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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]

Baroness Altmann to move that the order of commitment be discharged.

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)

Future 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.

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*Lord Watson of Wyre Forest to ask His Majesty's Government what support they provide to nuclear test veterans.

*Lord Scriven to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to issuing a Best Value Notice to the Tees Valley Combined Authority, given the scale of the legal costs that its subsidiary the South Tees Development Corporation is likely to incur after losing a court case that it brought against PD Teesport.

†*Lord Thomas of Gresford to ask His Majesty's Government how many asylum seekers whose applications are pending are currently missing from their registered address.

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.

†Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Wednesday 1 May, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 3 May.

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.

†Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill Committee (day 3) [Baroness Neville-Rolfe] *Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent withheld; Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

†Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Douglas-Miller]

†Combined Authorities (Finance) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Swinburne]

FUTURE BUSINESS

[†]Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Amendment) Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Bellamy]

†Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) Order 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom]

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.

[†]Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 2 May, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 3 May.

†Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL] Committee [Lord Moylan]

†Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill Report [Lord Douglas-Miller] *Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent granted*

†Media Bill Committee [Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay]

†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. (*Dinner break business*)

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.

[†]Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 3 May, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 7 May.

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.

FUTURE BUSINESS

†Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number of people who have entered the United Kingdom without prior permission since 7 March 2023 and so have been deemed inadmissible to the asylum system, and what plans they have to deal with them. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

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).

Friday 10 May 2024 at 10.00am

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

*Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL] Third Reading [Lord Holmes of Richmond]

†Pet Abduction Bill Second Reading [Lord Black of Brentwood] Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought

†Building Societies Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill Second Reading [Lord Kennedy of Southwark]

†Zoological Society of London (Leases) Bill Second Reading [Lord Randall of Uxbridge]

[†]Commercial Organisations and Public Authorities Duty (Human Rights and Environment) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Baroness Young of Hornsey]

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 costcompetitiveness of electricity generated from recently commissioned offshore wind farms compared to electricity generated from recently commissioned gas-fired power stations at current gas prices. *[I]*

***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.

†Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Tuesday 7 May, to be drawn at 12 noon on Wednesday 8 May.

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.

FUTURE BUSINESS

***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. [I]

*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.

†Baroness Taylor of Bolton 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*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Questions for Short Debate ballot entries

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

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

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

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

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

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

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*)

†Baroness D'Souza to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that Taiwan can be represented at the United Nations and its sub-organisations, as well as at other multilateral forums. (*Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 30 April and due for answer by 15 May.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for a Minister from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to meet Hazara representatives to discuss the continuing violence and persecution facing their community in Afghanistan. HL4199

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the *Afghanistan 2023 Human Rights Report* by the United States Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, published on 23 April, in particular with regard to the targeting of Hazara community members by ISIS-K. HL4200

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to publish their latest Joint Analysis of Conflict and Stability assessment on Afghanistan; and if so, when. HL4201

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by the Minister of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on 10 January (HC Deb col 133WH) that in Afghanistan "minority groups such as the Hazara people face discrimination and attacks", what action they are taking in this regard. HL4202

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government who is responsible for undertaking and funding the decommissioning and removal of (1) offshore oil and gas platforms and connections, and (2) offshore wind turbines and connections. HL4203

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty's Government, further to remarks by Lord Stewart of Dirleton on 29 April (HL Deb col 1704), what are (1) the make-up, and (2) the objectives, of the Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) safety team, in relation to prisoners on IPP sentences in danger of self-harm. HL4204

Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker whether he has asked (1) Lords Spiritual, and (2) other peers, for their views on whether the requirement for Lords Spiritual to wear robes of rochet and chimere in the Chamber should be referred to the Procedure and Privileges Committee.

