

Friday 13 September 2024 at 10.00am

Lord Collins of Highbury to move that this House takes note of the situation in Sudan.

Future Business**Monday 7 October 2024 at 2.30pm**

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Balfé** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they plan to take to build a closer relationship with the European Union.

***Lord Moylan** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to continue the national £2 cap on bus fares, which is scheduled to end on 31 December.

***Lord Browne of Ladyton** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of diplomatic tensions between Ethiopia and Somalia, and the implications for regional stability.

***Baroness Smith of Llanfaes** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to implement the recommendations of the report of the Commission on Justice in Wales, chaired by Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd.

Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill Second Reading
[Baroness Blake of Leeds] *Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

If the bill is read a second time, Baroness Blake of Leeds to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Tuesday 8 October 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Viscount Stansgate** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the United Kingdom's membership of Horizon Europe since rejoining the programme in September 2023.

***Lord Lexden** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will appoint an independent legal expert to review the seven allegations of child sex abuse against Sir Edward Heath left unresolved at the end of Operation Conifer in 2017.

***Lord Harlech** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of public bodies and services, including the NHS Digital app, procuring professional services through processes which purport to be "onshoring" to firms which contract third parties outside the United Kingdom to do the work; and what assessment they have made of risk this poses to private data and cybersecurity.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Wednesday 2 October, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 4 October.

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Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Leong] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Leong to move that the bill be committed to a Grand Committee.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Baroness Manningham-Buller to move that the Grand Committee takes note of the review by the Conduct Committee of the House of Lords code of conduct.

Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support increasing apheresis capacity in NHS hospitals in England.

***Lord Leigh of Hurley** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the UK economy caused by speculation about rises in Capital Gains Tax and other taxes.

***Lord Mackenzie of Framwellgate** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the respective success of (1) UK applicants, and (2) international applicants including in the EU, to study computer science at English universities.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 3 October, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 7 October.

Water (Special Measures) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Baroness Hayman of Ullock] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

If the bill is read a second time, Baroness Hayman of Ullock to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve productivity across the public sector. *(1½ hours)*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to move that this House takes note of the Immigration (Guidance on Detention of Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2024, laid before the House on 30 April (SI 2024/573). *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 25th Report, Session 2023–24*

Thursday 10 October 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Goldie** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the United Kingdom's future combat air capability.

†***Baroness Hoey** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they are giving to recognising Somaliland as an independent nation.

†***Lord Black of Brentwood** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the implications of imposing VAT on school fees with effect from 1 January 2025. *[1]*

†*Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 4 October, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 8 October.*

Baroness Tyler of Enfield to move that this House takes note of the state of social care in England, and the case for a comprehensive social care strategy and further support for unpaid carers.

Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 30 September, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 1 October.

†**Baroness Smith of Newnham** to move that this House takes note of the relations between the United Kingdom and Europe, particularly on issues of culture, diplomacy and security.

Thursday 17 October 2024 at 11.00am

Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale to move that this House takes note of the impact of conflict, extreme poverty and climate-related emergencies globally; and of the progress towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. (*Balloted debate*)

Baroness Featherstone to move that this House takes note of the 40th anniversary of the 1984 Ethiopia famine in the light of the current conflict and food insecurity in the country. (*Balloted debate*)

Motions for Balloted Debate

The ballot to select two motions for debate closes on Tuesday 29 October to be drawn on Wednesday 30 October, for debate on Thursday 14 November. Combined time limit of 5 hours.

†**Baroness Coussins** to move that this House takes note of short and long-term Government funding for the BBC World Service.

†**Baroness Hooper** to move that this House takes note of the United Kingdom's relations with Latin American countries in the light of recent political, trade and environmental developments.

Select Committee Reports

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

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*

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*

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

Baroness Hoey to move that an Humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant and Animal Health) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024 (SI 2024/853), laid before the House on 9 August, be annulled.

