

# HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

No. 8

*Items marked † are new or have been altered.*

**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.

\***Lord Harris of Haringey** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recent global IT outage.

**Business of the House** The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Smith of Basildon) to move that, until 24 January 2026, Standing Order 9(5) (*Hereditary peers: by-elections*) be amended as follows: leave out "three" and insert "eighteen".

†**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 foreign affairs and defence.*