

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.

***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).

Future Business**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.

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



***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 to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 3 May.*

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

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.

†**Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Lord Goodman of Wycombe be appointed a member of the Select Committee.

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

†**Justice and Home Affairs** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Baroness Hughes of Stretford be appointed a member of the Select Committee.

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]

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.

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]

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

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 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.

†**Baroness Hughes of Stretford** to move that this House takes note of the challenges faced by those with disabilities including access to benefits, work, education, housing and healthcare.

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

†**Lord Wood of Anfield** to move that this House takes note of the contribution of all sports to society and the economy, and in particular of the impact of community sport on young people's health and well-being.

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.

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 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*)

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 1 May and due for answer by 16 May.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 25 April (HL Deb cols 642GC–644GC), whether they plan to provide official development assistance to the government of Pakistan for the purposes of seizing assets of owners of brick kilns illegally using bonded labour so that those assets can be reused for the education and welfare of families trapped in bonded labour. HL4260

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 25 April (HL Deb cols 640GC–644GC), whether any development funding for Pakistan will be allocated to providing advice and assistance to the government of that country to create a national trust fund to support the education of children from the families of bonded labour. HL4261

Lord Banner to ask His Majesty's Government what record they have of the annual financial cost of the badger culls in England over the past five years, and when a written value for money analysis of that cost was last undertaken. HL4262

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Davies of Gower on 29 April (HL3718), in which circumstances, and why, it would not be applicable to apply the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' Red Book to HS2 property compensation cases. HL4263

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what measures are being taken to ensure that the UK's defence spending aligns with the current strategic threat landscape, particularly in the light of emerging hybrid and cyber warfare tactics observed in recent international conflicts. HL4264

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address the challenges of integrating advanced technologies into the UK's defence capabilities. HL4265

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure transparency and cost-effectiveness in the procurement of defence equipment, given the increasing complexity and expense of modern military hardware. HL4266

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what initiatives are currently in place to ensure military veterans receive timely access to (1) physical rehabilitation, and (2) mental health, services, particularly those suffering post-traumatic stress disorder after combat. HL4267

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to streamline the transition of medical care from military services to the NHS for service leavers. HL4268

Lord Browne of Belmont to ask His Majesty's Government what support is available for military veterans transitioning back into civilian life. HL4269

Baroness Coussins to ask His Majesty's Government whether the public consultation on updating the NHS constitution, published on 30 April, is available in languages other than English, and if so, in which languages. HL4270

Baroness Coussins to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the public consultation on updating the NHS constitution is brought to the attention of individuals whose first language is not English. HL4271

Baroness Eaton to ask His Majesty's Government whether additional new burdens funding will be committed to local authorities who will require additional enforcement capacity within trading standards teams to enforce the policies included in the 2023 Department For Health and Social Care policy paper *Stopping the Start*. HL4272

Baroness Eaton to ask His Majesty's Government what steps are being taken to support local authorities with cyber security and the rise in related threats. HL4273

Baroness Eaton to ask His Majesty's Government how many Project Adjustment Requests were received in respect of Levelling Up Fund applications; and how many of these requests have been approved. HL4274

Baroness Eaton to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the merits of establishing a specific policing unit to support local councillors who are experiencing threats and intimidation. HL4275

Baroness Gohir to ask His Majesty's Government how many applications were received for transitioning from a student visa to a spousal visa each year from 2018 to 2022, and what percentage of the applicants were male. HL4276

Baroness Gohir to ask His Majesty's Government what was the success rate of applications for transitioning from a student visa to a spousal visa each year from 2018 to 2022. HL4277

Baroness Gohir to ask His Majesty's Government between 2018 and 2022 how many British citizens, if any, have reported being in a forced marriage to individuals in the UK who have students visas. HL4278

Baroness Hayman of Ullock to ask His Majesty's Government, following the publication of the Animals in Science Regulation Unit's Annual Report 2022 on 25 April, what assessment they have made of the adequacy of sanctions such as inspector advice and compliance letters in response to animal welfare failings, including animals dying because of a lack of food or water. HL4279

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to have any discussions with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence about employing additional flexibility for rare condition medicines to take into consideration the implications of having a small population and potentially more expensive medicines. HL4280

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to have any discussions with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence about routinely taking into consideration the impact on the physical and mental health of the person with a rare condition and their wider family. HL4281

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to have any discussions with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) about continuing to work with the rare condition community to improve engagement and involvement in decision-making from small organisations. HL4282

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government how many students have dropped out of T Levels since 2020; and what percentage of those enrolling have dropped out. HL4283

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure that applied general qualifications are still available to students in future. HL4284

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what research they have undertaken into (1) reasons for the dropout rate for T Levels, (2) why only 8 per cent of students taking foundation level T Levels progress to full T levels, and (3) whether T Levels or BTECs provide a more appropriate preparation for employment in different skill areas. HL4285

