

**GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE  
HOUSE OF LORDS**

**TODAY'S LISTS  
WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2024**

*[Notes about this document are set out at the end]*

**Business in the Chamber at 3pm**

*Prayers by the Bishop of Lincoln (5 minutes)*

*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. **(Baroness Neville-Rolfe, CO)**
- \* 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. **(Lord Douglas-Miller, DEFRA)**
- \* 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. **(Baroness Barran, DfE)**
- \* 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. **(Lord Sharpe of Epsom, HO)**

*Business expected to be brief*

**Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill - Committee - Baroness Altmann**

- **motion to discharge the order of commitment - Baroness Altmann**

*Questions on an Urgent Question made in the House of Commons on Monday 29 April  
(10 minutes)*

'To ask His Majesty's Government if they will make a statement on the role of the UK Armed Forces in the Middle East.' **Earl of Minto (MOD)**

*Main Business*

**Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill – Committee (day 4) – Baroness Scott of Bybrook**

- All members opening or winding are expected to keep remarks within 15 minutes, with the exception of ministers winding up who are expected to keep within 20 minutes.
- Other speakers within each group are expected to keep within 10 minutes.
- Members' speeches should not summarise or repeat at length points made by others, and if speaking more than once a Member should not repeat points they have already made.
- Members pressing or withdrawing an amendment should normally be brief.

Target for the day: to complete all groups and conclude Committee stage

Grouping of amendments:

92

93, 93A - *already debated*

93B, 96, 97, 99, 100, 102, 105, 105C, 105D, 105E, 105F, 105G, 107

94

95, 95A, 98, 101, 103, 104, 105A, 105B, 106 *already debated*

*A Repeat of an Urgent Question made in the House of Commons on Tuesday 30 April (10 Minutes)'*

To ask His Majesty's Government if they will make a statement on TATA ending the statutory consultation on redundancies at Port Talbot steelworks.'

**Lord Harlech (WO)**

*Followed by Questions on an Oral Statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 29 April*

**'Health and Disability Reform: Update' - Viscount Younger of Leckie (DWP)**

*Followed by Questions on an Oral Statement made in the House of Commons on Tuesday 30 April*

**'Update on the proposed acquisition of Telegraph Media Group Ltd' - Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay (DCMS)**

**Debate on the regret motion in the name of Lord Oates relating to the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (HC 556) - Lord Sharpe of Epsom**

*Last business*

*A Repeat of an Oral Statement taking place in the House of Commons today (40 minutes)*

**'Migration Update' - Lord Sharpe of Epsom (HO)**

*Estimated rising time*

The House is expected to rise at around 9pm.

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Notes:

- *This document sets out the matters for the day's business which the Government Whips' Office coordinates: Speakers' Lists (Companion 4.26), ministerial statements (Companion 6.02) and the grouping of amendments (Companion 8.70). It is not the formal order paper, which is produced by the Clerk of the Parliaments and is available from the Printed Paper Office and <https://lordsbusiness.parliament.uk/>*
- *Time estimates are best endeavours: there is no certainty other than for formally time-limited business. It is the duty of individual members to observe the rules on attendance at debate (Companion 4.32) and, in particular, to ensure that they are present for the start of business in which they wish to take part.*
- *The number of sessions shown for a stage of a bill represents the Government's assessment of reasonable time given the balance of bills and remaining days to the likely end of the session. Progress remains in the hands of the House. Report stage is usually half the length of Committee.*
- *The grouping of amendments is informal. Although every effort is made to secure agreement to groupings, any peer may speak to an amendment in its place on the Marshalled List. "g" before an amendment indicates a Government amendment.*
- *Speaking in debates (Companion 4.34): A member of the House who is taking part in a debate (including general debates and debates on amendments or motions) should attend the start, end and greater part of that debate. In addition, it is considered discourteous for members not to be present for at least the opening speeches, the speeches before and after their own, and for the winding-up speeches. Ministers may decide not to answer, orally or in writing, points made by a speaker who does not stay to hear the Minister's closing speech. Members who believe that they are unlikely to be able to stay until the end of a debate should not seek to participate in it (and if the debate has a speakers' list, should remove their names from the list).*