

**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]

†**Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws** to move that the order of commitment be discharged.

†**Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill** Committee (day 3) [Baroness Scott of Bybrook] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought, 16th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee*

**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] *5th Report from the Constitution Committee*

**Future Business****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.

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\***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 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 to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 29 April.*

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

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

**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 (Dinner break business)*

## **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 to and from the European Union, and in particular with regard to the import 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.

*Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 29 April, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 30 April.*

**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.*

### **Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 3.00pm**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

\***Lord Kennedy of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to make it easier for leaseholders to change the management company that delivers services to them, other than by increasing transparency. [1]

\***Lord Mann** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to introduce legislation to require company directors to provide identification of who they are and where they live.

\***Baroness Twycross** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the attainment of children in schools, and what measures they are taking to address any adverse impacts.

### **Thursday 23 May 2024 at 11.00am**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Watson of Invergowrie** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the finding of the Sutton Trust's *School Funding and Pupil Premium 2024* survey published on 19 April, particularly with regard to special educational needs.

†\***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.

†\***Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the national immunisation programme, and the steps that will be taken to accelerate the delivery of new vaccines on the programme.

## 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*

**Lord Ashton of Hyde** to move that this House takes note of the Report from the International Relations and Defence Committee *Our friends in the North: UK strategy towards the Arctic* (1st Report, Session 2023–24, HL Paper 8). *29 November 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), laid before the House 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*

†**Baroness Hamwee** to move that a Humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the Statement of changes in Immigration Rules (HC 590), laid before the House on 14 March, be annulled because the changes will increase the minimum income requirement for family visas from £18,600 to £29,000, with the intention thereafter to increase it to £38,700, without consultation or clarity as to the policy objective and at odds with the Government’s commitment to family life. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 20th Report*

## Questions for Short Debate

*These Questions for Short Debate were drawn in the ballot on Wednesday 27 March in line with the recommendations of the 1st Report of the Procedure and Privileges Committee (Session 2021–22, HL Paper 41). These questions may be used as dinner break business or last business if time is available.*

**Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to address any external auditing deficiencies highlighted by the collapse of BHS, Carillion, Patisserie Valerie, and London Capital and Finance.

**Lord 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 Abbots** to ask His Majesty’s Government what specific steps they are taking to ensure that Levelling Up provides support for the most deprived neighbourhoods with the greatest community need.

**Lord Harrington of Watford** to ask His Majesty’s Government what progress they have made on the implementation of recommendations from the Harrington Review of Foreign Direct Investment, published in November 2023.

**Viscount Waverley** to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to promote the furtherance of environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles among businesses in the United Kingdom.

**Baroness Helic** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the current state of conservation and protection measures for hares in England and Wales.

**Lord Davies of Brixton** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the report *Monitoring the Mental Health Act in 2022–2023* published by the Care Quality Commission on 21 March.

**Lord McNally** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the work of the Youth Justice Board in the year of its 25th anniversary.



## Questions for Short Debate ballot entries

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

**Lord Heseltine** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the conduct of the police in their treatment of Joe Anderson who resigned as the Mayor of Liverpool in 2021. (*Home Office*)

**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*)

**Baroness Berridge** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made towards implementing a trauma-informed approach to criminal trials in the Crown Court. (*Ministry of Justice*)

## Questions for Written Answer

*Tabled on 16 April and due for answer by 30 April.*

**Lord Balfé** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the Prime Minister's announcement that 70,000 civil service jobs will be cut to finance extra defence spending, whether those civil servants are doing work that is unnecessary; and what are the functions that will no longer be carried out. HL4091

**Lord Browne of Ladyton** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to support the Colombian Ministry of Equality and Equity, particularly pertaining to its work on reparations for victims of sexual and gender-based violence during conflict. HL4092

**Baroness Finlay of Llandaff** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of new data from the Office for National Statistics showing that alcohol-specific deaths are now 32.8 per cent higher than in 2019 and at an all-time high; and what steps they plan to take to tackle rising alcohol harm. HL4093

**Baroness Finlay of Llandaff** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they plan to take to meet their 2020 commitment to a consultation on alcohol calorie labelling. HL4094

**The Lord Bishop of Gloucester** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the eligibility criteria, and (2) the available methods of applying, for people aged under 18 with children who are seeking to apply for the NHS Healthy Start scheme. HL4095

**Baroness Helic** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recent reports indicating that Iran has exported Shahed drones and drone technology to Serbia; and of the impact of this on peace and stability in the Western Balkans. HL4096

**Baroness Helic** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for introducing legislation to introduce a closed season for hares in England, following the publication of DEFRA's Action Plan for Animal Welfare in 2021; and what consultations they have had with stakeholders in that regard. HL4097

