots 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 Short Debate ballot entries

The ballot for four Questions closes at 5pm on Tuesday 14 May and will be drawn on Wednesday 15 May for debate on Thursday 6 June. Time limit 1 hour.

†**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. (*Home Office*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 15 April and due for answer by 29 April.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are working with the United Nations and World Health Organisation in their efforts to strengthen laws and policies to protect women and girls from female genital mutilation in The Gambia, as committed to in the International Women and Girls Strategy 2023 to 2030. HL3714

Lord Balfre to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are taking any steps, in collaboration with international partners, to encourage peace talks between Russia and Ukraine. HL3715

Lord Balfre to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the compatibility of the Convention on International Civil Aviation with direct flights from London to Taipei, and in this respect why the UK does not permit flights to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. HL3716

Lord Balfre to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made an assessment of the international aviation security standards at the new Ercan International Airport in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and if not, whether they plan to do so. HL3717

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government whether HS2 Ltd and its agents base their offers to acquire property in connection with HS2 upon valuations fully in accordance with (1) the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' Red Book, and (2) the compensation code; and, if not, what criteria they apply to property compensation valuations. HL3718

Lord Birt to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to review the convenience and efficacy of the systems used by NHS GP practices for patients to make an appointment to see a doctor. HL3719

Lord Black of Brentwood to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Uganda concerning the Anti-Homosexuality Act 2023; and what steps they are taking to protect LGBT people living in Uganda. HL3720

Lord Black of Brentwood to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of Uganda's compatibility with being a member of the Commonwealth in the light of that country's opposition to LGBT rights, including its Anti-Homosexuality Act 2023. HL3721

Lord Black of Brentwood to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Ghana concerning its Promotion of Proper Human Sexual Rights and Ghanaian Family Values Bill 2021, which criminalises homosexuality; and what assessment they have made of Ghana's continued membership of the Commonwealth in the light of that Bill. HL3722

Lord Boswell of Aynho to ask His Majesty's Government when they will introduce secondary legislation to bring section 102 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 into force. HL3723 [I]

The Lord Bishop of Bristol to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report *Car Wash Code of Practice Project Report: Home Office Modern Slavery Prevention Fund*, published by Nottingham Trent University and submitted to the Home Office in October 2022. HL3724

The Lord Bishop of Bristol to ask His Majesty's Government when they will respond to the report *Car Wash Code of Practice Project Report: Home Office Modern Slavery Prevention Fund*, published by Nottingham Trent University and submitted to the Home Office in October 2022. HL3725

Baroness Burt of Solihull to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to introduce better perioperative practices into the NHS to reduce the number of surgical cancellations, complications, and extended stays in hospital. HL3726

Baroness Burt of Solihull to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recent proposals of the Centre for Perioperative Care to address inefficiencies in the surgical pathway. HL3727

The Earl of Caithness to ask His Majesty's Government, following the publication of the UK Health Security Agency report *Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) in the UK: State of the evidence 2023* in January, what steps they are taking to inform health professionals of the heightened risk to public health of (1) Lyme disease, and (2) emerging tick-borne diseases, including tick-borne encephalitis, from an increase in the UK distribution of tick species as a result of a warming climate; and what advice are they providing to those exposed to this risk through work or leisure. HL3728

Lord Carlile of Berriew to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mitigate the current shortage of the psychotropic medication Olanzapine, Risperidone and Haloperidol following the sudden departure of two generic manufacturers from the UK market. HL3729

Lord Carlile of Berriew to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the shortage of the psychotropic medication Olanzapine, and what steps they are taking to ensure that such shortages do not affect the health and safety of patients, and wider public safety. HL3730

Lord Davies of Brixton to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will update statutory guidance on climate risk management, as part of their review of climate risk reporting requirements which was due to take place in the second half of 2023 or otherwise; and in particular whether any updated guidance will take account of the report of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries and the University of Exeter *Climate Scorpion – the sting is in the tail* published in March. HL3731

Baroness Finlay of Llandaff to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the negative impact on pharmaceutical research investment in the UK of the refusal by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence to approve tofersen for SOD-1 MND patients in the UK. HL3732

