

Thursday 18 July 2024 at 11.00am

†**Lord Vallance of Balham**, and

†**Baroness Smith of Malvern** will be introduced.

†*Proceedings on the following motion will be taken in accordance with Standing Order 68 (Reports from the Conduct Committee) which requires that any motion on a report resulting from investigations under the Code of Conduct, together with any motion on a sanction, be decided without debate.*

†**Conduct** Baroness Manningham-Buller to move that the Report from the Select Committee *The conduct of Lord Ranger of Northwood* (4th Report, Session 2023–24, HL Paper 117) be agreed to.

†*If the Report from the Conduct Committee is agreed to, Baroness Manningham-Buller to move to resolve that, in accordance with Standing Order 11, Lord Ranger of Northwood be suspended from the service of the House for a period of three weeks; and that, in accordance with section 1 of the House of Lords (Expulsion and Suspension) Act 2015, in the opinion of this House, the conduct giving rise to this resolution occurred after the coming into force of that Act.*

†**Committee of Selection** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that in accordance with Standing Order 62 a Committee of Selection be appointed to select and propose to the House the names of the members to form each select committee of the House (except the Committee of Selection itself and any committee otherwise provided for by statute or by order of the House) or any other body not being a select committee referred to it by the Senior Deputy Speaker, and the panel of Deputy Chairmen of Committees; and that the following members together with the Senior Deputy Speaker be appointed to the Committee:

Bichard, L.	Newby, L.
Geddes, L.	Smith of Basildon, B.
Jones, L.	Stoneham of Droxford, L.
Kennedy of Southwark, L.	True, L.
Kinnoull, E.	Williams of Trafford, B.

†**King's Speech** Adjourned Debate on the Motion that a Humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows:

“Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg leave to thank Your Majesty for the most gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.”

†*It is expected that the principal topics for debate will be energy, the environment and housing.*

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



Future Business

Friday 19 July 2024 at 10.00am

†*It is expected that the debate on the Humble Address will continue and that the principal topics for debate will be creating opportunities: education, early years and health care.*

Monday 22 July 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Hoey** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure that dentists in Northern Ireland will still be able to use amalgam fillings when the EU ban their use from January 2025.

†***Lord Snape** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to meet the Royal Mail Group to discuss the Group's plans to end the carriage of mail by rail from October.

†***Lord Colgrain** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they expect to meet the statutory timeframe within which a decision on the Lower Thames Crossing Development Consent Order must be made.

†***Baroness Thornhill** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to review existing spending commitments made to local councils.

†*It is expected that the debate on the Humble Address will continue and that the principal topics for debate will be economic growth, infrastructure and employment.*

Tuesday 23 July 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to secure multilateral consensus in advance of a political declaration at the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance in September.

†***Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for reviewing the impact of the decision to abandon plans to build further stages of HS2.

†***Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the financial resilience of England's water companies.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 19 July.*

†*It is expected that the debate on the Humble Address will continue and that the principal topics for debate will be the constitution and devolution.*

Wednesday 24 July 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Tyler of Enfield** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the links between rising levels of mental health issues among school age children and poor school attendance; and what steps they are planning to take to address the situation.

†***Lord Balfre** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to seek a closer relationship with the European Investment Bank to encourage investment in the United Kingdom.

†***Baroness Lister of Burtersett** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for the future of the local authority Household Support Fund, due to expire in September.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 18 July, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 22 July.*

†*It is expected that the debate on the Humble Address will continue and that the principal topics for debate will be justice and home affairs.*

Thursday 25 July 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Goldie** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made any decisions to pause expenditure on Ministry of Defence programmes, and, if so, on which programmes.

†***Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve confidence in government and to ensure Ministers are held to a high standard.

†***Baroness Chakrabarti** to ask His Majesty's Government, in the light of threats to fundamental rights and the rule of law, what plans they have to promote greater public information and education in this area.