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what guidance they have issued to medical practitioners dispensing telemedicine abortion pharmaceuticals to patients who are more than ten weeks pregnant. HL4286

Baroness Janke to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for giving greater weight to a durable and sustainable peace between Israelis and Palestinians by recognising Palestinian statehood. HL4287

Baroness Janke to ask His Majesty's Government what reassurances they have sought from the government of Israel regarding their cooperation with the UN's Office of Internal Oversight Services investigation into the allegations made against UNRWA. HL4288

Baroness Janke to ask His Majesty's Government on the basis of what evidence they have continued to suspend funding to UNRWA despite other allies, including Germany, having restored funding to the agency. HL4289

Baroness Janke to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risk to Palestinian refugees caused by efforts to abolish UNRWA. HL4290

Lord Lebedev to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the use of psychedelics in the treatment of mental health; and what steps they are taking to support advanced research in this sector. HL4291

Lord Lebedev to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with social media companies about protecting the mental health of under-16s, especially girls, using their platforms. HL4292

Lord Leigh of Hurley to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number of untaxed vehicles driving on UK highways. HL4293

Lord Leigh of Hurley to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number of motor vehicles which are subject to a 'statutory off road notification' but are currently on UK highways. HL4294

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Vere of Norbiton on 25 April (HL3770), how they intend to assess entitlement for contributory working age benefits and pensions, should they abolish national insurance contributions in line with their stated ambition. HL4295

Lord Ravensdale to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Budget Statement on 15 March 2023 that "subject to consultation, nuclear power will be classed as environmentally sustainable in our green taxonomy" (HC Deb col 841), when they will publish the associated consultation. HL4296

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to nominating or supporting a specific candidate to be Secretary General of the International Seabed Authority. HL4297

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Norway concerning that country's announcement that it will start exploratory deep seabed mining in its waters; and what assessment they have made of the impact this would have on wider North-eastern Atlantic fisheries. HL4298

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government when they intend to publish any reports from their newly launched environmental science network focusing on deep-sea mining, DSM Environmental Network. HL4299

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Bangladesh regarding reports of officials involved in beatings and forced returns of Rohingya refugees. HL4300

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of research by Fortify Rights, published on 26 April, that found Border Guard Bangladesh responsible for the assault and forced returns of Rohingya Refugees. HL4301

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risk of individuals contracting HIV from contaminated blood in unregulated cosmetic procedures.

HL4302

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made an assessment of the impact of emerging artificial intelligence capacities on the necessity for foreign language learning.

HL4303

The Earl of Sandwich to ask His Majesty's Government, following the publication of the Institute for Government report *Power with purpose: Final report of the Commission on the Centre of Government*, on 10 March, whether (1) the staff at Number 10 have increased to 350 under the Conservative government, and (2) Cabinet Office staff have doubled to over 15,000 during the same period; and if so, what plans they have, if any, to reduce those numbers.

HL4304

Lord Scriven to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on 30 April (HL3810), where the register detailing which ambassadors have accepted offers of gifts or hospitality to attend F1 races in the last three years in each of the Gulf States can be accessed; and whether the register identifies which races they attended, and who offered the gift and hospitality.

HL4305

Lord Scriven to ask His Majesty's Government how many full-time equivalent established posts there were in the Civil Service dealing with immigration issues related to the Rwanda scheme at (1) 30 September 2023, (2) 31 December 2023, and (3) 31 March 2024; and how many of these posts were filled on these dates.

HL4306

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government, following reports of non-food item deflation, what assessment they have made of the impact of this on (1) employment, and (2) business profitability, in the retail sector.

HL4307

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Ireland concerning asylum seekers returning from that country to the UK; and what impact this has on the Common Travel Area agreement.

HL4308

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to (1) retain, and (2) attract, foreign financial firms and jobs in the UK.

HL4309

Lord Wasserman to ask His Majesty's Government whether His Majesty's Revenue and Customs have issued any guidance to Police and Crime Commissioners concerning the taxation of their home security.

HL4310

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have received any formal request or demand from the government of Ireland to send any asylum applicants back to the UK from the Republic of Ireland.

HL4311

Lord Weir of Ballyholme to ask His Majesty's Government how many asylum applicants have been returned to the UK from the EU in the last 12 months.

HL4312

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made representations to the government of Iran regarding the death sentences imposed upon Toomaj Salehi, Abbas Deries, Reza Rasaei and Mojahed Kourkour.

HL4313

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Israel regarding bringing their military operations in Gaza to a conclusion as soon as possible.

HL4314

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the train cancellations announced by Avanti West Coast for the summer do not negatively impact tourist-related businesses in the coastal resorts of north Wales.