HL4205

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in phasing out coal power. HL4206

Lord Bradshaw to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Davies of Gower on 29 April (HL3879), whether the latest announcement about the postponement of the introduction of an updated timetable for the East Coast Mainline Railway is due to the Office of Rail and Road's rigidity in agreeing access rights, which cannot be made flexible with the train operators' agreement. HL4207

Lord Godson to ask His Majesty's Government what policies, guidance and practices the Border Force has adopted in relation to the arrival of (1) Israeli nationals, and (2) individuals with joint UK–Israeli citizenship in the UK; and whether there has been any change in this policy and its operation since October 2023. HL4208

Lord Godson to ask His Majesty's Government what policies, guidance and practices the Border Force has adopted in relation to the arrival in the UK of (1) Israeli nationals, and (2) individuals with joint UK–Israeli citizenship, who have served in the IDF. HL4209

Lord Godson to ask His Majesty's Government how many (1) UK–Israeli citizens, and (2) IDF veterans or serving personnel, the UK Border Force detained for questioning in the periods (a) October 2023 to present, (b) October 2022–October 2023, and (c) October 2021–October 2022. HL4210

Lord Godson to ask His Majesty's Government how many individuals entering the UK from Israel or Palestine, who are not UK–Israeli citizens or IDF veterans or serving personnel, the UK Border Force detained for questioning in the periods (1) October 2023 to present, (2) October 2022–October 2023, and (3) October 2021–October 2022. HL4211

Baroness Goudie to ask His Majesty's Government what percentage of official development assistance humanitarian spend in East African countries has been received by local and national non-governmental organisations in country over the last year; and what steps they will take to ensure UK commitments on such funding are met, such as the Grand Bargain commitment to provide 25 per cent of humanitarian funding to local and national organisations. HL4212

Baroness Goudie to ask His Majesty's Government how much of the £100 million pledged at the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Ethiopia pledging conference in April is new and additional funding. HL4213

Baroness Goudie to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on poverty reduction of conditionalities on World Bank funding to lower and middle-income countries that incentivise smallholder farmers to purchase commercial seeds and fertilisers; and whether they plan to make representations to the World Bank to ensure that such conditionalities allow smallholder farmers to retain their own seeds. HL4214

Baroness Goudie to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of efforts in New York State to ensure private creditor debtor terms are equal to those of other creditors to lower and middle-income countries; and what plans they have, if any, to enact similar legislation in the UK. HL4215

Baroness Goudie to ask His Majesty's Government, further to remarks by Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park on 24 May 2023 (HL Deb col 870), when the initial £5 million, including £2 million in South Sudan, to meet the urgent needs of refugees and returnees who were fleeing the violence in Sudan was released; and on what it has been spent. HL4216

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government what arrangements are in place with the government of Ireland for illegal immigrants to be returned from that country to the United Kingdom. HL4217

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to prevent children from developing diabetes at an early age. HL4218

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether NHS England, integrated care boards, and NHS Trusts have ensured that all maternity and neonatal staff have had the training, supervision, and support as required. HL4219

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of high rates of childhood obesity on future diabetes rates; and what assessment they have made of the impact that this will have on the NHS's future spend on diabetes. HL4220

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Patient Safety Incident Response Framework has been fully implemented throughout the NHS to support learning and compassionate responses to families following any incidents. HL4221

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to publish the Health Prevention Strategy. HL4222

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to hold discussions with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence about its appraisal system to ensure it is sufficiently flexible to respond to treatments and medicines for rare diseases. HL4223

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Department of Health and Social Care on 14 November 2023 (HC527), whether they intend to publish an updated version of the Department for Health and Social Care guidance on completing the EMA1 abortion form or similar certificate, to reflect the fact that the good faith opinion of the medical practitioner as to the patients' gestation period can no longer be relied upon if an in-person consultation has not taken place. HL4224

Lord Kempsell to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of new scientific discoveries in the field of longevity and radical life extension in order to better public health; and whether they have a strategy to promote longevity science. HL4225

Lord Kempsell to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the performance of proportional representation as it has been deployed in electoral systems across the UK. HL4226

Lord Kempsell to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to eradicate modern slavery from centrally held procurement supply chains. HL4227

The Lord Bishop of Leeds to ask His Majesty's Government what diplomatic action they are taking, along with international partners, to secure a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Sudan; and what consideration they have given to appointing a dedicated envoy for Sudan. HL4228

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government, in the light of the risk posed to workers by fake job advertisements, whether it is their policy that Government jobs should only be advertised on websites which are members of an industry-led anti-fraud certification scheme which is compliant with the Online Safety Act 2023. HL4229

The Lord Bishop of Newcastle to ask His Majesty's Government, further to statistics from the 2021 Census which showed that the North East has the highest proportion of disabled people in England, what steps they are taking to ensure there is an adequate provision of accessible housing in the region.