Lord Davies of Brixton to move that this House takes note of the draft Pensions Regulator's Defined Benefit Funding Code of Practice 2024, laid before the House on 29 July. *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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.

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.

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 Short Debate ballot entries

The ballot for four Questions closes on Tuesday 15 October for debate in Grand Committee on Thursday 31 October. A further 15 questions will be drawn as the reserve list to be taken in the Chamber if time allows and replace the existing list.

Lord Murphy of Torfaen to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to support opera. *(Department for Culture, Media and Sport)*

Lord Patel to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to improve cancer outcomes in England through early diagnosis, improvement in care, and research. *(Department of Health and Social Care)*

Lord McColl of Dulwich to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they will take to encourage greater candour and accuracy of statements in public life as expressed in the King’s Speech. *(Cabinet Office)*

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)*

Lord Hain to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking, if any, to build support for a new International Anti-Corruption Court. *(Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)*

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 the homes people want, in the places they want to live, whilst ensuring that development does not adversely affect existing communities. *(Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government)*

Lord Trefgarne to ask His Majesty's Government whether deterrence remains a core element of the United Kingdom's defence policy. (*Ministry of Defence*)

Baroness Scott of Needham Market to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current position regarding diagnosis and treatment of myalgic encephalomyelitis. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the prevalence of gambling harms experienced by the population as highlighted by the recent statistics published by the Gambling Commission. (*Department for Culture, Media and Sport*)

Baroness Tyler of Enfield to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to review the operation of the Carer's Allowance, including the repayments regime to assist family carers. (*Department for Work and Pensions*)

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty's Government what are their priorities for rural communities for the next two years. (*Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*)

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to provide assistance to Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar and other parts of Bangladesh. (*Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*)

Baroness Fraser of Craigmaddie to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to support children with special educational needs and disabilities. (*Department for Education*)

†**Baroness Monckton of Dallington Forest** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address the declining numbers of learning disability nurses, and provide opportunities for their training. (*Department for Health and Social Care*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 12 September and due for answer by 26 September.

Baroness Altmann to ask His Majesty's Government how many pensioners in the UK have annual incomes below £15,000, and of those how many are in receipt of pension credit. HL1011

Baroness Altmann to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Sherlock on 7 August (HL344), how many staff in the Ministry of Defence are permitted to undertake diversity-related network time during core working hours; what is the percentage of overall working time they are permitted to spend on such network activity; how many hours are allocated in total; which networks are being funded; and whether they have any plans alter such funding. HL1012

Baroness Altmann to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Sherlock on 7 August (HL344), how many staff in (1) the Department for Transport and (2) the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency are permitted to undertake diversity-related network time during core working hours; what is the percentage of overall working time they are permitted to spend on such network activity; how many hours are allocated in total; which networks are being funded; and whether they have any plans alter such funding. HL1013

Baroness Altmann to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Sherlock on 7 August (HL344), how many staff in (1) the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology and (2) UK Research and Innovation are permitted to undertake diversity-related network time during core working hours; what is the percentage of overall working time they are permitted to spend on such network activity; how many hours are allocated in total; which networks are being funded; and whether they have any plans alter such funding. HL1014

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the urgent appeal submitted to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on torture on 12 September by the international legal team for British citizen Jimmy Lai; and what action they are taking to secure his release. HL1015

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report, *Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights*, by the United Nations Secretary-General, published on 20 August, including the concerns it raises about reprisals against British citizen Jimmy Lai, his son, Sebastien Lai, and members of their international legal team. HL1016

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the implications of the proposed amendment to Iraq's Personal Status Law 188, which could lower the legal age for marriage to nine, and the extent to which it aligns with international treaties on the rights of children to which Iraq is a signatory. HL1017

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government, since 30 April 2024, (1) what is the volume of consignments containing plants and plant products from the EU at Border Control Posts; and (2) what is the number of physical inspections at Border Control Posts of plants and plant products that have been (a) required and (b) completed. HL1018