Baroness Finlay of Llandaff to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration was given to the costs of complicated grief in families of patients dying from SOD-1 MND during the evaluation process that led to the decision to decline access to tofersen for NHS patients. HL3733

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government, following the recent breach of the Advertising Standards Authority codes by DCMS Technical Working Group members Electronic Arts, Jagex, and Hutch Games, what steps they are taking to (1) evaluate, and (2) ensure compliance with, industry-led principles and guidance on the use of paid loot boxes in computer games. HL3734

Lord Freyberg to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to establish a national register of community assets as a measure to safeguard against the inappropriate sale or disposal of such assets by local councils. HL3735

Lord Freyberg to ask His Majesty's Government, in the light of reports that some English councils will sell assets to fund services, what specific safeguards or criteria they plan to put in place to ensure that such sales do not compromise the protection of community cultural assets. HL3736

Lord Freyberg to ask His Majesty's Government what criteria and safeguards are in place to ensure that assets deemed essential to the well-being and cohesion of communities are adequately protected, while providing local councils with the necessary flexibility to manage their finances responsibly. HL3737

Lord Freyberg to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to monitor the impact of asset sales by local councils on communities, and ensure that adequate protections are in place to safeguard valuable community cultural assets in the long term. HL3738

Baroness Gale to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to provide targeted financial support for people with long-term conditions such as Parkinson's disease during the cost of living crisis. HL3739

Baroness Gale to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure the Household Support Fund meets the needs of people with Parkinson's disease. HL3740

Baroness Gale to ask His Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the impact of the NHS long-term workforce plan upon the number of specialists such as Parkinson's nurses in the NHS. HL3741

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government whether it is their policy for the NHS to refer to "people who have ovaries" rather than "women" and whether this phraseology has been market tested with women, including those for whom English is a second language, to ensure that it is fully understood. HL3742

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of cars that have been sold in the past five years are fitted with headlights which, once dipped, cause dazzle to oncoming traffic; and what discussions they have had with Euro NCAP on that matter. HL3743

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with Euro NCAP about the criteria by which certificates are issued. HL3744

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made in establishing and making operational the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery on 1 May, in particular with regard to (1) assuming responsibility for Northern Ireland Troubles reinvestigations from Operation Kenova and the Police Service of Northern Ireland, and (2) replacing inquests. HL3745

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made on the memorialisation strategy for Northern Ireland. HL3746

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government whether the informal implementation group for the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement set up with Sinn Féin is still in existence; and when it last met. HL3747

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government when they will publish a timeline for the implementation of the proposed changes to Drug Tariff Part IX; provide the definition of "quality" that will be used as part of the enhanced assessment process included in those proposed changes; and publish in full the responses received to that consultation. HL3748

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to consult patients, clinicians and manufacturers on the categorisation of products available on Part IX of the Drug Tariff as proposed in the recent consultation paper; and what assessment they have made of the impact of the proposed changes to Drug Tariff Part IX on (1) patients with continence care needs, (2) continence care services, (3) the range of devices available to clinicians and patients, and (4) new product development and innovation in medical devices in the continence sector. HL3749

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what was the annual spend by the health service on legal representation at inquests in the previous five years for which information is available. HL3750

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government, with reference to research by Christine Camacho and Luke Munford at the University of Manchester showing that deaths from drugs, alcohol and suicide are higher in northern and coastal local authorities, what steps they are taking to address that regional inequality. HL3751

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government, with reference to research by Christine Camacho and Luke Munford at the University of Manchester, what steps they are taking to reduce regional inequalities in what those researchers refer to as "Deaths of Despair". HL3752

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks of Lord Markham on 22 March (HL Deb col 441), how they reconcile his assertion that "the Government do not set policy" on foetal sentience with the provisions of the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022 which included the establishment of an animal sentience committee. HL3753

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government when they next expect to commission a foetal sentience evidence review and what organisations they will invite to undertake that and future reviews. HL3754

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government, further to remarks by Lord Markham on 22 March (HL Deb col 441), what is the legal or evidential basis of his assertion that the Government has a "duty of care not to legislate where other reasonable processes are available" and where this is further enunciated. HL3755

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to tackle diet-related ill-health, including type 2 diabetes and heart disease. HL3756

