

**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]

\***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. (3½ hours)

**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. (1½ hours)

**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]

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



## Future Business

### 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.

†**Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]** The Lord Privy Seal (Lord True) to move that the order of commitment of 15 April be discharged and the bill be committed to a Grand Committee; and that the instruction to the Committee of the Whole House of 15 April shall also be an instruction to the Grand Committee.

**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*)

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

†**Data Protection and Digital Information Bill** Committee (day 6) [Viscount Camrose] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought.*

## 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 to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 19 April.*

**Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL]** Consideration of Commons Amendments [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *18th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee.*

**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.

### **Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 3.00pm**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville** to ask His Majesty's Government how many bids were received for the £10 million Traveller Site Fund 2022/23, and of those how many were (1) successful, and (2) unsuccessful.

†\***Lord Tunnicliffe** to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of the standard of accommodation at military bases.

†\***Lord Davies of Brixton** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in implementing the recommendations of Professor Ben Goldacre in his report *Better, broader, safer: using health data for research and analysis*, published in April 2022.

## 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*

†**Baroness Hoey** to move that this House regrets that the Windsor Framework (Implementation) Regulations 2024, laid before the House on 21 March, require the Irish Sea border to continue; do not empower Ministers to direct that no checks or customs paperwork are required for goods moving from Great Britain to Northern Ireland; remove the Belfast Agreement cross-community safeguards on Executive decision-making; and remove the power of the Assembly and its committees to scrutinise the operation of the Irish Sea border.



## 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*)

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†**Baroness Hoey** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of preparations for the 2028 UEFA European Football Championship. (*Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport*)

†**Baroness Deech** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of their preparedness for the next pandemic. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

## Questions for Written Answer

*Tabled on 17 April and due for answer by 1 May.*

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government how quickly their decision to increase humanitarian aid for war victims in Sudan will be made available; what it will be used for; and how it will be deployed. HL3873

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the potential of an international tribunal for delivering reparations to victims of the war in Ukraine. HL3874

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are planning to introduce legislation to amend the International Criminal Court Act 2001 to enable UK courts to prosecute non-citizens and non-residents for crimes against humanity, war crimes or genocide in Ukraine. HL3875

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to propose legislation to ensure that the UK is not a safe haven for perpetrators of war crimes in Ukraine. HL3876

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number of people who are dying of hunger or who are food insecure in Sudan. HL3877

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the war in Sudan on South Sudan, including (1) the numbers of displaced people and refugees, and (2) the impact on its economy caused by the loss of receipts from the export of oil. HL3878

**Lord Bradshaw** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether the revised timetable for the East Coast Main Line will be delivered by December 2024. HL3879

**The Lord Bishop of Gloucester** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the report by the University of Manchester *Racial Bias and the Bench: A response to the Judicial Diversity and Inclusion Strategy (2020-2025)*, published in November 2022, what support they will give to recommendations to overhaul judicial appointment processes to deliver a more diverse judiciary and embed equalities within the judiciary. HL3880

**The Lord Bishop of Gloucester** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the adequacy of resources allocated to the Criminal Cases Review Commission. HL3881

**Baroness Goudie** to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect updated NHS wait times to be published for 2022 and 2023. HL3882

**Baroness Goudie** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the NHS is prepared for the arrival of new diagnostic innovations for dementia. HL3883

**Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government when they will publish their response to the consultation on remote electronic fishing vessels, which ran from 17 July to 9 October 2023. HL3884

**Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government how many marine mammals were caught by vessels fishing in UK waters in 2023. HL3885

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government, following research by the University of Manchester showing that local authorities with higher unemployment rates have more deaths from drugs, alcohol and suicide, how they intend to tackle the socioeconomic factors that underpin deaths of despair, particularly in northern and coastal regions of England. HL3886

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government how they plan to reduce the rates of deaths of despair in the North East, which has over double the rate of London; and what assessment they have made of using rates of deaths of despair to assess progress on levelling up. HL3887

**Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask His Majesty's Government whether national security clearance was sought by the Science and Technology Facilities Council, and approved, before purchasing the Lenovo supercomputer from a Chinese electronics company. HL3888

**Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps are being taken to address the concerns of the Chief Executive of the Competition and Markets Authority that a small number of tech companies creating AI Foundation Models are developing partnerships which shape the markets in their own interest. HL3889

**Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps are being taken by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology to draft new legislation to regulate the growth of artificial intelligence applications. HL3890

**Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential impact of the estimated 33 per cent fall in overseas students on the financial viability of UK universities. HL3891

**Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential impact on university research and innovation of the reduction in applications from overseas postgraduate students. HL3892

**Lord Kamall** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the BBC's announcement of the launch of spin-off stations on BBC Sounds before Ofcom have completed their regulatory scrutiny of DAB+ proposals. HL3893

