

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.

***Lord Liddle** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the announcement of the resignation of the Director of the BBC World Service, what assessment they have made of the Service's finances.

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

†**Lord Holmes of Richmond** to move that the order of commitment be discharged.

Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill Committee (day 2) [Baroness Scott of Bybrook] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Data Protection and Digital Information Bill Committee (day 7) [Viscount Camrose] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

Future Business**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.

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

†***Lord Bellingham** to ask His Majesty's Government what further measures they plan to take to enhance the safety of London's Jewish community.

Lord Snape to move that this House takes note of the case for a coherent plan to address the failings of the transport system. (*2½ hours*)

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. (*2½ hours*)

†**Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024** Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 22 April be approved. *22nd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Instrument not yet reported by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments*

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.

†**Genocide (Prevention and Response) Bill [HL]** Committee [Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws]

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

†**Lord Bird** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address the root causes of child poverty across the United Kingdom. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

†**Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]** Committee [Lord Stewart of Dirleton]

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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Wednesday 24 April, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 26 April.*

†**Victims and Prisoners Bill Report (day 3)** [Lord Bellamy] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 1 May, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 29 April.*

†**Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL]** Committee [Baroness Altmann]

†**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 they 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 (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.*

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.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 26 April, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 30 April.*

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).

†**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the checks on imports and exports of food and agricultural products from and to the European Union, and in particular of their readiness for implementing the controls being introduced on 30 April. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

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.

†**Lord Aberdare** to move that this House takes note of the importance of skills for the success of the United Kingdom economy and for the quality of life of individuals.

†**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).

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

†**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).

†**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).

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.

Thursday 16 May 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Rooker** to ask His Majesty's Government what responses the European Commission and World Trade Organization have given after being notified of proposed changes to the Bread and Flour Regulations 1998 regarding folic acid fortification, on 8 and 9 February respectively.

***Lord Frost** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the overall cost-competitiveness of electricity generated from recently commissioned offshore wind farms compared to electricity generated from recently commissioned gas-fired power stations at current gas prices. [1]

***Baroness Goldie** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to replicate the approach of the Green Savings Bonds to provide incremental resource to fund the defence capability by issuing a defence bond.

Monday 20 May 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Primarolo** to ask His Majesty's Government when the compensation scheme recommended by the Infected Blood Inquiry will be established.

***Baroness Gohir** to ask His Majesty's Government how they plan to reduce hate crimes against Muslim women and to what extent their plans involve engaging with diverse Muslim women's groups across the country.

***Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent** to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of land war readiness of regular and reserve troops across the armed forces.

***Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made in implementing the three-year delivery plan for maternity and neonatal services, published on 30 March 2023.

Tuesday 21 May 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have a plan for Thames Water and other water companies if they fail.

†***Baroness Pitkeathley** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to review their policy of fining carers who inadvertently break the earnings limit rule when claiming Carers Allowance.

†***Baroness Taylor of Stevenage** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of increases in internal drainage board levies on local authorities.

†*Four questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (40 minutes). Ballot opens at 10am on Thursday 9 May, to be drawn at 1pm on Thursday 16 May.*

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*

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 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*

Other Motion for Debate

Lord Berkeley to move that this House regrets the Government’s decision to lay the National Networks National Policy Statement, laid before the House on 6 March, without carrying out the systematic review of road projects recommended by the Climate Change Committee; addressing the risk of insufficient environmental action by the Department for Transport highlighted by the National Audit Office; or joining up their policies with the missions presented to Parliament under the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023.

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

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.

Lord Berkeley to move that this House regrets that the Official Controls (Location of Border Control Posts) (England) Regulations 2024, laid before the House on 22 March (SI 2024/416), do not contain information about how the Government intend to ensure that the drivers of vehicles subject to these controls attend the inland control posts. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 21st 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 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.

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*)

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*)

Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee to ask His Majesty's Government how they intend to protect the democratic process from the use of deepfakes. (*Department for Science, Innovation and Technology*)

Lord Hogan-Howe to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that pedal cyclists abide by the criminal law and are held accountable where they breach that law. (*Department for Transport*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 23 April and due for answer by 8 May.