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington to ask His Majesty's Government, following the Food Data Transparency Partnership's decision not to make reporting on health data mandatory, what steps they are taking to ensure enforcement of and consistency in the voluntary scheme. HL3757

Lord Johnson of Marylebone to ask His Majesty's Government what is their most recent estimate of (1) the Resource Accounting and Budgeting charge, and (2) the estimated cost to Government of their support for the student finance system, based on future loan write-offs and interest subsidies, (a) in net present-value terms, and (b) as a proportion of the initial loan outlay. HL3758

Lord Johnson of Marylebone to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of international students on student visas are undertaking postgraduate taught courses that can be completed in less than 12 months, and whether that proportion has increased following the COVID-19 pandemic. HL3759

Lord Johnson of Marylebone to ask His Majesty's Government how many international students on student visas who complete postgraduate taught courses and leave the UK within 12 months do not subsequently return to the UK on that visa. HL3760

Lord Johnson of Marylebone to ask His Majesty's Government why all international students on postgraduate taught courses are counted as migrants, even though a proportion of those students leave the UK after less than a year. HL3761

Lord Johnson of Marylebone to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to review their statistical methods regarding the inclusion of international students on postgraduate taught courses in net migration figures. HL3762

Lord Kempson to ask His Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the risk to British-Iranian journalists in the United Kingdom after threats from the government of Iran, and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in particular. HL3763

Lord Lee of Trafford to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by The Earl of Minto on 9 April (HL3588), whether they will now answer the question put, namely whether they were invited to participate in the Main Ground Combat System programme. HL3764

The Lord Bishop of Leicester to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Viscount Younger of Leckie on 27 March (HL3520), why it is not possible to undertake a robust assessment of the impact of the two-child limit. HL3765

Lord Leigh of Hurley to ask His Majesty's Government, further to remarks by Baroness Vere of Norbiton on 21 February (HL Deb col 666) with regard to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement in the context of engaging with the EU for approval for extending the enterprise investment scheme (EIS) and venture capital trust (VCT) scheme, whether the subsidy control provisions of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement apply to EIS and VCT relief, in particular the requirement under Article 363 of that agreement that a subsidy must be selective. HL3766

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by The Earl of Minto on 21 March (HL Deb col 314), whether consideration will be given to making emergency financial redress payments to LGBT veterans who (1) have terminal illnesses, and (2) are over 65 and in serious and immediate financial hardship. HL3767

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Sharpe of Epsom on 11 April (HL3683), whether they intend to set a deadline for the completion of work by Home Office officials regarding a potential review by an independent lawyer of seven allegations against Sir Edward Heath left unresolved by Operation Conifer; and if not, why. HL3768

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government how many major police operations have included in their reports a statement that a deceased person would have been interviewed under caution had they been alive. HL3769

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Vere of Norbiton on 8 April (HL3589), whether they will now answer the question put; namely, what is their assessment of the implications for calculating entitlement to contributory working age benefits and pensions of abolishing, rather than cutting, national insurance contributions. HL3770

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion and number of universal credit claimants will be subject to the benefit cap following April's benefit uprating and increase in the local housing allowance; and what proportion and number will receive less than the full uprating and increase in Local Housing Allowance because of the cap. HL3771

The Earl of Lytton to ask His Majesty's Government what was their rationale for the short duration of the call for evidence in relation to jointly owned leasehold properties, from Thursday 21 March to Friday 5 April. HL3772

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of flooding on farmland on the likelihood of food shortages and loss of farm income. HL3773

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they intend to take to help farmers deal with unrecoverable losses from flooding on farmland, and the loss of crops and livestock. HL3774

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the threat to food security and farm productivity of the ongoing flooding on farmland across large parts of the country, and steps they intend to take to secure a steady supply of affordable vegetables and meat from UK sources. HL3775

The Lord Bishop of Manchester to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce legislation which would ban the practice of conversion therapy. HL3776

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they had with the "build to rent" sector to understand the impact of the proposed abolition of the Stamp Duty Land Tax Multiple Dwellings Relief announced in the Spring Budget, beyond the consultation from November 2021 to February 2022. HL3777

