

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.

†*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.*

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*

Future Business**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. [1]

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Items marked † are new or have been altered

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



†***The Lord Bishop of Leeds** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking, as penholder on Sudan at the UN Security Council, to support an immediate ceasefire in Sudan to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe and regional destabilisation.

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.

†**Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL]** Committee [Lord Woodley]

†**Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill** Committee [Baroness Scott of Bybrook] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

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*)

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

Tuesday 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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Wednesday 17 April, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 19 April.*

†**Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL]** Consideration of Commons Amendments [Lord Sharpe of Epsom]

†**Victims and Prisoners Bill** Report (day 2) [Lord Bellamy] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

†**Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill** Committee [Lord Callanan]

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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 18 April, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 22 April.*

†**Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL]** Committee [Lord Holmes of Richmond]

†*It is expected that the Committee stage of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill will continue.*

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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 19 April, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 23 April.*

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

†**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, and in particular the risk posed by the exposure of children to gambling advertising. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

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.

†**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).

†*Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 22 April to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 23 April.*

†**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).

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.

Tuesday 14 May 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Lennie** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to compensate individuals or households who have had pre-payment meters wrongly installed.

†***Earl Russell** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce fly-tipping and its impacts on natural environments.

†***Baroness Blake of Leeds** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made towards delivering the Great British Insulation Scheme.

Select Committee Reports

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

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

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

Lord 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 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 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 16 April and due for answer by 30 April.

Lord Allen of Kensington to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to increase investment in skills training to meet the needs of more 150,000 additional students seeking higher education by 2030 in England. HL3831

Lord Allen of Kensington to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect full compensation payments to have been made to the victims of the infected blood scandal and to family members of those victims who have already died. HL3832

Lord Allen of Kensington to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to change the apprenticeship levy and to grant firms more flexibility to use funds from the levy to skill up their workforce. HL3833

Lord Allen of Kensington to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the review of Bank of England forecasting led by Ben Bernanke. HL3834

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government how many prescriptions for amitriptyline, imipramine and atomoxetine were issued in each year since 2014; how many Yellow Card reports of sexual dysfunction and persistent sexual dysfunction the MHRA has received for each of these drugs in each year since 2014; and whether they will ensure that persistent sexual dysfunction is listed as a side effect in the patient information leaflets for each these drugs. HL3835

Earl Attlee to ask His Majesty's Government what is the (1) establishment, and (2) personnel strength, of each of the battalions of the Foot Guards, broken down by (a) commissioned officers, (b) senior non-commissioned officers, and (c) other ranks. HL3836

Lord Black of Brentwood to ask His Majesty's Government what funding is being made available to Operation Grange into the disappearance of Madeline McCann in the financial year 2024–25; how many police officers are currently involved in the investigation; when the next review of funding will occur; and what are the total costs of the police operation to date. HL3837

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty's Government what specific budget is allocated for the implementation of the current Imprisonment for Public Protection action plan. HL3838

Lord Bradley to ask His Majesty's Government what was the financial position of each integrated care board at the end of financial year 2023–24. HL3839

Lord Clement-Jones to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Baroness Neville-Rolfe on 12 March (HL Deb col 1904), what were the specific grounds for approval of the legal expenses of the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology. HL3840

Baroness Finlay of Llandaff to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made with the proposed amendments to the Part IX of the Drug Tariff, including any impact assessments on the future provision of medical technologies in the UK; how these proposals meet the ambitions of the Life Sciences Vision; and what steps they are taking to ensure that there is sufficient patient choice following the outcome of the consultation. HL3841

Baroness Finlay of Llandaff to ask His Majesty's Government how they plan to formally engage with the wider health sector and industry partners on the next stages in the development of proposed changes to Part IX of the Drug Tariff, following the conclusion of the consultation on these proposals. HL3842

Baroness Hollins to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to improve the mental health and wellbeing of babies and very young children, especially given the evidence surrounding the cumulative impact of poor mental health outcomes that begin early in life. HL3843

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the proposed WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty, due to be considered by the 77th World Health Assembly in May, will include provisions to improve indoor air quality. HL3844

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government what plans, if any, they have to introduce statutory protection for chalk streams. HL3845

The Lord Bishop of Leicester to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Institute for Fiscal Studies report *The short- and medium-term impacts of Sure Start on educational outcomes*, published on 9 April, which found that access to a Sure Start centre in early years increased the early identification of a special educational need or disability and reduced the need for an Education, Health and Care Plan in later years, what steps they are taking to incorporate lessons from the Sure Start programme in their (1) Family Hubs policy, and (2) Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan. HL3846