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 19 July, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 23 July.*

†*It is expected that the debate on the Humble Address will conclude and that the principal topics for debate will be foreign affairs and defence.*

Thursday 12 September at 11.00am

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

†**Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to publish a new strategy for public libraries. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

†**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. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour) [1]*

†**Lord Forsyth of Drumlean** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to protect Atlantic salmon populations. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

†**Baroness Anelay of St Johns** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the impact of international conflict on children, and (2) the recommendations proposed by Save the Children in its report *Stop the War on Children: Let Children Live in Peace*, published in December 2023. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

Select Committee Reports

The date on which the report was published is in italics.

†**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* (Session 2023–24, 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, Session 2023–24, 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*

†**Lord Ricketts** to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Affairs Committee *The Ukraine Effect: The impact of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on the UK–EU relationship* (1st Report, Session 2023–24, HL Paper 48). *31 January*

†**Baroness Brown of Cambridge** to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Science and Technology Committee *Long-duration energy storage: get on with it* (1st Report, Session 2023–24, HL Paper 68). *13 March*

†**Baroness Stowell of Beeston** to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Communications and Digital Committee *Large language models and generative AI* (1st Report, Session 2023–24, HL Paper 54). *2 February*

†**Lord Hollick** to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Industry and Regulators Committee *Who watches the watchdogs? Improving the performance, independence and accountability of UK Regulators* (2nd Report, Session 2023–24, HL Paper 56). *8 February*

†**Baroness Parminter** to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Environment and Climate Change Committee *An extraordinary challenge: Restoring 30 per cent of our land and sea by 2030* (2nd Report, Session 2022–23, HL Paper 234). *26 July 2023*

†**Baroness Parminter** to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Environment and Climate Change Committee *EV strategy: rapid recharge needed* (1st Report, Session 2023–24, HL Paper 51). *6 February*

Questions for Short Debate

These Questions for Short Debate were drawn in the ballot on Wednesday 17 July as the reserve list, which may be used as lunch, dinner break, or last business.

†**Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to improve productivity across the public sector.

†**Lord Storey** to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to address the number of children using vaping products.

†**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 Harrington of Watford** to ask His Majesty’s Government what measures they intend to implement to attract more foreign direct investment to the United Kingdom.

†**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government what are their priorities for rural communities over the next two years.

†**Baroness Wyld** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to ensure that perinatal mental health services are available and accessible to every woman who needs them.

†**Lord Herbert of South Downs** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to promote global agreement to tackle antimicrobial resistance, including drug-resistant tuberculosis, at the UN High-Level Meeting on antimicrobial resistance on 26 September.

†**Baroness Tyler of Enfield** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the state of NHS waiting lists for mental health treatment and care, and what immediate plans they have to improve the situation.

†**Lord Wigley** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to institute an inquiry into the factors which may have influenced the proportion of registered voters turning out to vote in the general election held on 4 July; and what plans they have to address the issue of low voter turnout.

†**Baroness Gohir** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reduce violence against Black, Asian and minority ethnic women and girls.

†**Baroness Lawlor** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to encourage universities to set up overseas institutions, to increase opportunities locally in developing economies and reduce net migration to the UK.

†**Lord Moynihan** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to promote, raise awareness of and encourage participation in sport and recreation for the benefits of health, longevity, fitness, skill, achievement, social interaction and wellbeing.

†**Lord Kamall** to ask His Majesty's Government what conversations they have had, or plan to have, with other governments on the future of the Commonwealth of Nations.

†**Lord Naseby** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to establish a form of modern 'national service'.

†**Lord Berkeley** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to increase usage of local buses.