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment, if any, they have made of the number of GPs currently seeking, yet unable to obtain, employment. HL4019

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made towards the new regulatory system for health and care professionals; and which protected professional titles they are considering in scope of these regulations. HL4020

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risk of H5N1 bird flu, following an outbreak in cattle in multiple US states with reports that many cattle are asymptomatic; what monitoring they carry out on (1) cattle, (2) other farm animals, (3) wild mammals, and (4) humans in contact with cattle; and what, if any, additional biosecurity measures are planned or being developed. HL4021

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect soil monitoring data will become available from the Natural Capital and Ecosystem Assessment Programme. HL4022

Lord Bradley to ask His Majesty's Government what action they have taken to establish the statutory inquiry into the Manston migrant processing centre. HL4023

The Earl of Caithness to ask His Majesty's Government what percentage of Grade 1 and 2 lowland peat is let on annual farm business tenancies; and what steps they are taking to ensure this land is not being farmed in a manner that is accelerating its degradation and threatening future food security. HL4024

The Earl of Caithness to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure there are no delays by the Animal and Plant Health Agency in processing applications for new seed varieties; and when they will determine the causes of the current backlog of applications so that in future new varieties are made available to UK growers in a timely manner. HL4025

Baroness Hunt of Bethnal Green to ask His Majesty's Government why the Department for Education maintains named individuals' religious affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability information from Higher Education equality monitoring data, rather than retaining the information as anonymised statistics. HL4026

Baroness Hunt of Bethnal Green to ask His Majesty's Government what is the total number of individual named (1) current, and (2) former, students' records held by the Department for Education collected in equality monitoring, broken down by (a) religious affiliation, (b) sexual orientation, (c) gender identity, and (d) disability. HL4027

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government how many individuals who are not British citizens have had their visitor or other visas rescinded as a result of criminal activities associated with public order offences since 7 October 2023. HL4028

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of findings from a recent IDP Connect survey which found that nearly half of prospective students surveyed were reconsidering or unsure of their plans to study in the UK following changes in policy and rules regarding international students. HL4029

The Earl of Lytton to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to ensuring that building owners, whether freeholders, commonhold associations or enfranchised leaseholders, who are required to remedy non 'life-critical fire safety defects' have an automatic remedy against the person responsible for the defective construction. HL4030

The Earl of Lytton to ask His Majesty's Government which types of defect data they collect when assessing the prevalence of non-cladding defects in residential buildings. HL4031

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government what is their (1) current, and (2) expected future, equity stake in US satellite technology company Eutelsat OneWeb (formerly OneWeb). HL4032

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government, according to their business plan justifying their investment in US satellite technology company OneWeb in 2020, what projection they made of the value of the company at the end of 2024. HL4033

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will publish (1) their original investment case, including financial projections, for the purchase of a \$500 million stake in US satellite technology company OneWeb in 2020; and (2) an updated business case and financial projections for their investment in the company. HL4034

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of interest rate charges on Government student loan financing, following research by the Institute for Fiscal Studies which showed that higher interest rates will add more than £10 billion per year to the cost of England's student loan system. HL4035

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of changes to the student loan repayment system, introduced in August 2023, on female students. HL4036

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of animal population decline in other countries on the UK, following the WWF's Living Planet Report 2022 which showed that worldwide animal populations have declined by 69 per cent since 1970. HL4037

Baroness Mobarik to ask His Majesty's Government whether the British High Commissioner to Cyprus has visited the Muratağa, Sandallar and Atlilar memorial in Northern Cyprus; and, if not, what plans they have to visit. HL4038

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that the safety equipment installed on smart motorways has a high failure rate. HL4039

Lord Redesdale to ask His Majesty's Government what amount of financial support was provided to local church buildings, excluding cathedrals, for fabric repairs in 2022–2023 by the Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport and arm's length bodies, such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England. HL4040

Lord Redesdale to ask His Majesty's Government how many places of worship are currently on the Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register. HL4041

Lord Redesdale to ask His Majesty's Government how many places of worship have been on the Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register for five years or more. HL4042

Lord Redesdale to ask His Majesty's Government how many applications for funding were received by the National Lottery Heritage Fund from local parish churches, chapels and meeting houses (excluding cathedrals) in total in each of the last five financial years in (1) England, (2) Scotland, (3) Wales, and (4) Northern Ireland. HL4043

Lord Redesdale to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have commissioned any research into the tourism potential of local parish churches, chapels and meeting houses. HL4044

Lord Redesdale to ask His Majesty's Government what forms of financial support are available from the Government, and arms-length bodies such as National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England, for fabric repairs to local church buildings, excluding cathedrals. HL4045

Baroness Royall of Blaisdon to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to extend the deadline of 1 August for implementation of the provisions of the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023, given that the Office for Students has yet to publish guidance on the new complaints scheme relating to freedom of speech. HL4046

Baroness Royall of Blaisdon to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the Office for Students will provide guidance on the complaints scheme under the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023 in a timely manner, in compliance with the provisions of the Act.