Lord McNicol of West Kilbride to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risks to intellectual property posed by sales on overseas e-commerce platforms. HL3847

Lord Marlesford to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker on which dates and at what times the failure of the Polycom telephone system on the parliamentary estate started and ended, and why it took so long for the system to be restored. HL3848

Lord Marlesford to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker on what date at what cost to public funds the Polycom telephone system was installed on the parliamentary estate, and whether Siemens was invited to tender for this contract. HL3849

Lord Marlesford to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker whether the Parliamentary Digital Service plans to replace the Polycom telephone system on the parliamentary estate and, if so, what is the budget for this project. HL3850

Baroness Quin to ask His Majesty's Government, following their consultation last year, whether they plan to introduce legislation to protect hedgerows this spring and during the bird breeding season. HL3851

Lord Ravensdale to ask His Majesty's Government whether the sites currently listed in the current nuclear National Policy Statement EN-6, will be included in the forthcoming EN-7. HL3852

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of deep seabed mining. HL3853

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with governments of (1) countries in the European Union, (2) the United States of America, and (3) Middle East countries, regarding deep seabed mining. HL3854

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take as a member of the International Seabed Authority to work with other countries to achieve a global moratorium on deep seabed mining. HL3855

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of infant respiratory syncytial virus on (1) paediatric intensive care bed capacity, (2) NHS elective care capacity, (3) GP visits, and (4) economic productivity. HL3856

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what data they are gathering on countries currently implementing immunisation programmes for infant respiratory syncytial virus regarding (1) acceptance and uptake, and (2) hospitalisations. HL3857

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government, with reference to declining immunisation rates in the UK, what level of prioritisation the Department of Health and Social Care and the UK Health Security Agency are giving to the adoption of new immunisation programmes with high uptake. HL3858

Lord Rooker to ask His Majesty's Government whether all residents of Knighton, regardless of whether they reside in the English or Welsh parts of the town, have access to the town's job centre. HL3859

Baroness Royall of Blaisdon to ask His Majesty's Government how many Afghans currently in the UK and awaiting implementation of the family reunion scheme for those who supported British personnel in Afghanistan have wives and children in Pakistan who are in danger of being returned to Afghanistan. HL3860

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government when they will publish further information on the combined Sustainable Farming Incentive and Countryside Stewardship offer. HL3861

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government when farmers will be able to apply for the new combined Sustainable Farming Incentive and Countryside Stewardship offer. HL3862

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government when farmers in existing Higher Level Stewardship, Countryside Stewardship and Sustainable Farming Incentive agreements can transfer to the new offer. HL3863

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government when guidance for the Sustainable Farming Incentive online application portal will be set out. HL3864

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government when the new Sustainable Farming Incentive and Countryside Stewardship actions can be added to areas already in the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) agreement, particularly in upland areas where the HLS agreement has a linked Upland Entry Level Stewardship agreement. HL3865

Lord Taylor of Goss Moor to ask His Majesty's Government how many high streets in local authority ownership will be affected by an increase in the non-residential limit for collective enfranchisement under proposed leasehold reforms. HL3866

Lord Taylor of Goss Moor to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the extent to which overseas investors will benefit from an increase in the non-residential limit for collective enfranchisement under proposed leasehold reforms. HL3867

Lord Taylor of Goss Moor to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential impact of an increase in the non-residential limit for collective enfranchisement on the composition of retail streets in London's Central Activity Zone. HL3868

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the findings of the Financial Conduct Authority survey indicating an increase in adults across the UK struggling to pay bills due to the high cost of living, and what steps they are taking to help individuals and families facing financial difficulties. HL3869

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to sustain the momentum of the economic recovery following indications that GDP increased in January and February. HL3870

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the findings of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors survey indicating a third consecutive monthly increase in demand in the housing market. HL3871

Lord Turnberg to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the mental health of medical practitioners of withdrawing NHS Practitioner Health services for new applicants. HL3872

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)

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]

26 March (11 April)

HL3629 Lord Patten [Department for Business and Trade]

27 March (12 April)

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 (2)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (3)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (4)

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	18 April 11.00am Committee Room 2A
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	23 April
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	

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Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	22 April
Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	24 April
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	22 April
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	23 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	23 April
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 *21st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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

Draft Procurement Regulations 2024 *21st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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

Draft Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2024

Draft Management of Hedgerows (England) 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 ended 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*

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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*

Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *21st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 May*

Electronic Monitoring (Responsible Persons) (Amendment) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 21st Report. Praying time ends 7 May*

Biocidal Products (Health and Safety) (Amendment and Transitional Provision etc.) Regulations 2024 *21st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 9 May*

Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *21st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 14 May*

Immigration, Nationality and Passport (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *21st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 16 May*

Windsor Framework (Implementation) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 21st Report. Praying time ends 17 May*

Town and Country Planning (Former RAF Airfield Wethersfield) (Accommodation for Asylum-Seekers etc.) Special Development Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 21st Report. Praying time ends 17 May*

Town and Country Planning (Former RAF Scampton) (Accommodation for Asylum-Seekers etc.) Special Development Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 21st Report. Praying time ends 17 May*

Official Controls (Location of Border Control Posts) (England) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 21st Report. Praying time ends 18 May*

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (References to Financial Investigators) (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024 *21st Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 22 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*

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Host Country Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Forest Institute *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*

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*

Air Services Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 16 April. Scrutiny period expires: 14 May*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Bahrain concerning Air Services *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 16 April. Scrutiny period expires: 15 May*

Amendment of the Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to remove the Statutory Lending Limit (SLL) *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 16 April. Scrutiny period expires: 16 May*

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

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
Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee		3.30pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee		4.00pm

Tuesday 23 April

Industry and Regulators Committee		10.30am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee		10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee		2.00pm
Built Environment Committee		2.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee		3.00pm
European Affairs Committee		3.30pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm

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 Tuesday 16 April 2024

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle.

1 Deputy Speakers The Lord Chancellor reported that His Majesty had (by Commission) revoked certain Letters Patent and had appointed the Chairman of Committees for the time being,

John Eric Lord Gardiner of Kimble (Chairman of Committees)

Euan Michael Ross Lord Geddes

Simon Lord Haskel

Janet Evelyn Baroness Fookes

Jill Elizabeth Baroness Pitkeathley

Richard Oliver Lord Faulkner of Worcester

Genista Mary Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall

Patricia Baroness Morris of Bolton

Susan Elizabeth Baroness Garden of Frognal

Iloria Gillian Baroness Finlay of Llandaff

Helen Margaret Baroness Newlove

Alistair Basil Lord Lexden

Charles William Harley Earl Kinnoull

Simon Gordon Jared Lord Russell of Liverpool

Ian James Lord Duncan of Springbank

Elizabeth Jean Baroness Barker

Anna Mary Baroness Healy of Primrose Hill

Mary Jane Baroness Watkins of Tavistock

Benjamin Russell Mackintosh Lord Stoneham of Droxford

Roy Francis Lord Kennedy of Southwark

Alicia Pamela Baroness Kennedy of Cradley

George Samuel Knatchbull Lord Young of Cookham

Alan James Lord Beith

Deborah Clare Baroness Bull

Susan Frances Mary Baroness Williams of Trafford

Rosalind Carol Baroness Scott of Needham Market

Charles Mark Townshend Viscount Colville of Culross

Thomas Henry Lord Ashton of Hyde

Stephen Michael Wedgwood Viscount Stansgate

Speakers of the House in the absence of the Lord Speaker.

Select Committee Reports

2 International Agreements

The following Report from the Select Committee was made and ordered to be printed on 28 March:

Convention on the Establishment of the ‘GCAP International Government Organisation’, reported for special attention. (8th Report, HL Paper 97)

3 Secondary Legislation Scrutiny

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

Drawn to the special attention of the House:

Electronic Monitoring (Responsible Persons) (Amendment) Order 2024

Windsor Framework (Implementation) Regulations 2024

Town and Country Planning (Former RAF Airfield Wethersfield) (Accommodation for Asylum-Seekers etc.) Special Development Order 2024 and Town and Country Planning (Former RAF Scampton) (Accommodation for Asylum-Seekers etc.) Special Development Order 2024
Official Controls (Location of Border Control Posts) (England) Regulations 2024

Oral Evidence: Quality of explanatory information from the Home Office

Includes information paragraphs on:

Draft Contracts for Difference (Sustainable Industry Rewards) Regulations 2024

Draft Procurement Regulations 2024

Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Biocidal Products (Health and Safety) (Amendment and Transitional Provision etc.) Regulations 2024

Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Immigration, Nationality and Passport (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (References to Financial Investigators) (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024. (21st Report, HL Paper 98)

Public Business

4 **Midwives: bullying** A question was asked by Lord Hunt of Kings Heath and answered by Lord Markham.

5 **Immunisation: RSV** A question was asked by Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick and answered by Lord Markham.

6 **Lord Byron: 200th anniversary** A question was asked by the Earl of Lytton and answered by Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay.

7 **Farmers: flooding compensation** A question was asked by Lord Hain and answered by Lord Douglas-Miller.