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 17 July and due for answer by 31 July.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the well-being and whereabouts of Bishop James Su Zhimin; and what response they received when they last raised his incarceration with the government of China. HL1

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government when they last raised the imprisonment of Jimmy Lai with the Chinese authorities; and what response they received. HL2

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the reports from Sheffield Hallam University *In Broad Daylight: Uyghur Forced Labour and Global Solar Supply Chains* and *Over-Exposed: Uyghur Region Exposure Assessment for Solar Industry Sourcing* in framing their trade policies. HL3

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made any assessment of (1) the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act of 2021 from the United States, or (2) the European Union's proposed ban on goods made by slave labour, in shaping their trade policies, especially with regard to ethics, diversification and resilience. HL4

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government how much food was imported from overseas last year; and what action they are taking to reduce the level of imported food and increase food security. HL5

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what is their latest estimate of the number of people killed, injured or displaced during the war in Sudan; and what progress is being made to secure a settlement. HL6

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of South Sudan to ensure that the elections which will take place in that country on 22 December will be free and fair. HL7

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they are having with international partners to ensure that humanitarian aid can be provided to (1) those who have been displaced by the conflict in Sudan, and (2) those who remain within Sudan; and what is their assessment of the likelihood of famine in Darfur, given the existing number of people experiencing emergency levels of hunger. HL8

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the 2024 Annual Threat Assessment of the US Intelligence Community, which warns that Sudan risks becoming an ideal environment for international terrorist and criminal networks, and predicts the expansion of affiliates of the Islamic State and al-Qaeda in the region. HL9

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking with international partners to end the current conflict in Sudan and prevent further civilian casualties. HL10

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government which Ministers will attend the United Nations Summit of the Future in New York in September 2024; and what outcome they will aim to achieve. HL11

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the role of indigenous peoples in the remediation and mitigation of biodiversity loss. HL12

Lord Balfe to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to seek a closer relationship with the European Medicines Agency. HL13

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to (1) reopen investigations into the death of Zane Gbangbola through a public inquiry or other measures, and (2) examine the health risks presented by historic landfill sites. HL14

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what are their priorities in the negotiations on a UN plastics treaty due to conclude in December; and whether they plan to support a legally binding limit on the volume of plastics production. HL15

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to continue support for a moratorium on commercial deep sea mining, and their opposition to the issuance of any exploration licences; and, if so, what steps they plan to take to support these goals. HL16

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the cost to the NHS of cosmetic medical procedures conducted overseas and any subsequent complications; and what plans they have, if any, to limit or control the advertising of such procedures. HL17

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the take-up of commercial health tests on NHS costs; what oversight is given to the efficacy and reliability of such tests; and whether they plan to introduce further regulation of such tests. HL18

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government how many people are affected by the under-occupancy charge, what is the financial impact of the charge on those people, and what plans they have to end or reduce that impact. HL19

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 24 May (HL Deb col 1368), whether the lease extension policies of the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall and the Crown Estate will be laid before Parliament for consideration; and whether these bodies have agreed to negotiate with tenants or prospective tenants in a manner analogous to how the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 applies to tenants of other properties. HL20

Lord Black of Brentwood to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to re-introduce measures to make the reporting of child sex abuse mandatory; and if so, when. HL21 [I]

Lord Black of Brentwood to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Metropolitan Police concerning the future of its Wildlife Crime Unit; and whether they will meet them to discuss the ramifications of this move for animal welfare. HL22

Lord Bradley to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to increase the capacity and geographical distribution of inpatient secure mental health beds. HL23 [I]

Lord Bradley to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to change the way that deaths of patients detained in secure settings under the Mental Health Act 1983 are investigated. HL24

Lord Campbell-Savours to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the Community Ownership Fund; and whether they plan to renew it, when it is due to close in 2025. HL25

Baroness Coussins to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to amend the eligibility criteria for the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme to allow visas for the UK to be issued to those who were employed indirectly as well as directly to work for UK government departments or armed forces. HL26

Baroness Coussins to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made towards a UN Security Council Resolution on the protection of civilian interpreters working in conflict zones. HL27

Lord Dubs to ask His Majesty's Government how many asylum seekers or refugees are currently on Diego Garcia and what is the total annual cost of keeping them there. HL28