The Lord Bishop of Oxford to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the future use of artificial intelligence in education using national pupil data or learner records. HL3778

The Lord Bishop of Oxford to ask His Majesty's Government whether they give third parties access to national pupil data or learner records, and whether they charge a fee for any such access. HL3779

Lord Patten to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Somerset Levels' resilience to flooding during the winter of 2023–24. HL3780

Lord Patten to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the spread of reported Asian hornet nesting sites in England since 2019. HL3781

Lord Patten to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effect of the spread of Asian hornets on the welfare of (1) honey bees, and (2) other insect populations, in England; and what action they are taking to prevent the further spread of this invasive species. HL3782

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Neville-Rolfe on 5 April (HL3471), what consideration they are giving to the creation of a Deputy Lieutenancy to cover the administrative local government areas of Middlesex. HL3783

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Neville-Rolfe on 5 April (HL3471), whether they have received representations on the issue of the creation of a Deputy Lieutenancy for Middlesex, and what consideration they are giving to wider public engagement on the issue. HL3784

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in reforming incentives, including subsidies for ecologically harmful activities, as required under Target 18 of the Global Biodiversity Framework. HL3785

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies prohibits fuel subsidies for fleets and vessels catching depleted fish stocks in UK waters. HL3786

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government what amount of fuel subsidy is received by the UK pelagic fishing fleet. HL3787

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government when they will introduce secondary legislation under Schedule 17 to the Environment Act 2021. HL3788

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government when they will respond to the report from the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman *Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues* laid before Parliament on 21 March. HL3789

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to extend the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill to Northern Ireland. HL3790

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what recent discussions they have had with the Northern Ireland Executive about the extension of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill to Northern Ireland. HL3791

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made towards achieving the commitments outlined in the White Paper on international development published on 20 November 2023. HL3792

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to license the drug Lecanemab for the treatment of dementia and Alzheimer's disease; and if so, when. HL3793

Lord Rogan to ask His Majesty's Government whether armed forces personnel engaged in ongoing counterterrorist operations in Northern Ireland are eligible to receive the new Wider Service Medal; and if not, why. HL3794

Lord Rogan to ask His Majesty's Government how many super-injunctions are currently in effect in England and Wales. HL3795

Lord Rooker to ask His Majesty's Government whether there is any evidence of voltage surges causing damage to domestic appliances in Grenfell Tower in the days prior to the fire on 14 June 2017. HL3796

Lord Rooker to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker what precautions are in place to prevent voltage surges entering the electrical system serving the Palace of Westminster. HL3797

Lord Rooker to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the numbers of (1) private, and (2) social housing buildings above 11 metres which are fitted with equipment to prevent voltage surges. HL3798

Lord Rooker to ask His Majesty's Government how many benefit claimants with an address in Ludlow have been sanctioned for failing to keep appointments at the Jobcentre in Leominster in 2024. HL3799

Lord Rooker to ask His Majesty's Government how many benefit claimants with an address in Ludlow visited the Jobcentre in Leominster and were refused travel costs in 2024. HL3800

Baroness Royall of Blaisdon to ask His Majesty's Government when the family reunification route for Afghans in the UK, under Pathway 1 of the Afghan citizens resettlement scheme, will open; and what assessment they have made of the level of danger faced by the spouses and children who remain in Afghanistan of those who have resettled in the UK with indefinite leave to remain. HL3801

Baroness Royall of Blaisdon to ask His Majesty's Government, with reference to the Ministry of Defence's Annual Report and Accounts 2022 to 2023, what was Project Bodywork. HL3802

Baroness Royall of Blaisdon to ask His Majesty's Government, with reference to the Ministry of Defence's Annual Report and Accounts 2022 to 2023, what was Project GRACE. HL3803

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Sharpe of Epsom on 27 February (HL2409), when the Government-funded feasibility study on estimating the prevalence of female genital mutilation and forced marriage in England and Wales will be published. HL3804

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government, further to recent research conducted by the Lancet Commission, what steps they plan to take to address the projected surge in prostate cancer cases. HL3805

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to expand public awareness campaigns for prostate cancer, following the prediction by the Lancet Commission of a surge in cases. HL3806

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Lancet Commission on prostate cancer, published 4 April 2024. HL3807