HL4047

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of low rates of breastfeeding on incidences of breast cancer.

HL4048

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the link between women's increasing consumption of alcohol and incidences of breast cancer.

HL4049

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to put in place policies that encourage breastfeeding, including supportive work environments where women are able to breastfeed or express milk.

HL4050

Lord Shipley to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current backlog in local authority audits; and what plans they have to deliver all outstanding audit opinions by their proposed deadline of 30 September.

HL4051

The Lord Bishop of Southwark to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Azerbaijan regarding the protection of Armenian heritage in Nagorno-Karabakh following the recent destruction of the St John the Baptist Church and the Ghazanchetsots cemetery in Shusha, and the nearby village of Karin Tak/Dashalti.

HL4052

Lord Stevenson of Balmacara to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to give effect to the recent United Nations Human Rights Council resolution affirming the rights of intersex people; and what is their planned timetable for addressing the rights violations experienced by people born with variations in their sex characteristics, including genital-normalising operations carried out on intersex children.

HL4053

Lord Stunell to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the whole life net carbon savings which will be forfeited as a result of removing the requirement for Boiler Upgrade Scheme grant applicants to comply with Energy Performance Certificate recommendations, in particular arising from (1) the need to specify an oversized heat pump if a home is not improved, and (2) the impact on the existing annual pipeline of grant applicants, many of whom would have proceeded to install in compliance with the old requirements.

HL4054

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address the impact of rising inflation on household budgets while stimulating consumer spending, given the stagnation of retail sales between February and March.

HL4055

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following recent remarks from the deputy governor of the Bank of England, Dave Ramsden, that inflation could remain around the two per cent target for the next three years, what steps they are taking to ensure sustainable economic growth in this environment.

HL4056

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following the publication of figures by the Office for National Statistics which show UK services exports grew 63 per cent in real terms between 2010 and 2023, while goods exports grew only seven per cent, what steps they are taking to boost the export of goods.

HL4057

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]

21 March (8 April)

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

26 March (11 April)

HL3629 Lord Patten [Department for Business and Trade]

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

Business and Trade (1)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2)

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	
Pet Abduction Bill	Private Member's	
Building Societies Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill	Private Member's	
Zoological Society of London (Leases) Bill	Private Member's	
Recommended to an Unopposed Bill Committee		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
Committed to a Grand Committee		
Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	24 April
Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]	Government	29 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	
Media Bill	Government	
Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL]	Private Member's	1 May
Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	

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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	29 April
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	24 April
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	30 April
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>) (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill	Government	
Waiting for Third Reading		
Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Sent to the Commons		
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish Legislative Consent granted</i>)	Government	
Returned to the Commons amended		
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Waiting for Royal Assent		
Pedicabs (London) Bill [HL]	Government	
Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill	Government	
Investigatory Powers (Amendment) 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

Draft Armed Forces (Court Martial) (Amendment) Rules 2024

Draft Securitisation (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 *22nd Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (25 April)*

Draft Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amendment of Schedule A2) Order 2024

Draft Code of Practice on Fair and Transparent Distribution of Tips

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

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 (1 May)*

School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 *17th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 26 April*

Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *17th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 26 April*

Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *17th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 26 April*

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 18th Report. Praying time ends 2 May*

National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *18th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 2 May*

Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2024 *18th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 May*

Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024 *18th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 May*

Infrastructure Planning (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *18th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 May*

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

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

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

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*

Treaties before the House

Treaties not yet considered by a Select Committee

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*

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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*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Swiss Confederation on Mutual Recognition in Financial Services *9th Report by the International Agreements Committee. Scrutiny period expires: 2 May*

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Wednesday 24 April

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	9.45am
Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 1	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room G-32, 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

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Services Committee	Room 3A	12.30pm
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Monday 29 April

Food, Diet and Obesity Committee		2.30pm
Preterm Birth Committee		3.00pm
Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee		3.30pm
National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 4	4.00pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee		4.00pm

Tuesday 30 April

Industry and Regulators Committee		10.30am
Built Environment Committee		10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee		2.00pm
Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Room 2A	3.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee		3.00pm
European Affairs Committee		4.00pm
International Agreements Committee		4.00pm

Wednesday 1 May

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	10.00am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 2A	10.30am

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 Tuesday 23 April 2024

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Derby.