**The Lord Bishop of Hereford** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of transiting from tax credits to Universal Credit on people who live in accommodation tied to their work; and whether they undertook any consultation with ministers of religion or other cohorts particularly affected by these proposed changes. HL4098

**The Lord Bishop of Hereford** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to address the fact that people living in tied accommodation are not eligible to claim Universal Credit if they own more than £16,000 of a property in which they do not live. HL4099

**Baroness Kennedy of Cradley** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their latest assessment of the opportunities for children to learn to play a musical instrument while at school. HL4100

**Baroness Kennedy of Cradley** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their latest assessment of the value to communities of a Football Community Trust operating locally. HL4101

**Baroness Kennedy of Cradley** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their latest estimate of the amount of income tax lost to fraud each year. HL4102

**The Lord Bishop of Leicester** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Viscount Younger of Leckie on 24 April (HL3765), what plans they have to collect data to evaluate the success of the two-child benefit cap, especially in relation to the statements in the 2015 Impact Assessment which suggest the two-child limit would (1) encourage parents to consider their readiness to support an additional child, (2) help people move into sustained employment, and (3) provide incentives to have fewer children. HL4103

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government what practical assistance is available for those with a physical or mental condition which prevents them from doing medical tests at home, such as bowel cancer screening, unaided. HL4104

**Baroness Merron** to ask His Majesty's Government which groups have a lower-than-average rate of participation in home-kit bowel cancer screening; and what plans they have to increase participation. HL4105

**Baroness Northover** to ask His Majesty's Government when they plan to the respond to the letter from Professor Brian Bell of the Migration Advisory Committee requesting data for a rapid review of the Graduate Route. HL4106

**Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the real-world representativeness of the CO2 emissions and fuel or energy consumption values of new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles, as required by the Article 12(1) of EU Regulation 2019/631. HL4107

**Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the use of fuel and energy consumption data to ensure that CO2 emissions and fuel or energy consumption values remain representative of real-world emissions over time for manufacturers of new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles, as required by EU Regulation 2019/631. HL4108

**Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government when they will publish their first annual report on how the real-world emissions gap will be addressed for the period 2021 to 2026, as required by EU Regulation 2019/631 on setting performance standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles. HL4109

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government how many students applied to take part in the Turing Scheme in (1) 2021–22, (2) 2022–23, (3) 2023–24 and (4) 2024–25. HL4110

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the Tesco-Booker merger on independent shopkeepers. HL4111

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to make an assessment of the impact of the Tesco-Booker merger on rural small businesses, such as post offices and village stores. HL4112

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the changes recently introduced by Booker on independent retailers. HL4113

**Lord Scriven** to ask His Majesty's Government what planning estimate they have made for the number of people who have arrived by irregular routes and need to be accommodated in the UK because they have not been sent to a safe third country or returned home, for the end of each month from April to December 2024. HL4114

**The Lord Bishop of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to undertake an impact assessment of the closure of the Work and Health Programme this autumn and the impact of this on enabling disabled people to enter the job market. HL4115

**The Lord Bishop of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to regulate identity tracing agencies in relation to the recovery of debt. HL4116

**The Lord Bishop of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of shortages in the supply of prescription drugs. HL4117

**The Lord Bishop of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recent Refugee Council report *Keys to the City 2024: ending refugee homelessness in London* and its finding that in the two years to September 2023, there was a 239 per cent increase in refugees requiring homelessness support from local authorities after being evicted from Home Office asylum accommodation. HL4118

**The Lord Bishop of Southwark** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the transfer to Universal Credit of those with a long-term disability which inhibits them from entering the job market. HL4119

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to recent data released by S&P Global showing that April had the fastest rise in business activity since last May, what steps they are taking to sustain this momentum and ensure continued economic growth. HL4120

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the EU regarding barriers to trade and exports faced by the creative industries since Brexit; what steps they are taking to address this; and what plans they have to support UK creative businesses in global markets. HL4121

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government, following concerns raised by the Competition and Markets Authority about potential 'over-dependence' on a small number of major tech firms in the AI industry, what steps they are taking (1) to promote competition, and (2) to prevent monopolistic practices, within the AI sector. HL4122

**Lord Wills** to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of payments made by the NHS in each of the last three years to (1) Cerner, (2) Epic and (3) EMIS; and of the cost of the contractual commitments the NHS has entered into with them over the next 10 years. HL4123

## 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**

	<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	
Pet Abduction Bill ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Private Member's	
Building Societies Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill	Private Member's	
Zoological Society of London (Leases) Bill	Private Member's	
<b>Recommended to an Unopposed Bill Committee</b>		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
<b>Committed to a Grand Committee</b>		
Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]	Government	29 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	1 May
Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL]	Private Member's	

