

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.

†***Lord Young of Cookham** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to protect sensitive research at universities from national security threats.

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

Future Business**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.

†***Lord Moore of Etchingham** to ask His Majesty's Government how many small boats impounded from illegal migrants they have in their possession, and whether they plan to grant requests from the Ukrainian authorities to contribute these to the Ukrainian war effort.

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

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



†**Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill** Committee (day 4) [Baroness Scott of Bybrook] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought, 16th and 19th Reports from the Delegated Powers Committee*

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 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 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.

†*The Senior Deputy Speaker intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

†**Conduct** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Lord Kennedy of Southwark be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Baroness Mallalieu.

†**International Agreements** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Lord Etherton be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Geidt.

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 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 action they are taking to improve awareness of, and services for people with, inflammatory bowel disease.

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 this House regrets that the Statement of changes in Immigration Rules (HC 590), laid before the House on 14 March, 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 in 2025, without consultation or clarity as to the policy objective and at odds with the Government's commitment to family life; and calls on His Majesty's Government to reverse the increase to £29,000 and to commit not to increase the minimum income requirement in 2025. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 20th Report*

†**Lord German** to move that this House regrets that the Town and Country Planning (Former RAF Airfield Wethersfield) (Accommodation for Asylum-Seekers etc.) Special Development Order 2024 and the Town and Country Planning (Former RAF Scampton) (Accommodation for Asylum-Seekers etc.) Special Development Order 2024 entailed a lack of (1) adequate consultation of local authorities and communities, and (2) rigorous assessment of health service provisions; and calls on His Majesty's Government to provide further assurances that the sites suitably meet the well-being needs of vulnerable residents. *Special attention drawn to the instruments 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 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*)

†**Lord Wolfson of Aspley Guise** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase the supply and improve the quality of homes, while ensuring that development does not adversely affect existing communities. (*Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 29 April and due for answer by 14 May.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will take action following reported cases of self-immolation and suicide among Tibetan Monks protesting against the government of China; and in particular whether they have made representations to that government, including in relation to the death of monk Tenzin Dorjee. HL4124

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of instances of persecution on the grounds of religion or belief in some Indian states; when they last raised this with the government of India, including the High Commission of India in London; and what response they have received from the government of India. HL4125

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 25 April (HL Deb col 640GC–641GC), whether a percentage of the increased official development assistance for Pakistan will be allocated to education for destitute girls from the country's minorities. HL4126

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 25 April (HL Deb col 640GC–641GC), whether a percentage of development aid to Pakistan will be allocated to professional training projects for young people from Pakistan's minorities. HL4127

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 25 April (HL Deb col 641GC), whether religious minorities in Pakistan will be included in the list of marginalized communities prioritised for UK aid. HL4128

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 25 April (HL Deb col 624GC–643GC), whether a percentage of aid to Pakistan will be allocated to improving the living conditions of people from religious minorities, including the provision of fresh running water and electricity, and the creation of primary schools. HL4129

Baroness Benjamin to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of figures showing that 68 per cent of freelancers in the television and film industry are no longer able to find employment; and of the impact on the UK creative industries. HL4130

Baroness Benjamin to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to prevent a decline in the UK television and film industry as a result of high numbers of workers leaving the industry because they are unable to make a living. HL4131

Baroness Benjamin to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to appoint a commissioner for freelancers. HL4132

Baroness Benjamin to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of (1) reduced budgets, (2) loss of advertising revenue, and (3) a changing production landscape, on the UK television and film sector; and what steps they are taking to incentivise people to work in the sector. HL4133

Baroness Benjamin to ask His Majesty's Government what is their long-term strategy to preserve the UK television and film industry and provide employment security for its workers; and what consideration they have given to a freelancer pension scheme or fund, similar to the French model. HL4134

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the appropriateness of maintaining Household Cavalry horses stabled and deployed in central London in the light of the events of 24 April, and public safety and animal welfare concerns arising from the risks of their environment. HL4135

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government how many intercity train services operated by Great Western Railway are operating in unplanned short formation; what is the reason for this; and when the normal operating arrangements will be reinstated. HL4136

Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with representatives of News UK, GB News and News Media Association regarding the membership of the Expert Panel for the BBC Funding Model Review. HL4137

Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury to ask His Majesty's Government whether the BBC Funding Model Review Expert Panel intends to consider the funding options contained in the 1st Report of the Communications and Digital Committee Session 2022–23 *Licence to change: BBC Future Funding*. HL4138

Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury to ask His Majesty's Government who will be consulted as part of the BBC Funding Model Review, and what criteria will be used to decide who is consulted. HL4139

Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury to ask His Majesty's Government what form contributions to the BBC Funding Model Review will take, and whether they intend to publish all written and oral evidence submitted. HL4140

Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury to ask His Majesty's Government what advice they have received when determining whether members of the BBC Funding Model Review Expert Panel should sign non-disclosure agreements in relation to their participation. HL4141

Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury to ask His Majesty's Government what meetings the Chancellor of the Exchequer had with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport concerning the BBC Funding Model Review since the start of the current Charter year, and whether they intend to publish any minutes from such meetings. HL4142

Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government what the visit rates were for (1) male, and (2) female, public sector prisons in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (c) 2022, and (d) 2023. HL4143

Lord Hampton to ask His Majesty's Government, given the finding by Action for Children in its report, *Above and Beyond: How teachers fill gaps in the system to keep children learning*, that teachers are supporting 3.3 million children who face barriers to their education because of issues outside of school, what plans they have to make schools the fourth statutory safeguarding partner. HL4144

Lord Hampton to ask His Majesty's Government, given the findings by Action for Children in its report, *Above and Beyond: How teachers fill gaps in the system to keep children learning*, that (1) nine children in an average class of 25 face challenges outside of school which hinder their ability to learn, and (2) teachers are struggling to support them and their families, what action they are taking to encourage schools to employ family liaison officers to support struggling families. HL4145

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Charity Commission about the governance of the Royal Albert Hall. HL4146

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with local authorities about the appropriateness of teaching materials indicating to children that someone can be (1) male, (2) female, (3) intersex, or (4) "another sex". HL4147

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of sobriety tagging schemes. HL4148

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the success of sobriety tagging schemes, particularly for those convicted of serious assaults or domestic violence where alcohol was a factor. HL4149

Lord Kempsell to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to expand their GREAT campaign, and whether they have evaluated options for additional or alternative international brand marketing campaigns for the United Kingdom. HL4150

Lord Kempsell to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the personal and cyber security of high-profile individuals involved in politics, such as parliamentarians, ahead of the upcoming general election campaign. HL4151

Lord Laming to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking to reduce the number of children in care experiencing multiple placements. HL4152

Lord Laming to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce the number of times children in care must change school. HL4153

Lord Laming to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking to improve the education of children in care. HL4154

The Lord Bishop of Leeds to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support members of the Sudanese diaspora in the UK. HL4155

The Lord Bishop of Leeds to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to prevent arms sales from the United Arab Emirates and other third parties to those involved in the conflict in Sudan. HL4156

Lord Leigh of Hurley to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Vere of Norbiton on 25 April (HL3766), when they sought permission from the EU to extend the sunset clause for enterprise investment schemes and venture capital trust schemes. HL4157

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report by the Independent Review Group on the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) *Independent Review of Mechanisms and Procedures to Ensure Adherence by UNRWA to the Humanitarian Principle of Neutrality*, published on 22 April; and what assessment they have made of the implications of the findings in that report on the UK's funding of UNRWA. HL4158

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government when the Prime Minister last spoke to the Prime Minister of Israel. HL4159

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are monitoring the spread of non-native flatworms in the UK, particularly the New Zealand flatworm; what assessment they have made of any recent increases in the numbers of non-native flatworms in the UK; and what steps they are taking (1) to combat the spread of non-native flatworms, and (2) to advise the public. HL4160

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Prime Minister's announcement on 23 April of an increase in defence spending to a new baseline of 2.5 per cent GDP by 2030 differs from the pledge to increase defence spending to 2.5 per cent by 2030 given by the former Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, at the NATO summit in Madrid in June 2022; and whether a spending review will be required. HL4161

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government, following recent reports by the United Nations Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Human Rights Watch, what discussions they have had with the government of Rwanda concerning (1) whether that government are providing logistical support to the M23 rebels to operate inside the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and (2) whether Rwandan troops are reinforcing or fighting alongside the M23. HL4162

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current political and security situation in Haiti; and what steps they are taking, together with international partners, to provide urgent humanitarian assistance. HL4163

Lord McColl of Dulwich to ask His Majesty's Government what is the total cost of treating patients who are obese and overweight; and what are the associated costs of treating (1) type 2 diabetes, (2) cardiovascular disease, (3) cerebrovascular disease, (4) musculoskeletal diseases including joint replacers, (5) cancer, and (6) dementia. HL4164

Lord Mann to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether criminals in China are setting up companies by fraudulently registering addresses in the UK through Companies House in order to bypass Chinese restrictions on cryptocurrency trading. HL4165

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made an assessment of how the Motorcycle Industry Association's proposals to incentivise the progressive access licensing route would impact road safety. HL4166

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of how a simplified licensing process for powered light vehicles would impact (1) the uptake of powered light vehicles, (2) the accessibility of cheaper forms of personal mobility, and (3) the decarbonisation of road transport. HL4167