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential impact on the mental health and wellbeing of secondary care staff if their partnership with NHS Practitioner Health is ended after the 12-month review period. HL3894

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to assess and mitigate the impact of private medical insurance fees on the quality and suitability of care provided to patients with private medical insurance. HL3895

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what regulations are in place to ensure that the care and treatment provided by private medical insurers are the most appropriate for a specific patient. HL3896

**Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are taking steps (1) to ensure that maritime infrastructure projects, including shoreside electrical power, can speedily connect to the National Grid, (2) to build infrastructure for shoreside electrical power at UK ports to help decarbonise shipping, and (3) to enable cruise ships to connect to shoreside electrical power when docked at UK ports to assist them in reducing emissions in port. HL3897

**Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government how many tourists visit England each year (1) on a cruise ship, and (2) to go on a cruise holiday; and what percentage of all tourists these numbers represent. HL3898

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the amount of steel that will be able to be produced from Port Talbot following its conversion to electric arc furnaces. HL3899

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government what was the quantity of coal required to run Port Talbot steel works at full scale operations; and what is the equivalent in electricity usage. HL3900

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government how much of the energy required by the new electric arc furnaces in Port Talbot Steel Works will be supplied by renewable energy sources. HL3901

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government whether planning consent has been granted between Celtic Freeport and Neath Port Talbot County Council for the construction of the offshore wind farms. HL3902

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to provide employment opportunities for the people of Port Talbot following on from proposed changes to the Steel Works. HL3903

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made an assessment of the impact of rural pharmacy closures on access to primary care. HL3904

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government how many liquidations began (1) five, (2) 10, and (3) 15, years ago but are still not finalised. HL3905

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government what (1) financial, and (2) legal, support they will provide to sub-postmasters to bring private prosecutions against past directors of the Post Office for concealing faults in the Horizon IT system and falsely prosecuting them. HL3906

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government how many advance transfer pricing agreements have been signed by HM Revenue and Customs in each of the past five years. HL3907

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Financial Reporting Council in relation to external audits of the Post Office. HL3908

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government why OFWAT calculate gearing levels of water companies by using a debt-to-assets ratio as opposed to a debt-to-equity ratio. HL3909

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government how many UK-based companies produce batteries for electric vehicles; and what is their collective capacity. HL3910

**The Lord Bishop of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Orpheopolis system of French orphanages for the orphaned children of police officers; and what assessment they have made of the benefits of introducing such a facility in England and Wales. HL3911

**The Lord Bishop of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to hold chief officers of police to account for the appropriate vetting of adverse information on police recruits regarding (1) security, (2) public safety, and (3) the confidence of the community. HL3912

**The Lord Bishop of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made regarding the 12 targets set out in the *Levelling Up the United Kingdom* white paper, published on 2 February 2022. HL3913

**The Lord Bishop of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in allocating the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund 2023 to 2024 for adult social care; and what are their plans for allocation in the financial year 2024–25. HL3914

**Baroness Taylor of Bolton** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the current value of the resource accounting and budgeting charge for student finance. HL3915

**Baroness Taylor of Bolton** to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to publish an update to the calculation of the resource accounting and budgeting charge for student finance; and whether they propose to make any changes to the basis for calculation used at the time it was last updated. HL3916

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential economic impact of the upcoming strikes by Border Force officers at Heathrow Airport on (1) businesses, and (2) tourism. HL3917

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports of a decline in venture capital investment in UK start-ups in the first quarter of 2024; and what steps they are taking to support the growth of the UK's innovation ecosystem. HL3918

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the rise in (1) unemployment, and (2) economic inactivity, highlighted in the Office for National Statistics data, published on 16 April; and what steps they are taking to support individuals transitioning back into employment. HL3919

**Lord West of Spithead** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by Lord True on 15 April (HL Deb col 844), whether all those ships mentioned have funding in the Ministry of Defence programme. HL3920

## 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]

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

Business and Trade (1)

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**

	<b>Type of Bill</b>	<b>To be considered</b>
<b>Waiting for Second Reading</b>		
Housing Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Workforce Information (Ethnicity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Commercial Organisations and Public Authorities Duty (Human Rights and Environment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Coroners (Determination of Suicide) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
At-Home Early Medical Abortion (Review) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Asylum Application (Entry to the United Kingdom) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Ecocide Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Protection of Care Recipients and Carers Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Wheelchair Access Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide Determination Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Heritage Trees Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Status of Workers Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Disestablishment of the Church of England Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Public Service (Integrity and Ethics) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Abortion (Gestational Time Limit Reduction) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Still-Birth (Definition) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Road Traffic Offences (Cycling) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Ministry for Poverty Prevention Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
<b>Committed to a Select Committee</b>		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	18 April 11.00am Committee Room 2A1
<b>Committed to a Grand Committee</b>		
Data Protection and Digital Information Bill ( <i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	22 April
Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill	Government	23 April
<b>Committed to a Committee of the Whole House</b>		
Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Succession to Peerages and Baronetcies Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill ( <i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent withheld; Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought; King's consent sought</i> )	Government	
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	22 April
<b>Waiting for Report</b>		
Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill ( <i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent granted</i> )	Government	
Victims and Prisoners Bill ( <i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	23 April
Arbitration Bill [HL] ( <i>Law Commission Bill</i> ) ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	
<b>Sent to the Commons</b>		
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] ( <i>Scottish Legislative Consent granted</i> )	Government	
<b>Returned to the Commons amended</b>		
Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill	Government	
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	
<b>Waiting for Consideration of Commons Amendments</b>		
Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Government	23 April
<b>Waiting for Royal Assent</b>		
Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	Government	

## Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

Draft 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

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*

**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.*

#### **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	Room 3	3.00pm
Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee	Room 4	3.30pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee	Room 1	4.00pm

#### **Tuesday 23 April**

Science and Technology Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 4A	10.30am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 4	2.00pm
Built Environment Committee	Committee Room G	2.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 4A	3.00pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 3	3.30pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm

#### **Wednesday 24 April**

Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 1	10.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Archbishops' Room, Millbank House	10.00am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee	Room 2	3.00pm
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 4	3.15pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	virtual meeting	3.40pm
Conduct Committee	2-03 Millbank House	4.00pm

#### **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 15 May**

Public Services Committee		3.00pm
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#### **Wednesday 22 May**

Finance Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
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#### **Monday 10 June**

Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	5.00pm
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## Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday 17 April 2024

*The House met at 3.00pm.*

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

### Select Committee Reports

#### 1 Statutory Instruments

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

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. (17th Report, HL Paper 99)

#### 2 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

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

Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL]: Government Amendments. (18th Report, HL Paper 100)

### Public Business

3 **EU borders: hand and face scanning** A question was asked by Lord Berkeley and answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

4 **Russia: war crimes in Ukraine** A question was asked by Lord Alton of Liverpool and answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.

5 **School inspections: funding** A question was asked by Lord Watson of Invergowrie and answered by Baroness Barran.

6 **Middle East: deployment of British Armed Forces** A question was asked by Viscount Stansgate and answered by the Earl of Minto.

7 **Rail manufacturing: job losses** Lord Davies of Gower answered questions on an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Tuesday 16 April.

8 **Gaza: humanitarian situation** Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon repeated as a statement the answer given to an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons.

9 **Afghan refugees** Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon repeated as a statement the answer given to an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons.

10 **Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 10. Amendments were considered. The House resumed after the debate on amendment 15 was adjourned.

11 **Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill** The bill was returned from the Commons with reasons. It was ordered that the Commons reasons be printed. (HL Bill 61). The Commons reasons were considered forthwith.

**Motion A** Amendment 1D was not insisted on.

**Motion B** Amendment 3E was not insisted on and Amendment 3G in lieu was agreed to (see division 1)

**Motion C** Amendment 6D was not insisted on.

**Motion D** Amendment 10D was not insisted on and Amendment 10F in lieu was agreed to (see division 2). The bill was returned to the Commons with amendments.

12 **Cass review** Lord Markham answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 15 April.

13 **Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with the resumed debate on amendment 15. Amendments were considered. The House resumed after amendment 17.

*The House adjourned at 10.09pm until Thursday 18 April at 11.00am.*

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

### **Grand Committee Business**

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

**Data Protection and Digital Information Bill** The Grand Committee further considered the bill, beginning with the Question that Clause 44 stand part of the Bill. Amendments 152, 156 to 164, 176, 196, 197 and 198 were agreed to. The Committee adjourned after amendment 198.

*The Committee adjourned at 8:21pm.*

## **Papers**

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

### **Negative Instrument**

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Boiler Upgrade Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (524)

### **Paper not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings**

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Business Plan of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, April 2024 to March 2027

## Divisions

### Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill

#### Division No. 1

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

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

“(7) The Republic of Rwanda cannot be treated as a safe country for any of 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 can no longer be treated as a safe country for any of the purposes of this Act if a statement is made to Parliament by the Secretary of State that the provisions of the Rwanda Treaty are no longer being adhered to in practice””

The House divided:

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#### Division No. 2

Lord Browne of Ladyton moved Motion D1, as an amendment to Motion D, at end insert “, and do propose Amendment 10F in lieu—

10F 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) allies or agents who have supported His Majesty’s armed forces overseas in an exposed or meaningful manner that now affects their claims for protection;

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

(c) the partners and dependent family members or 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 Relocation and Assistance Policy (“ARAP”) and Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (“ACRS”).



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(3) A person seeking to rely upon the exemption in subsection (1) above shall give the Secretary of State notice within one week of arrival in the UK 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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