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government, what plans they have to use artificial intelligence systems to support the diagnosis of prostate cancer, as recommended by the Lancet Commission in research published on 4 April. HL3808

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to prioritise research into variation of the prevalence of prostate cancer among different ethnic groups. HL3809

Lord Scriven to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 3 April (HL3297), which ambassadors have accepted offers of gifts or hospitality to attend F1 races in the last three years in Gulf States as recorded through management assurance processes; which races they attended; and who offered the gift and hospitality. HL3810

Lord Strathcarron to ask His Majesty's Government whether the National Security Online Information Team flags social media posts that are deemed to be lawful to online platforms for potential breaches of terms of service. HL3811

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following the recent increase in cases of advance fee mortgage scams, what steps they are taking to prevent such scams. HL3812

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following the findings of the Financial Conduct Authority survey indicating a decrease in savings and investing among UK adults, what steps they are taking to help individuals and families save and invest. HL3813

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking, if any, to update copyright and intellectual property regulations to better protect the rights of professional creatives and ensure fair compensation, given the challenges posed by artificial intelligence technologies. HL3814

Baroness Verma to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of potential gaps in the provision of free period products in schools in England. HL3815

Baroness Verma to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Stedman-Scott on 28 April 2022 (HL7975), what plans they have to resume the activities of the Period Poverty Taskforce. HL3816

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by The Earl of Minto on 3 April (HL3500), whether they hold (1) paper, and (2) digitised, copies of the declassified documents concerning nuclear test veterans. HL3817

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Viscount Camrose on 10 April (HL3606), what measures, if any, they intend to implement to ensure accountability for defamatory content generated by large language models. HL3818

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Viscount Camrose on 10 April (HL3606), which stakeholders they are engaging with regarding the regulation of large language models; and when they anticipate reaching conclusions and recommendations based on these consultations. HL3819

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Viscount Camrose on 10 April (HL3606), what are the additional targeted binding measures proposed for highly capable general purpose AI models, including large language models. HL3820

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government whether reports of RFA Fort Victoria being in "poor" condition in the Cammell Laird Shipyard mean that she is not immediately available to support an unplanned carrier group deployment assuming sufficient personnel can be found to man her. HL3821

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by The Earl of Minto on 3 April (HL3550), whether RFA Fort Victoria is the UK's sole solid support ship until 2031 when the first of the new Fleet Solid Support ships is accepted into service. HL3822

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government what Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships and vessels the Royal Navy currently has that are (1) operational, or (2) in reserve. HL3823

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government what is the manpower strength of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. HL3824

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of speeding up delivery times for the Fleet Solid Support ships. HL3825

Lord West of Spithead to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by The Earl of Minto on 3 April (HL3349), whether the numbers of maintenance and other personnel for each squadron will be based on the assumption that squadrons normally comprise 24 aircraft. HL3826

Lord Wills to ask His Majesty's Government what is their estimate for each of the past three years of their returns from retaining the proceeds of cashed-in Premium Bonds for up to six days before they are transferred to the holder's bank account. HL3827

Lord Young of Cookham to ask the Leader of the House when they will respond to the Report of the Procedure Committee of the House of Commons *Commons scrutiny of Secretaries of State in the House of Lords* (1st Report, HC 338). HL3828

Lord Young of Cookham to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Swinburne on 3 April (HL3354), what infrastructure categories apply to Housing Infrastructure Fund allocations. HL3829

Lord Young of Cookham to ask His Majesty's Government what criteria are applied when deciding on Housing Infrastructure Fund allocations. HL3830

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]

19 March (4 April)

HL3357 Lord Birt [Department for Business and Trade]

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

21 March (8 April)

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

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)

HL3629 Lord Patten [Department for Business and Trade]

27 March (12 April)

HL3651 Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3692 Lord Scriven [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3700 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 (3)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (3)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (6)

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	
Ministry for Poverty Prevention Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
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	17 April
Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill	Government	
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	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	
Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	

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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	
Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]	Government	
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	16 April
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>) (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Sent to the Commons		
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL]	Government	
Returned to the Commons amended		
Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill	Government	
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Waiting for Consideration of Commons Amendments		
Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Government	
Waiting for Royal Assent		
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
- Draft Carbon Capture Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2024
- Draft Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Revenue Support (Directions and Counterparty) Regulations 2024
- Draft Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2024
- Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 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 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

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*

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

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
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Minutes of Proceedings of Monday 15 April 2024

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle.