8 **India: freedom of religion or belief** A question was asked by the Lord Bishop of Winchester and answered by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton).

9 **Ukraine: support** A question was asked by Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town and answered by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton).

10 **France: security** A question was asked by Lord Owen and answered by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton).

11 **Council of Europe: 75th anniversary** A question was asked by Baroness Chakrabarti and answered by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton).

12 **Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill** The bill was returned from the Commons on Monday 15 April with reasons and an amendment. The Commons reasons and amendment, having been printed in accordance with Standing Order 49(2) (HL Bill 60), were considered forthwith.

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

Motion B Lords amendments 3B and 3C were not insisted on, and amendment 3E as an amendment in lieu of amendment 3C was agreed to (see division 2).

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Motion C Lords amendment 6B was not insisted on, and amendment 6D in lieu was agreed to (see division 3).

Motion D Lords amendment 7B was not insisted on.

Motion E Lords amendment 9 was not insisted on, and Commons amendment 9C in lieu was agreed to.

Motion F Lords amendment 10B was not insisted on, and amendment 10D in lieu was agreed to (see division 4).

13 Victims and Prisoners Bill The report was received. Amendment 3 was disagreed to (see division 5). Amendment 5 was disagreed to (see division 6). Amendments 9 to 12, 14 and 15 were agreed to. The report stage was adjourned after amendment 18.

The House adjourned at 9.35pm until Wednesday 17 April at 3.00pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Papers

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

Affirmative Instruments

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

- 1 Draft Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2024
- 2 Draft Management of Hedgerows (England) Regulations 2024

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Representation of the People Act 1983 (Amendment of Schedule 6A) Regulations 2024 (512)
- 2 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) (Revocation) Regulations 2024 (513)
- 3 Police (Conduct) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (521)

Divisions

Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill

Division No. 1

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

1D Clause 1, page 1, line 5, at end insert “while having due regard for—

- (a) international law, and
- (b) the following Acts—
 - (i) the Children Act 1989;
 - (ii) the Human Rights Act 1998;
 - (iii) the Modern Slavery Act 2015.””

The House divided:

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Division No. 2

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

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

“(7) The Republic of Rwanda cannot be treated as a safe country for the purposes of this Act until the Secretary of State has obtained and laid before Parliament a statement from the independent Monitoring Committee formed under Article 15 that the Objectives referred to in Article 2 of the Rwanda Treaty have been secured by the creation of the mechanisms listed in that Article (8) The Republic of Rwanda will cease to be a safe country for the purposes of this Act if a statement is made to Parliament by the Secretary of State, on the advice of the Monitoring Committee, that the provisions of the Rwanda Treaty are no longer being adhered to in practice.””

(8) The Republic of Rwanda will cease to be a safe country for the purposes of this Act if a statement is made to Parliament by the Secretary of State, on the advice of the Monitoring Committee, that the provisions of the Rwanda Treaty are no longer being adhered to in practice.””

The House divided:

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Division No. 3

Baroness Chakrabarti moved Motion C1, as an amendment to Motion C, at end to insert “, and do propose Amendment 6D in lieu—

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

“Decisions in individual claims

(1) Where credible evidence displaces the conclusion that the Republic of Rwanda is a safe country, section 2 does not prevent—

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

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

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

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

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

(4) In this section—

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

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

The House divided:

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Division No. 4

Lord Browne of Ladyton moved Motion F1, as an amendment to Motion F, at end to insert “, and do propose Amendment 10D in lieu—

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

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

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

(a) agents or allies who have supported His Majesty’s armed forces overseas in an exposed or meaningful manner that now affects their claim for protection;

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(b) persons who have been employed by or indirectly contracted to provide services to the UK Government in an exposed or meaningful manner that now affects their claim for protection;

(c) the partners and dependent family members of persons referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) above;

(d) persons who were the partners or family members of persons referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) above in a manner that now affects their claim for protection.

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

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

(4) Failure to give reasonable notice as required under subsection (3) above, may in the absence of available records verifying the claimant’s qualification for exemption under this section, allow a court or tribunal to draw adverse inferences as to the credibility of the claimant’s case for exemption.””

The House divided:

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Victims and Prisoners Bill

Division No. 5

Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede moved amendment 3, in clause 1, page 1, line 16, at end to insert—

“(e) where the person has experienced anti-social behaviour, as defined by section 2 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, and the conditions necessary for an ASB case review under section 104 of that Act have been met.”

The House divided:

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Division No. 6

Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede moved amendment 5, in clause 1, page 1, line 16, at end to insert—

“(e) where the person is a child who is a victim of child criminal exploitation.”

The House divided:

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