Lord Dubs to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to make arrangements for lawyers to visit their clients on Diego Garcia; and for the Supreme Court of the British Indian Ocean Territory to sit there, following the recent decision of the United States to withhold logistical support, including food and water, from the court. HL29

Lord Dubs to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to ensure the implementation of the UNHCR recommendations on the safeguarding and welfare of refugees and asylum seekers on Diego Garcia; and what arrangements are being made to bring those people to the UK, given the UNHCR's finding that Diego Garcia is not a suitable environment. HL30

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what preparations they are making for the review of the UK–EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement. HL31

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Safeguarding the Union Command Paper (CP 1021), published on 31 January; and whether they will be implementing all of the measures outlined in it. HL32

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to hold further public inquiries into Troubles-related terrorist activity in Northern Ireland; and if so, what criteria they use to determine which incidents should be prioritised. HL33

Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made an assessment of how family stability in the UK compares with other countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, in terms of children still living with both their biological parents at age 15. HL34

Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government what data they have, by age of child, on the percentage of all children in the United Kingdom who do not live with both of their birth parents. HL35

Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government what data they have on the percentage of children in low-income households who do not live with both birth parents; and what percentage of children in middle to higher-income households do not live with both birth parents. HL36

Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government what data they have on the percentage of children living with both birth parents are in families where the parents report conflict in their relationship. HL37

Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made with the Suicide Prevention Strategy for England; and what plans they have to address the higher suicide rate among men, particularly those aged 20 to 34. HL38

Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to develop a men's health strategy for England; and to encourage higher primary care attendance among men. HL39

Lord Frost to ask His Majesty's Government how much funding has been provided to the Green Finance Institute in each of the past five fiscal years; and whether any of the directors of the company are appointed by the Government. HL40 [1]

Baroness Gohir to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Scott of Bybrook on 4 April (HL3324), how much of the funding provided to Faith Matters for its Tell Mama project in each year from 2016 to 2024 (1) has been spent on legal expenses and litigation, and (2) how much of that has been spent on cases involving potential libel and defamation. HL41

Baroness Gohir to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Scott of Bybrook on 4 April (HL3324), how much of the funding provided to Faith Matters for its Tell Mama project in each year from 2016 to 2024 was spent on consultancy fees, who were those fees paid to; and what for. HL42

Baroness Gohir to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Scott of Bybrook on 4 April (HL3324), how much of the funding provided to Faith Matters for its Tell Mama project in each year from 2016 to 2024 was spent on (1) monitoring Islamophobia, (2) supporting victims of Islamophobia and (3) countering extremism. HL43

Baroness Gohir to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Scott of Bybrook on 4 April (HL3324), what type of extremism or hatred Faith Matters is being funded to address via its Tell Mama project, whether it includes (1) right-wing extremism against Muslims, (2) Islamic extremism, (3) anti-Semitism, (4) homophobia, or (5) a combination of these, and what was the expenditure on each of these for each year from 2016 to 2024. HL44

Baroness Gohir to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Scott of Bybrook on 4 April (HL3324), (1) how much of the funding provided to Faith Matters for its Tell Mama project in each year from 2016 to 2024 was spent in total on counselling, (2) what was the total number of counselling sessions provided and (3) which counselling providers were used. HL45

Baroness Gohir to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Scott of Bybrook on 4 April (HL3324), (1) how much of the funding provided to Faith Matters for its Tell Mama project in each year from 2016 to 2024 was spent on salaries, (2) how many staff were paid, and (3) what were the full-time equivalent staff numbers. HL46

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the research by Cambridge University's Department of Engineering into recycling cement, as reported in May 2024; and what plans they have, if any, to incorporate it into future housebuilding and planning policies. HL47

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Ireland about its legal action against them concerning the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023. HL48

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure that those flying from Belfast airports to the EU can buy duty-free goods. HL49

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government whether Pathways 1 and 2 of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy are fully operational. HL50