Lord Naseby to ask His Majesty's Government, following changes in the leadership of the Confederation of British Industry, whether they plan to renew their relationship to help business and Government work in partnership. HL4168

Lord Oates to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to appoint a UK Special Envoy for the Sudan crisis who would work to facilitate humanitarian access to Sudan and bring the conflict to an end. HL4169

Lord Oates to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made an assessment of the effectiveness of UK Official Development Assistance spending in Zimbabwe. HL4170

Lord Oates to ask His Majesty's Government, following reports that tropical viruses such as West Nile Virus have spread to Europe, what assessment they have made, if any, of the case for screening blood donations for tropical viruses. HL4171

Lord Oates to ask His Majesty's Government what contingency planning, if any, they have conducted to anticipate the spread of tropical virus transmission to the United Kingdom. HL4172

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government whether they any plans to continue financing Darwin Plus at £10 million per year after the current commitment ends in 2025. HL4173

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the work of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition; how many of their recommendations in relation to nutrition have been implemented; and how many have not been implemented, and why. HL4174

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government, following the UK Nutrient Profiling Model 2018 review, when they plan to implement an updated version of the Nutrient Profiling Model. HL4175

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to develop a pathway of care for people with severe myalgic encephalomyelitis who require hospitalisation. HL4176

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure accurate coding of a diagnosis of myalgic encephalomyelitis on both primary and secondary care records. HL4177

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of hospital compliance with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines for the treatment of inpatients with severe myalgic encephalomyelitis. HL4178

Lord Sharkey to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the disparities between conventional and Sharia-compliant mortgage products in respect of the imposition of capital gains tax. HL4179

The Lord Bishop of Southwark to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to resume funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), following the publication of the *Independent Review of Mechanisms and Procedures to Ensure Adherence by UNRWA to the Humanitarian Principle of Neutrality* on 22 April. HL4180

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following the reported recent increase in mergers and acquisitions activity among medium-sized companies, what steps they are taking to support continued mergers and acquisitions activity whilst ensuring that it does not lead to (1) monopolistic practices, or (2) reduced competition in key industries. HL4181

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following the recent decline in corporate insolvencies, what steps they are taking to (1) identify the factors they believe contributed to this reduction, and (2) ensure this trend continues. HL4182

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the transition to electric vehicles supports the automotive industry. HL4183

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to ensure that (1) border infrastructure is fully prepared, and (2) there are sufficient staff in place, to handle the increased controls on food and agricultural products starting from 30 April. HL4184

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking (1) to mitigate potential supply chain disruptions, and (2) to ensure the uninterrupted flow of essential food items, when new border import controls are introduced on 30 April. HL4185

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address the additional administrative burdens and costs imposed on farmers and producers due to the new import and export regulations being introduced on 30 April; and how they will ensure that international competitiveness is maintained. HL4186

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to enhance collaboration with EU authorities to (1) facilitate smoother import and export processes, and (2) uphold food safety standards. HL4187

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to ensure that the introduction of import controls on 30 April does not result in significant delays or backlogs at the border. HL4188

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether the new border import controls being introduced on 30 April will impact food safety standards between the UK and EU; and if so, how. HL4189

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what actions they are taking to ensure their targets for additional childcare provision are met for September 2024 and September 2025, given the National Audit Office report into early years entitlements published on 24 April. HL4190

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what consultations have taken place with the childcare and early years sectors regarding ways to expand childcare provision. HL4191

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government by how much, and by what percentage, (1) resource funding, and (2) capital funding for the Northern Ireland Block Grant has increased from 2023–2024 to 2024–2025. HL4192

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether the resource funding provided in the Northern Ireland Block Grant for 2024–2025 falls below a needs-based assessment of funding. HL4193

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether the proposed increase in early years childcare provision could lead to a widening of the attainment gap. HL4194

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government when they plan to appoint a new Commodore of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. HL4195

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of recent trends in recruitment and retention of civilian seafarers in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. HL4196

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government what recent discussions they have had with recognised trade unions concerning the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. HL4197

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government how many officers and other ranks there are in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. HL4198

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 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]

15 April (29 April)

HL3714 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3715 Lord Balfe [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3750 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3788 Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3792 Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3810 Lord Scriven [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3811 Lord Strathcarron [Department for Science, Innovation and Technology]

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

Business and Trade (1)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (4)

Health and Social Care (1)

Science, Innovation and Technology (1)

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 (<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	
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and International Committee of the Red Cross (Status) Bill	Private Member's	
High Streets (Designation, Review and Improvement Plan) Bill	Private Member's	
Paternity Leave (Bereavement) Bill	Private Member's	
British Nationality (Irish Citizens) Bill	Private Member's	
Recommitted to an Unopposed Bill Committee		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
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

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Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>) (<i>King's and Prince of Wales's consent to be signified</i>)	Government	1 May
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	
Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]	Government	
Waiting for Third Reading		
Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide (Prevention and Response) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Sent to the Commons		
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent granted</i>)	Government	
Returned to the Commons amended		
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

Draft Human Medicines (Amendments relating to Registered Dental Hygienists, Registered Dental Therapists and Registered Pharmacy Technicians) Regulations 2024

Draft Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments (2019 Hague Convention etc.) 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)*

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*

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*

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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.