HL4315

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what is their assessment of progress being made towards the development of nuclear fusion, and by what date they estimate that electricity generated in this manner may be available to consumers. HL4316

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have received from UK universities proposing the relaxation of restrictions for overseas students, such as rules relating to their employment in the UK after graduation. HL4317

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]

17 April (1 May)

HL3885 Baroness Hayman of Ullock [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3899 Lord Roberts of Llandudno [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3900 Lord Roberts of Llandudno [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3901 Lord Roberts of Llandudno [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3903 Lord Roberts of Llandudno [Department for Business and Trade]

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

Business and Trade (5)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (3)

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 (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	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	
Renters (Reform) Bill	Government	
Recommended 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	7 May

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Media Bill	Government	8 May
Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL]	Private Member's	8 May
Waiting for Report		
Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent granted</i>)	Government	8 May
Victims and Prisoners Bill (<i>Scottish Legislative Consent granted, Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
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	
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	
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	
Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL]	Private Member's	10 May
Sent to the Commons		
Automated Vehicles Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent granted</i>)	Government	
Waiting for Consideration of Commons Reasons and Amendment		
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 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

Tribunal Procedure (Upper Tribunal) (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) (Amendment) Rules 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

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

Negative Instruments

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*

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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*

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

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Thursday 2 May

Food, Diet and Obesity Committee	Room 2	9.45am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 2A	10.00am

Tuesday 7 May

Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Science and Technology Committee	Room 1	10.00am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 2	10.30am
Built Environment Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 2	2.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 4A	3.00pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 4	4.00pm
Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission	Chairman of Ways and Means Study	4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm
Conduct Committee	Via Teams	4.00pm

Wednesday 8 May

Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room G-32, Millbank House	10.00am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.45pm
Windsor Framework Sub-Committee	Room 4	2.45pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

Monday 13 May

Preterm Birth Committee		3.00pm
Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee		3.30pm

Wednesday 15 May

International Relations and Defence Committee		10.30am
Public Services Committee		3.00pm

Thursday 16 May

Services Committee	Room 3A	12.30pm
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Wednesday 22 May

Finance Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
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Tuesday 4 June

Procedure and Privileges Committee	Room 4A	11.45am
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Monday 10 June

Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	5.00pm
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Wednesday 12 June

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	10.00am
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Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday 1 May 2024

The House met at 3.00pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

1 **Lord Stunell** The Lord Speaker (Lord McFall of Alcluith) informed the House that Lord Stunell, a member of the House, had died on 29 April.

Select Committee Report

2 Statutory Instruments

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

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. (19th Report, HL Paper 109)

Public Business

3 **House of Lords: reform** A question was asked by Lord Campbell-Savours and answered by Baroness Neville-Rolfe.

4 **Water companies: licence conditions** A question was asked by Lord Sikka and answered by Lord Douglas-Miller.

5 **Higher education: arts and humanities** A question was asked by the Earl of Clancarty and answered by Baroness Barran.

6 **Ukraine: small boats** A question was asked by Lord Moore of Etchingham and answered by Lord Sharpe of Epsom.

7 **Renters (Reform) Bill** A bill to make provision changing the law about rented homes, including provision abolishing fixed term assured tenancies and assured shorthold tenancies; imposing obligations on landlords and others in relation to rented homes and temporary and supported accommodation; and for connected purposes was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 74)

8 **Renters (Reform) Bill** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 74–EN)

9 **Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill** The bill was returned from the Commons with Reasons and an Amendment. It was ordered that the Commons Reasons and Amendment be printed. (HL Bill 75)

10 **Alternative Investment Fund Designation Bill [HL]** The order of commitment was discharged.

11 **UK armed forces in Middle East** The Earl of Minto answered questions on an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Monday 29 April.

12 **Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 92. The House resumed and the bill was reported with amendments. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 76).

13 **Port Talbot steelworks** Lord Harlech repeated the answer given to an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Tuesday 30 April.

14 **Health and disability reform** Viscount Younger of Leckie answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 29 April.

15 **Telegraph Media Group Ltd: acquisition** Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Tuesday 30 April.

16 **Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules** Lord Oates moved 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. After debate, the motion was withdrawn.

17 **Immigration update** Lord Sharpe of Epsom repeated a statement made in the House of Commons.

The House adjourned at 8.52pm until Thursday 2 May at 11.00am.

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 Trade—Agreement between the United Kingdom and Australia on Mutual Recognition in Relation to Conformity Assessment, Certificates and Markings. (1073)
- 2 Trade—Agreement between the United Kingdom and Australia on Trade in Wine. (1074)
- 3 Transport—Exchange of Letters between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Norway on the Agreement on International Road Transport and the Protocol to the Agreement. (1075)
- 4 Transport—Exchange of Notes between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement on International Road Transport and the Protocol to the Agreement. (1077)

Affirmative Instrument

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

- 1 Tribunal Procedure (Upper Tribunal) (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) (Amendment) Rules 2024 (588)

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (570)
- 2 Education (Pupil Information, School Performance Information and National Curriculum Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (577)

Paper not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Report under Section 179 of the Data Protection Act 2018