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government how many Afghans have been successfully resettled in the UK under Pathways 1 and 2 of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy. HL51

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government whether Pathways 1 and 2 of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy are the only safe and legal routes to the United Kingdom for Afghans, including children still stranded in Afghanistan. HL52

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government when they plan to introduce legislation to ban the import of hunting trophies. HL53

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government what monitoring and safeguards are in place to protect aquatic ecosystems and local drinking water sources from chemical waste resulting from the construction of HS2, in particular in the Colne Valley and the Chiltern aquifer. HL54

Lord Kamall to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to discuss international co-operation on assisting refugees and asylum seekers with other governments and international governmental organisations; and, if so, which governments and international governmental organisations they have already held discussions with. HL55

Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate to ask His Majesty’s Government what progress they have made regarding the United Kingdom’s access to the European Asylum Dactyloscopy Database; and how that access will enhance the United Kingdom’s ability to manage immigration and asylum processes. HL56

Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they intend to seek a returns agreement with the European Union to tackle small boat crossings. HL57

Lord Laming to ask His Majesty’s Government what action they are taking to reduce the number of children in care in England. HL58

Lord Laming to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they intend to provide greater support to unpaid carers in England; and, if so, what additional support they intend to provide. HL59

Baroness Lawlor to ask His Majesty’s Government which EU financial services laws have been repealed to promote the international competitiveness and growth of that sector and its contribution to the UK economy under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2023. HL60

Baroness Lawlor to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to encourage the Bank of England to measure money growth and report annually on the quantity of money, so that steps can be taken to maintain price stability and prevent inflation. HL61

Baroness Lawlor to ask His Majesty’s Government how many migrants who have arrived in the UK in the past three years for which figures are available are (1) overseas students who are taking (a) undergraduate degrees, (b) post-graduate degrees, and (c) other courses, and (2) the families or dependents of overseas students; what proportion of legal migrants each of those categories represents; and what arrangements are in place for monitoring their departure. HL62

Baroness Lawlor to ask His Majesty’s Government what proportion of migrants arriving in the UK in the past five years have tried to seek asylum. HL63

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to prevent inappropriate cycling on pavements by pedal bikes, electric bikes and e-scooters. HL64

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty’s Government when they will implement Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. HL65

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty’s Government, following the removal of tax-free shopping for international visitors, what steps they are taking to support affected small and medium-sized enterprises in regional economies. HL66

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty’s Government, following the removal of tax-free shopping for international visitors, what assessment they have made of the impact on regional economies and their wider supply chains. HL67

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to review the cases of those still subject to the “two strikes” sentence imposed under the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 or the “automatic life” sentence introduced in 2012; and whether there is scope to align their licence conditions with those imposed through the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 on prisoners serving an indeterminate sentence for public protection. HL68

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty’s Government when they will respond to the regulation 28 prevention of future deaths report issued on 12 April by the Senior Coroner for the coroner area of Milton Keynes in the case of Scott Rider, to which a response was due under statute by 23 May. HL69

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty’s Government what national initiatives have been introduced to improve the health of the nation by tackling obesity, improving mental health and promoting physical activity, since the establishment of the Office of Health Promotion. HL70

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty's Government whether digital public health schemes have been launched over the last five years to drive improvement in the nation's health; and, if so, what is their assessment of the success of those schemes. HL71

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty's Government whether staff at UK Sport were told they would be entering a period of consultation in advance of the staff and budget reductions for the 2028 Olympic Games cycle and Olympic and Paralympic athlete programmes. HL72

Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to license e-bikes and e-scooters to improve public safety. HL73

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the economic impact of the cancellation of further stages of HS2; and whether they intend to undertake a formal reassessment of the new infrastructure required to improve rail services in the north of England, north Wales and Scotland, and on what timescale. HL74

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reform the financial model for universities; and what assessment they have made of the financial problems faced by many parts of the higher education sector. HL75 [I]