1 **Notification of absence** The Lord Speaker notified the House of his absence on 19 April 2024 and 22 April 2024.

2 **Lord Goodman of Wycombe** Paul Alexander Cyril Goodman, having been created Baron Goodman of Wycombe, of High Wycombe in the County of Buckinghamshire for life by Letters Patent dated in the forenoon of 11 March, was introduced between Lord Howard of Lympne and Lord McLoughlin, took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

Select Committee Reports

3 Secondary Legislation Scrutiny

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

Includes information paragraph on:

Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024. (22nd Report, HL Paper 101)

4 International Agreements

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

Scrutiny of international agreements:

UK–Switzerland Agreement on Mutual Recognition in Financial Services, reported for information. (9th Report, HL Paper 103)

Private Business

5 **Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]** Baroness Hale of Richmond, Chair of the Select Committee, reported that the right of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Musicians and the FanFair Alliance to be heard on their petition was disallowed and the bill was accordingly re-committed to an Unopposed Bill Committee. A Special Report was made and ordered to be printed. (HL Paper 102).

Public Business

6 **COVID-19 vaccination: coronary disease** A question was asked by Lord Farmer and answered by Lord Markham.

7 **Expansion of free childcare** A question was asked by Baroness Twycross and answered by Baroness Barran.

8 **Care worker visa regime** A question was asked by Baroness Pitkeathley and answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

9 **Personal independence payments** A question was asked by Baroness Hughes of Stretford and answered by Viscount Younger of Leckie.

10 **Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) Order 2024** Lord Sharpe of Epsom moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 25 January be approved. The motion was agreed to.

11 **Goods Vehicles (International Road Transport Permits and Haulage Within the EU) Regulations 2024** Lord Davies of Gower moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 4 March be approved. The motion was agreed to.

12 **Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [HL]** The Commons Amendments were considered. Commons Amendments 1 to 17 were agreed to.

13 **Victims and Prisoners Bill** The report stage was continued, beginning with amendment 19. Amendment 19 was disagreed to (see division 1). Amendments 20 to 22, 25, 28, 31, 33, 36 to 45, 48 to 54, 56, 57 (see division 2), 58 (see division 3), 63, 74 to 76 were agreed to. Amendment 77 was disagreed to (see division 4). Amendment 80 was disagreed to (see division 5). Amendments 81, 82, 85 to 87, 89 and 90 were agreed to. The report stage was adjourned after amendment 93.

14 **Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill** The bill was reported from the Grand Committee without amendment.

15 **Zoological Society of London (Leases) Bill** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 64–EN)

The House adjourned at 8.29pm until Wednesday 24 April at 3.00pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

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

Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill The bill was considered in Committee. Amendments were considered. It was ordered that the bill be reported without amendment.

The Committee adjourned at 7.19pm.

Papers

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

Command Paper

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

- 1 Intergovernmental Relations—Intergovernmental Relations Annual Report 2023. (1064)

Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Borough of Thurrock (Scheme of Elections) Order 2024 (543)

Divisions

Victims and Prisoners Bill

Division No. 1

Baroness Brinton moved amendment 19, in clause 2, page 2, line 36, at end to insert—

“(5A) Regulations under subsection (4) must make provision for a person to be able to obtain free of charge, on request, a transcript of the court’s summing up and sentencing remarks from a trial in which—

- (a) the person was a victim of a crime, and
- (b) that crime is tried in a court where the hearing is recorded.”

The House divided:

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Division No. 2

Baroness Thornton moved amendment 57, after clause 11, to insert the new clause *Duty to co-operate with Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses*. The House divided:

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Division No. 3

Lord Russell of Liverpool moved amendment 58 after clause 11, to insert the new clause *Training: support for victims*. The House divided:

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Division No. 4

Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede moved amendment 77, after clause 15, to insert the new clause *Free independent legal advocates for rape victims*. The House divided:

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Division No. 5

Baroness Chakrabarti moved amendment 80, in clause 16, page 13, line 14, at end to insert “or a sexual offence against the child or a child in the family”. The House divided:

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