HL4230

The Lord Bishop of Newcastle to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of homes built in the North East of England in the past year are wheelchair accessible. HL4231

The Lord Bishop of Norwich to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with (1) Natural England, and (2) Norfolk County Council, about the proposed construction of the Norwich West Link. HL4232

The Lord Bishop of Norwich to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Natural England report *Definition of Favourable Conservation Status for barbastelle bat*, published on 8 March, which placed "favourable conservation status" on barbastelle bats present in the area of the Norwich Western Link, what assessment they have made of the viability of the construction of the Norwich West Link. HL4233

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Northern Ireland Executive, since the restoration of devolved institutions in Northern Ireland on 3 February, about financial allocations from the Treasury. HL4234

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government how many people are in receipt of Personal Independence Payment assessments in England and Wales. HL4235

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they plan to take to ensure that people are safeguarded from serious harm as a result of the new policies currently under consultation in relation to Personal Independence Payments. HL4236

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick 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; what are the implications of the report for future UK policy towards the agency; and whether they will resume funding UNRWA.

HL4237

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government how many pupils took German as a GCSE in (1) 2019, (2) 2020, (3) 2021, (4) 2022, and (5) 2023. HL4238

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government how many pupils took French as a GCSE in (1) 2019, (2) 2020, (3) 2021, (4) 2022 and (5) 2023. HL4239

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government how many pupils took Russian as a (1) GCSE, or (2) A-level, in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022 and (e) 2023. HL4240

Lord Shipley to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the triage system used by some GP practices which requires all contact by patients seeking a GP appointment to be conducted online. HL4241

Lord Shipley to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the use of oxodegradable film, which breaks down into microplastics in the soil, in farming, given that the EU only permits biodegradable film, which breaks down into carbon dioxide and water. HL4242

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the 12 per cent increase in house sales during April; and what steps they are taking to support first-time buyers. HL4243

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following the recent content licensing agreement between *The Financial Times* and OpenAI, what assessment they have made of the potential implications this may have for the AI industry; and what steps they are taking to further promote transparency and accountability in AI-driven content generation and distribution. HL4244

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of HMRC's reported customer service issues on tax compliance among small businesses; and what steps they are taking to mitigate this impact. HL4245

Lord Truscott to ask His Majesty's Government, in the light of the trend of a decline in the number of broadcast television viewers, what assessment they have made of the future of the licence fee. HL4246

Lord Wasserman to ask His Majesty's Government what arrangements they have made to provide training to newly elected Police and Crime Commissioners. HL4247

Lord Wasserman to ask His Majesty's Government whether Police and Crime Commissioners who are defeated in the forthcoming elections are entitled to 'loss of office payments' similar to MPs; and if so, what is the size of those payments. HL4248

Lord Wasserman to ask His Majesty's Government whether Police and Crime Commissioners who are defeated in the forthcoming elections are entitled to payments for winding up their offices similar to those paid to MPs; and if so, how are those payments calculated. HL4249

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to expedite the negotiation and ratification of trade deals benefiting the food and agricultural sector. HL4250

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what support they are providing to small and medium-sized enterprises to help them adapt to new import and export regulations. HL4251

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have undertaken a risk assessment of the impact of import controls on food prices; and whether they are taking any steps to mitigate any inflationary pressures on consumers. HL4252

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to ensure that the introduction of import controls does not result in lengthy administrative processes for businesses.