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government what policies they have to reverse the significant drop in the numbers of foreign students applying to study in the UK. HL76 [I]

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to open negotiations with the European Union about rejoining the Erasmus scheme. HL77 [I]

Lord Rennard to ask His Majesty's Government how many UK citizens are currently held in prison; and how many were held on 1 January in each of the past ten years up to 1 January 2024. HL78

Lord Rennard to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of the adult population were held in prison on 1 January; whether they have carried out any comparison with other European countries; and, if so, what European countries they have benchmarked those figures against. HL79

Lord Rennard to ask His Majesty's Government how many people currently held in prison are serving sentences of one year or less. HL80

Lord Rennard to ask His Majesty's Government how many women are currently being held in prison for non-violent offences; and what proportion of female prisoners have children who have been taken into care as a result of their custody. HL81

Lord Rennard to ask His Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the annual cost of each prisoner held in prison. HL82

Lord Rennard to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have made any assessment of the proportion of people held in prisons with significant difficulties with literacy. HL83

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they intend to take to repeal legislation providing for immigrants to be deported to Rwanda. HL84

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty's Government what contractual obligations the UK entered into before the general election, and with whom, to meet the requirements of the deportations to Rwanda. HL85

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty's Government what has been the total cost of preparing the Rwanda deportation plan. HL86

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty's Government how many immigrants have been prepared for deportation to Rwanda; and what will happen to them when the Rwanda deportation plan is repealed. HL87

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty’s Government how they plan to use civil servants currently engaged in the Rwanda deportation process. HL88

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they intend to continue to use the “Bibby Stockholm”; and, if so, for what purpose and at what budgeted cost. HL89

Lord Rooker to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they have received advice regarding the prevention of broken protective earthed neutral conductors in the electrical systems of tower blocks and other sensitive buildings. HL90

Lord Rooker to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they plan to update the Bread and Flour Regulations 1998 to include folic acid fortification. HL91

Lord Rooker to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the current arrangements for NHS staff to express opinions about practices and treatments about which they have concerns. HL92

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the countries that supply arms to the government of Myanmar; and what representations they have made to those countries. HL93

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty’s Government how much they donated in Official Development Assistance to Myanmar in (1) 2017, (2) 2018, (3) 2019, (4) 2020, (5) 2021, (6) 2022, and (7) 2023. HL94

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the looting and burning of the UN World Food Programme warehouse in the state of Rakhine, Myanmar; and whether they will take any steps in response. HL95

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they will take in response to recent warnings by UN special rapporteur Thomas Andrews on 4 July that Rohingya in Rakhine state are at risk of facing “genocidal violence”. HL96

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of countries that are shipping aviation fuel to Myanmar; and what representations they have made to those countries. HL97

Viscount Stansgate to ask His Majesty’s Government when they intend to publish an updated edition of the Cabinet Manual. HL98

Lord Storey to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the case for children who are being home educated in England to be registered with their local authority. HL99

Lord Storey to ask His Majesty’s Government how many permanently excluded pupils in England are being placed with unregistered providers. HL100

Lord Storey to ask His Majesty’s Government how many children in England are missing from full-time education. HL101

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the potential impact of using AI tools to (1) improve patient outcomes and, (2) reduce uncertainty in diagnoses. HL102

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to achieve a “closer, more mature, more level-headed relationship” with the EU, as outlined by the Secretary of State for Business and Trade. HL103

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty’s Government what measures they are taking to ensure that the prisons system’s new ‘early release scheme’ includes comprehensive support for prisoners with programs for (1) employment, (2) training and, (3) rehabilitation to reduce the likelihood of reoffending. HL104

Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

Draft Students' Unions (Freedom of Speech) (Monetary Penalties) (England) Regulations 2024

Draft European Forest Institute (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2024

Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Armed Forces Act 2006 (Continuation) Order 2024

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Ombudsman Scheme) (Fees) Regulations 2024