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

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	9.30am
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
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

Thursday 2 May

Food, Diet and Obesity Committee	Room 2	9.45am
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Tuesday 7 May

Justice and Home Affairs Committee		10.30am
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Wednesday 8 May

Preterm Birth Committee		11.00am
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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
Conduct Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm

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 Monday 29 April 2024

The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

Select Committee Report

1 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

The following Report from the Select Committee was made and ordered to be printed on 26 April:

Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill: Government Response

Pet Abduction Bill

Building Societies Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill

Zoological Society of London (Leases) Bill. (19th Report, HL Paper 106)

Public Business

2 **Sub judice** A sub judice statement was made by the Lord Speaker (Lord McFall of Alcluith) in connection with two people having been charged with offences under the Official Secrets Act 1911.

3 **Start-up companies: tax incentives** A question was asked by Lord Leigh of Hurley and answered by Baroness Vere of Norbiton.

4 **Lower Thames Crossing: development consent** A question was asked by Lord Colgrain and answered by Lord Davies of Gower.

5 **Road pricing** A question was asked by Lord Young of Cookham and answered by Baroness Vere of Norbiton.

6 **Indeterminate sentences** A question was asked by Lord Moylan and answered by Lord Stewart of Dirleton.

7 **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and International Committee of the Red Cross (Status) Bill** A bill to make provision about the status of, and privileges and immunities in connection with, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and the International Committee of the Red Cross; and for connected purposes was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 68)

8 **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and International Committee of the Red Cross (Status) Bill** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 68–EN)

9 **High Streets (Designation, Review and Improvement Plan) Bill** A bill to require local authorities to designate high streets in their area; to require local authorities to undertake and publish periodic reviews of the condition of those high streets; to require local authorities to develop action plans for the improvement of the condition of those high streets; and for connected purposes was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 69)

10 **Paternity Leave (Bereavement) Bill** A bill to make provision about paternity leave in cases where a mother, or a person with whom a child is placed or expected to be placed for adoption, dies was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 70)

11 **Paternity Leave (Bereavement) Bill** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 70–EN)

12 **British Nationality (Irish Citizens) Bill** A bill to make provision for Irish citizens who have been resident in the United Kingdom for five years to be entitled to British citizenship; and for connected purposes was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 71)

13 **British Nationality (Irish Citizens) Bill** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 71–EN)

14 **Genocide (Prevention and Response) Bill [HL]** The order of commitment was discharged.

15 **Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 64. Amendments 66, 68, 70 to 75, 83, and 88 to 90 were agreed to. The House resumed after amendment 91.

16 **Child poverty** A question was asked by Lord Bird and, after debate, answered by Viscount Younger of Leckie.

17 **Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL]** The bill was reported from the Grand Committee with amendments. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 72)

The House adjourned at 9.21pm until Tuesday 30 April at 2.30pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

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

Litigation Funding Agreements (Enforceability) Bill [HL] The bill was considered in Committee. Amendments 1 and 2 were agreed to. It was ordered that the bill be reported with amendments.

The Committee adjourned at 4.39pm.

Papers

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

Command Papers

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

- 1 Explanatory Memorandum (Revised)—Replacement Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Electronic Monitoring (Responsible Persons) (Amendment) Order 2024, originally laid on 11 March (26 April). (—)
- 2 Health—*Modernising Support for Independent Living: The Health and Disability Green Paper*: Government consultation document. (1061)
- 3 Explanatory Memorandum (Revised)—Replacement Explanatory Memorandum to the Treatment of Conformity Assessment Bodies (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Regulations 2024, originally laid on 15 April. (—)

Affirmative Instruments

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

- 1 Draft Human Medicines (Amendments relating to Registered Dental Hygienists, Registered Dental Therapists and Registered Pharmacy Technicians) Regulations 2024
- 2 Draft Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments (2019 Hague Convention etc.) Regulations 2024

Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 National Health Service (Primary Medical Services and Performers Lists) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (575)

Paper not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 King's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Seventh Edition) (Amendment List 2)