HL4253

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to monitor and address any disruptions in the flow of essential food and agricultural products resulting from the introduction of import controls, particularly in the event of unforeseen logistical challenges. HL4254

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to ensure that trade relations with EU member states are not disrupted as a result of new import controls. HL4255

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what is their current assessment of the total capital cost of the rebuilding of Casement Park. HL4256

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what level of financial commitment they have made to the Casement Park rebuilding project. HL4257

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what funding they are providing for pilot projects for schools to assess the feasibility of extending the school day. HL4258

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government what evaluation, if any, they are undertaking of pilot projects by schools of extending the length of the school day. HL4259

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)HL3750 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [Department of Health and Social Care]HL3788 Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

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

Business and Trade (1)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2)

Health and Social Care (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	10 May
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 (Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)	Private Member's	10 May
Building Societies Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill	Private Member's	10 May
Zoological Society of London (Leases) Bill	Private Member's	10 May
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	
Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill	Government	
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 (Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent withheld; Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought; King's consent sought)	Government	7 May
Media Bill	Government	8 May

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	8 May
Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill (Welsh Legislative Consent sought) (King's and Prince of Wales's consent to be signified)	Government	1 May
Waiting for Report		
Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill (Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent granted)	Government	8 May
Victims and Prisoners Bill (Welsh Legislative Consent sought)	Government	
Arbitration Bill [HL] (Law Commission Bill) (Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)	Government	
Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill	Government	
Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)	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	10 May
Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	10 May
Genocide (Prevention and Response) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Sent to the Commons		
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] (Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent granted)	Government	
Returned to the Commons amended		
Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)	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 23rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

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

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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 (7 May)

Draft Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (7 May)

Draft Combined Authorities (Finance) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (7 May)

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 (7 May)

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 23rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

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 the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 2 May

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

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

Infrastructure Planning (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 18th Report from the 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 the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 7 May Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (England) (Amendment) Order 2024 20th Report from the 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 the 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 the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 9 May

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

Immigration, Nationality and Passport (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 21st Report from the 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 the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 22 May

Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 23rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 3 June

Medical Certificate of Cause of Death Regulations 2024 23rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 3 June

Medical Examiners (England) Regulations 2024 23rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 3 June

National Medical Examiner (Additional Functions) Regulations 2024 23rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 3 June

Police (Conduct) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 23rd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 June

Universal Credit (Administrative Earnings Threshold) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 23rd Report. Praying time ends 7 June

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Universal Credit (Administrative Earnings Threshold) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 23rd Report. Praying time ends 7 June

Treaties before the House

Treaties not yet considered by a Select Committee

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

Host Country Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Forest Institute 10th Report by the International Agreements Committee. Scrutiny period expires: 15 May

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Wednesday 1 May

Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	9.30am
House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's	10.00am
Financial Services Degulation Committee	Room Room 1	10.00am
Financial Services Regulation Committee Constitution Committee	Room 4	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 2 Room 2A	10.30am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee		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
Tuesday 7 May		
Industry and Regulators Committee		10.00am
Science and Technology Committee		10.00am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee		10.30am
Built Environment Committee		10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee		2.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee		3.00pm
European Affairs Committee		4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm
Monday 13 May		
Preterm Birth Committee		3.00pm
Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee		3.30pm
Wednesday 15 May		
Public Services Committee		3.00pm
Thursday 16 May		
Services Committee	Room 3A	12.30pm
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
Monday 10 June		
Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	5.00pm

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The House met at 2.30pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

Select Committee Reports

1 Secondary Legislation Scrutiny

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

Drawn to the special attention of the House: Universal Credit (Administrative Earnings Threshold) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 and one linked instrument

Includes information paragraphs on:

Draft Management of Hedgerows (England) Regulations 2024 Draft Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2024 Medical Certificate of Cause of Death Regulations 2024 and two linked instruments Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (Holding and Handling of Information) Regulations 2024 and one linked instrument Police (Conduct) (Amendment) Regulations 2024. (23rd Report, HL Paper 107)

2 International Agreements

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

Scrutiny of international agreements:

European Forest Institute Host Country Agreement, reported for information. (10th Report, HL Paper 108)

Public Business

3 Sewage pollution: lakes and rivers A question was asked by Baroness Quin and answered by Lord Douglas-Miller.

4 **Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures** A question was asked by Baroness Willis of Summertown and answered by Lord Benyon.