Draft Insurance and Reinsurance Undertakings (Prudential Requirements) (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024

Draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) Order 2024

Draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024

Draft Government of Wales Act 2006 (Devolved Welsh Authorities) (Amendment) Order 2024

Draft Ivory Act 2018 (Meaning of "Ivory" and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024

Draft Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships (Protection and Disclosure of Information and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024

Draft Information Sharing (Disclosure by the Registrar) Regulations 2024

Draft Registrar (Identity Verification and Authorised Corporate Service Providers) Regulations 2024

Draft Separation of Waste (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2024

Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Global Combat Air Programme International Government Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2024

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024

Draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods) Order 2024

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

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

Draft Local Digital Television Programme Services (Amendment) Order 2024

Draft Magistrates' Courts Fees (Amendment) Order 2024

Negative Instruments

Immigration (Guidance on Detention of Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 25th Report, Session 2023–24. Praying time ends 23 July*

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Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Fees and Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 26th Report, Session 2023–24. Praying time ends 30 July*

Official Controls (Establishment Lists) (Revocation) Regulations 2024 *26th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2023–24. Praying time ends 30 July*

Proposed Negative Statutory Instruments laid under the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

Companies Act 2006 (Recognition of Third Country Qualifications and Practical Training) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Sifting period expires: 22 July*

Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday 17 July 2024

The House met at 11.30am pursuant to the prorogation of Friday 24 May.

1 **King's Speech** The King being seated on the Throne, and the Commons being at the Bar with their Speaker, His Majesty was pleased to make a Most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, and then retired.

The House adjourned. The House resumed at 3.30pm.

2 **Leave of Absence** The leave of absence granted to the following members was ended with effect from 24 May 2024:

Baroness Campbell of Loughborough

Lord Hardie

Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury

Lord Oakeshott of Seagrove Bay

Lord Prior of Brampton

3 **Leave of Absence** Leave of absence was granted to the following members of the House for the remainder of this Session:

Lord Barker of Battle

Lord Barwell

Lord Bates

Lord Boyd of Duncansby

Baroness Clark of Kilwinning

Lord Collins of Mapesbury

Lord Davies of Abersoch

Lord Feldman of Elstree

Lord Freud

Baroness Fullbrook

Lord Hague of Richmond

Lord Leitch

Lord Llewellyn of Steep

Baroness Mone

Baroness Morgan of Ely

Lord O'Shaughnessy

Lord Palumbo of Southwark

Baroness Shafik

Baroness Vadera

Baroness Worthington

4 **Select Vestries Bill** The Bill was presented by Baroness Smith of Basildon and read a first time pro forma.

5 **King's Speech** Lord McFall of Alcluith reported the King's Speech. Lord Reid of Cardowan moved that a Humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows:

“Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg leave to thank Your Majesty for the most gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.” The motion was seconded by Baroness Hazarika, and, after debate, the debate was adjourned till tomorrow.

6 **Senior Deputy Speaker** The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Smith of Basildon) moved that Lord Gardiner of Kimble be appointed as Senior Deputy Speaker (Chairman of Committees) for this Session. The motion was agreed to *nemine dissentiente*.

7 **Stoppages in the Street** It was ordered that the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis do take care that the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Lords to and from this House during the sitting of Parliament; or to hinder Lords in the pursuit of their Parliamentary duties on the Parliamentary Estate; and that the Lady Usher of the Black Rod attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioner.