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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	29 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	30 April
Arbitration Bill [HL] ( <i>Law Commission Bill</i> ) ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	
Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill	Government	
Data Protection and Digital Information Bill ( <i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	
<b>Waiting for Third Reading</b>		
Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
<b>Sent to the Commons</b>		
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] ( <i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent granted</i> )	Government	
<b>Returned to the Commons amended</b>		
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	

## Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

- Draft Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Revenue Support (Directions and Counterparty) 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 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
- Draft Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

### **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*

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 Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

### **Negative Instruments**

Statement of changes in Immigration Rules (HC 556) *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 16th Report. Praying time ended 16 April (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*



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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*

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*

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

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

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

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

## COMMITTEES

### Committees

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

#### **Monday 29 April**

Food, Diet and Obesity Committee	Room 2	2.30pm
Preterm Birth Committee	Room 4A	3.00pm
Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee	Room 1	3.30pm
National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 4	4.00pm
Statutory Inquiries Committee	Room 3	4.00pm

#### **Tuesday 30 April**

Science and Technology Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Built Environment Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 2	2.00pm
Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Room 2A	3.00pm
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Committee Room G	3.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 3	4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 4A	4.00pm

#### **Wednesday 1 May**

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	10.00am
Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 1	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 2A	10.30am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee	Room 2	3.00pm
Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission	Room 5	3.30pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

#### **Wednesday 15 May**

Public Services Committee		3.00pm
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#### **Thursday 16 May**

Services Committee	Room 3A	12.30pm
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#### **Wednesday 22 May**

Finance Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
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#### **Tuesday 4 June**

Procedure and Privileges Committee	Room 4A	11.45am
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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 Thursday 25 April 2024

*The House met at 11.00am.*

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

1 **Royal Assent** The Lord Speaker (Lord McFall of Alcluith) notified the King's Assent to the following Acts:

Pedicabs (London) Act 2024 c 7

Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Act 2024 c 8

Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Act 2024 c 9

### Select Committee Report

#### 2 Constitution

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

Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill. (5th Report, HL Paper 105)

### Public Business

3 **Ethnicity pay gap** A question was asked by Baroness Prashar and answered by Baroness Barran.

4 **Sanctions: Russian individuals** A question was asked by Lord Hain and answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.

5 **Crown Prosecution Service: racial bias** A question was asked by Lord Woodley and answered by Lord Roborough.

6 **Jewish community in London: safety** A question was asked by Lord Bellingham and answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

7 **Transport system: failings** (2½-hour debate) Lord Snape moved that this House takes note of the case for a coherent plan to address the failings of the transport system. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

8 **Gambling advertising** A question was asked by Lord Foster of Bath and, after debate, answered by Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay.

9 **Defence spending** The Earl of Minto answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Wednesday 24 April.

10 **Affordable housing: supply** (2½-hour debate) Viscount Chandos moved 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. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

11 **Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024** Lord Sharpe of Epsom moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 22 April be approved. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

*The House adjourned at 6.31pm until Monday 29 April at 2.30pm.*

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

**Grand Committee Business**

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

**Educational trips and exchanges** A question was asked by Baroness Coussins and, after debate, answered by Baroness Barran.

**Peaceful protests** A question was asked by Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb and, after debate, answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

**Pakistan: UK aid** A question was asked by Lord Alton of Liverpool and, after debate, answered by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.

**Prisons: foreign national offenders** A question was asked by Lord Jackson of Peterborough and, after debate, answered by Lord Bellamy.

*The Committee adjourned at 4.51pm.*

## Papers

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

### Command Papers

The following papers were presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

- 1 Taxation—Protocol amending the Convention between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains. (1065)
- 2 Transport—Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Kazakhstan on International Road Transport. (1066)
- 3 Transport—Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Serbia on International Road Transport. (1067)
- 4 Trade—Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Swiss Confederation on Mutual Recognition in relation to Conformity Assessment. (1068)
- 5 Trade—Agreement on Mutual Recognition between the United Kingdom and the United States of America. (1069)
- 6 Finance—Treasury Minutes on Government Responses to the Twelfth to Eighteenth Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts. (1070)
- 7 Explanatory Memorandum (Revised) —Replacement Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Management of Hedgerows (England) Regulations 2024, originally laid on 16 April. (—)

### Affirmative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House for approval by resolution:

- 1 Draft Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

### Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Charitable Incorporated Organisations (Notification Requirements: Social Housing) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (553)

### Statement under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The following paper was laid under section 20(8) of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010:

- 1 Statement concerning the Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Rwanda for the provision of an asylum partnership to strengthen shared international commitments on the protection of refugees and migrants