5 **Chemicals strategy** A question was asked by Baroness Hayman of Ullock and answered by Lord Douglas-Miller.

6 Universities: sensitive research A question was asked by Lord Young of Cookham and answered by Viscount Camrose.

7 **Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill** A bill to provide for the quashing of convictions in England and Wales and Northern Ireland for certain offences alleged to have been committed while the Horizon system was in use by the Post Office; to make provision about the deletion of cautions given in England and Wales or Northern Ireland for such offences; and for connected purposes was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 73)

8 **Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 73–EN)

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9 Victims and Prisoners Bill The report stage was continued, beginning with amendment 94. Amendment 94 was agreed to. Amendment 96 was agreed to (see division 1). Amendments 97 to 99 were agreed to. Amendment 100 was disagreed to in accordance with Standing Order 52(2). Amendment 101 was disagreed to in accordance with Standing Order 52(2). Amendment 101 was disagreed to in accordance with Standing Order 55 (see division 2). Amendments 103A, 109A, 110A were agreed to. Amendment 113 was agreed to (see division 3). Amendment 119A was agreed to. Amendment 119AA was disagreed to in accordance with Standing Order 55 (see division 4). 119B, 119CA (as an amendment to amendment 119C) and 119C (as amended) were agreed to. Amendment 119HA (as an amendment to amendment 119F) was disagreed to (see division 5). Amendments 119F, 119L, 119N, 119Q, 119R, 119S, 119W and 119YA were agreed to. The report stage was adjourned after amendment 119YC.

10 **Building Societies Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 63–EN)

The House adjourned at 7.53pm until Wednesday 1 May at 3.00pm.

Simon Burton *Clerk of the Parliaments*

Papers

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

Command Papers

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

1 Immigration—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. (1078)

2 Finance—Minute from HM Treasury concerning the notification of a contingent liability arising from the Asset Purchase Facility. (—)

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

1 Online Safety Act 2023 (Pre-existing Part 4B Services Assessment Start Day) Regulations 2024 (571)

2 Immigration (Guidance on Detention of Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2024 (573)

3 Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development etc.) (England) (Amendment) Order 2024 (579)

Paper not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following paper was laid before the House:

1 Immigration Act 2016: Draft Revised Guidance on adults at risk in immigration detention

Divisions

Victims and Prisoners Bill

Division No. 1

Baroness Meacher moved amendment 96, after clause 26, to insert the new clause *Victims of specified offences: data-sharing for immigration purposes*. The House divided:

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Division No. 2

Baroness Brinton moved amendment 101, after clause 27, to insert the new clause Unduly lenient sentences: time limit. The House divided:

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Division No. 3

Baroness Thornton moved amendment 113, after clause 38, to insert the new clause *Major incidents: duty of candour*. The House divided:

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Division No. 4

Lord Wills moved amendment 119AA, after clause 39, insert the new clause *Power of Secretary of State* to establish an inquiry on major incidents. The House divided:

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Division No. 5

Baroness Brinton moved amendment 119HA, to leave out subsections (1) and (2) and insert-

"(1) The amount of a payment under the infected blood compensation scheme is to be determined in accordance with a framework of tariff-based compensation for eligible infected and affected persons, at rates which broadly take account of but are not limited by current practice in courts and tribunals across the UK and sums payable in other UK compensation schemes, and allowing an assessed basis for defined financial losses.

(1A) The rates of compensation in the framework under subsection (1) must be based on the advice of the independent clinical and legal panels and set by the Chair, adopting the measures set out in Recommendation 5 of the Infected Blood Inquiry's Second Interim Report.

(1B) The awards which may be claimed under the tariff-based compensation under subsection (1) framework must be as defined at Recommendation 6 of the Infected Blood Inquiry Second Interim Report.

(2) In assessing compensation under the scheme, no account should be taken of any past support payments made under other support schemes or their predecessors."

The House divided:

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