8 **Members of the House** It was ordered that a list of members of the House, prepared by the Clerk of the Parliaments, be published. (HL Paper 1)

9 **Hereditary Peers: by-elections** The Clerk of the Parliaments laid before the House, in accordance with Standing Order 9(4), a register of hereditary peers (other than peers of Ireland) who wish to stand in any by-election for membership of the House held in accordance with section 2(4) of the House of Lords Act 1999; it was ordered that the register be published. (HL Paper 2)

10 **Oaths and affirmations** The following Lords took and subscribed the oath, or made and subscribed the solemn affirmation, and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct:

Bhikhu Chhotalal Lord Parekh

David Patrick Paul Lord Alton of Liverpool

Michael John Lord Whitby

Susan Elizabeth Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer

Michael Ian Lord Grade of Yarmouth

Maurice Lord Saatchi

Susan Frances Maria Baroness Williams of Trafford

Kathryn Felice Baroness Lampard

Mark Ian Lord Price

Jane Susan Baroness Campbell of Surbiton

John David James Earl of Stair (Lord Oxenfoord)

Archibald Gavin Lord Hamilton of Epsom

Wallace Hamilton Lord Browne of Belmont

Simon Adam Lord Wolfson of Aspley Guise

Malcolm Gray Lord Bruce of Bennachie

The House adjourned at 4.52pm until Thursday 18 July 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.

Instrument Withdrawn

The following affirmative instrument, laid before the House on the date shown, was withdrawn:

- 1 Draft Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amendment of Schedule A2) Order 2024 (22 April)

Paper Withdrawn

The following paper, laid before the House on the date shown, was withdrawn on 11 July:

- 1 Report of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman 2022–23 (14 September 2023)

Command Papers

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

- 1 Transport—Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Kosovo on International Road Transport (29 May). (1097)
- 2 Intelligence and Security—Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Estonia concerning the Protection of Classified Information (29 May). (1098)
- 3 Trade—Agreement between the United Kingdom and the United Mexican States on the Mutual Recognition and Protection of Designations for Spirit Drinks (29 May). (1099)
- 4 Fisheries—Framework Agreement on Fisheries between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Norway (29 May). (1100)
- 5 Finance—Treasury Minutes Progress Report on the Government responses to the Committee of Public Accounts in Sessions 2010–12, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, 2017–19, 2019, 2019–21, 2021–22, 2022–23 and 2023–24 (29 May). (1102)
- 6 Justice—Closed Material Procedure: The Government response to the independent report on the operation of closed material procedure under the Justice and Security Act 2013 (29 May). (1103)
- 7 Trade—Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora – Amendments to the Appendices (10 July). (1104)
- 8 Conservation—Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals – Amendments to the Appendices (10 July). (1105)
- 9 Prisons—Report of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman 2022–23 (11 July). (1106)
- 10 Prisons—Report of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman 2023–24 (11 July). (1107)
- 11 Transport—Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Belarus concerning International Motor Vehicle Carriage (11 July). (1108)
- 12 Elections—Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Portuguese Republic Regarding the Participation in Local Elections of Nationals of Each State Resident in the Other’s Territory (11 July). (1109)

Statutory Instruments laid under Standing Order 70

The following instruments were laid before the House on the dates shown:

- 1 Code of Practice (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Order 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 708, laid on 28 May*)
- 2 Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 717, laid on 29 May*)
- 3 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Commodity Derivatives and Emission Allowances) (Amendment) Order 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 719, laid on 29 May*)
- 4 Dangerous Dogs (Exemption Schemes) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 721, laid on 29 May*)
- 5 Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (*Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings, No. 722, laid on 29 May*)
- 6 Immigration (Exemption from Control) (Amendment) Order 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 723, laid on 29 May*)
- 7 Insolvency Practitioners and Insolvency Services Account (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2024 (*Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings, No. 725, laid on 29 May*)
- 8 Medicines (Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues) (Emergency Prohibition) (England, Wales and Scotland) Order 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 727, laid on 29 May*)
- 9 National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (*Negative Instrument, No. 728, laid on 29 May*)

Affirmative Instrument

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

- 1 Draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods) Order 2024

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Report and Accounts of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust 2023–24
- 2 Report and Accounts of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman 2023–24
- 3 Report, Fitness to Practise Report and Accounts of the General Pharmaceutical Council 2023–24
- 4 Report of the Church Commissioners 2023