1 **Lord Rosser** The Lord Speaker (Lord McFall of Alcluith) informed the House that Lord Rosser, a member of the House, had died on 10 April.

2 **Leave of Absence** Leave of absence was granted to Lord Geidt for the remainder of this Session, with effect from 10 April.

Public Business

3 **Steel: Port Talbot** A question was asked by Lord Roberts of Llandudno and answered by Lord Johnson of Lainston.

4 **Schools and colleges: special educational needs** A question was asked by Lord Addington and answered by Baroness Barran.

5 **Police: Joe Anderson** A question was asked by Lord Heseltine and answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

6 **Pandemic preparedness** A question was asked by Baroness Deech and answered by Lord Markham.

7 **Victims and Prisoners Bill** Lord Roborough, on behalf of Lord Bellamy, moved 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.

The motion was agreed to.

8 **Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]** Lord Stewart of Dirleton moved that the bill be now read a second time. After debate, the motion was agreed to and the bill was committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

9 **Economic Growth (Regulatory Functions) (Amendment) Order 2024** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 6 March be approved. Then Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville moved, as an amendment to the 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.” Debate on the amendment was adjourned.

10 **Iran and Israel** The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) repeated a statement made in the House of Commons.

11 **Economic Growth (Regulatory Functions) (Amendment) Order 2024** The debate on the amendment was resumed. After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to.

12 **Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance Refresh** Lord Johnson of Lainston moved that the draft Statutory Guidance laid before the House on 6 March be approved. The motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 7.32pm until Tuesday 16 April 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 111. Amendments 117 to 120, 122 to 127, 128 to 129, 131, 136, 139, 141, 149 and 151 were agreed to. The Committee adjourned after amendment 151.

The Committee adjourned at 7.32pm.

Papers

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

Command Papers

The following papers were presented to the House by command of His Majesty. Dates in brackets indicate the non-sitting days on which those papers were laid:

- 1 Finance—Treasury Minutes on Government Responses to the Seventh to the Eleventh Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts (28 March). (1057)
- 2 Explanatory Memorandum (Revised)—Replacement Explanatory Memorandum to the Cosmetic Products (Restriction of Chemical Substances) Regulations, originally laid on 3 April (9 April). (—)
- 3 Transport—Amendments to Licensing Restrictions: Bus, Coach and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) (11 April). (1038)
- 4 Environment—Report on the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation 2022 (11 April). (1059)
- 5 Environment—Amendments to the Annexes of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (11 April). (1062)

Statutory Instruments laid under Standing Order 70

The following instruments were laid before the House on the dates shown:

- 1 Registrar of Companies and Register of Overseas Entities (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 454, laid on 3 April*)
- 2 Cosmetic Products (Restriction of Chemical Substances) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 455, laid on 3 April*)
- 3 National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 456, laid on 3 April*)
- 4 Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 453, laid on 4 April*)
- 5 Building (Registered Building Control Approvers etc.) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 474, laid on 5 April*)
- 6 Compulsory Purchase of Land (Vesting Declarations and Land Compensation Development Order) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 477, laid on 9 April*)
- 7 Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 478, laid on 9 April*)
- 8 Court and Tribunal Fees (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 476, laid on 10 April*)
- 9 Pressure Equipment (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 490, laid on 11 April*)
- 10 Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (Holding and Handling of Information) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 500, laid on 11 April*)

Affirmative Instruments

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

- 1 Draft Carbon Capture Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2024
- 2 Draft Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Revenue Support (Directions and Counterparty) Regulations 2024
- 3 Draft Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2024
- 4 Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Armed Forces Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (491)
- 2 Medical Certificate of Cause of Death Regulations 2024 (492)
- 3 Medical Examiners (England) Regulations 2024 (493)
- 4 National Medical Examiner (Additional Functions) Regulations 2024 (494)
- 5 Treatment of Conformity Assessment Bodies (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Regulations 2024 (504)
- 6 Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (510)