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government whether it plans to publish any data on the Common User Charge including values invoiced and collected; and any data on operating costs for the Sevington Border Control Post. HL1019

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of changes introduced by the Border Target Operating Model which came into force on 30 April, on the United Kingdom's environmental horticulture sector. HL1020

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 19 July (HC Deb cols 1033–40), what assessment they have made of the impact on (1) small, and (2) innovative, businesses of the call for departmental savings; and in particular what assessment they have made of long-term economic harm, including the loss of economic activity, innovation, export potential, incomes and ability to make pension provisions. HL1021

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 19 July (HC Deb cols 1033–40), how many small businesses working directly as Government contractors or suppliers have had work or expected work cancelled for departmental savings; how many Government contracts with small business have been cancelled or postponed; and what arrangements they have put in place to ensure small businesses do not have to carry the burden of new tendering for the same or similar work. HL1022

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 19 July (HC Deb cols 1033–40), how many small businesses working directly for the Government have been told that their payment rates are being cut, and by what percentage range and average. HL1023

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government how many units of accommodation, including hotel rooms, (1) are currently being used to house persons who have submitted claims for asylum in the United Kingdom; and (2) they have reserved or acquired to accommodate those who may yet arrive and seek asylum in the United Kingdom. HL1024

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what financial provision has been made in the current financial year to provide (1) accommodation, and (2) food and provisions, to those currently awaiting a response to applications for asylum in the United Kingdom. HL1025

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government how many asylum seekers are currently being accommodated in (1) England, (2) Scotland, (3) Wales and (4) Northern Ireland. HL1026

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what criteria they apply when assessing requests for public inquiries into the deaths of persons as a result of terrorist activity in the United Kingdom. HL1027

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to extend the 28-day move-on period for asylum seekers who have been given the right to remain in the UK. HL1028

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to increasing asylum support payments. HL1029

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to address (1) unregulated e-bike hire, and (2) illegal e-scooters. HL1030

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether equality, diversity and inclusion spending in the NHS provides value for money in relation to patients' health needs; and whether they plan to initiate a review into that spending. HL1031

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what is the policy of (1) the Department of Health and Social Care, and (2) NHS England, on payments for Stonewall membership for NHS trusts, including the Workplace Equality Index gold award; and what assessment they have made of whether those policies are compatible with Government policy following the Cass Review. HL1032

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government whether the (1) Cabinet Office Government People Group, and (2) Government Equalities Office, has a list of banned words and phrases. HL1033

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government how many non-crime hate incidents have been recorded since the publication of statutory guidance by the Home Office in June 2023, broken down by relevant police force or police authority. HL1034

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Prime Minister, or the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff, undertook an equality impact assessment, and considered the public sector equality duty under the Equality Act 2010, when deciding to remove the portrait of the first female Prime Minister from the Downing Street study. HL1035

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Secretary at the Cabinet Office on 30 July (HC936), whether they now intend to publish the data gathered from the Civil Service Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Expenditure Review. HL1036

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Twycross on 7 August (HL346), whether this clothing policy applies to all staff in the Department for Work and Pensions. HL1037

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government how they are monitoring the success and roll-out of biodiversity net gain policy; and what plans they have, if any, to review the current system of exemptions. HL1038

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to (1) monitor, and (2) address, non-compliance with biodiversity net gain regulations. HL1039

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government, what steps they are taking ahead of White Ribbon Day to invest in the prevention of gender-based violence, particularly in work engaging men and boys. HL1040

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government, what steps they are taking ahead of White Ribbon Day to prioritise the prevention of gender-based violence. HL1041

Lord Lamont of Lerwick to ask His Majesty's Government whether VAT will be levied on school fees paid by the Government for UK private education for the children of foreign office officials serving overseas. HL1042

Lord Lamont of Lerwick to ask His Majesty's Government what is the total cost of school fees paid in the last year by the Government for UK private education for the children of military personnel serving overseas. HL1043

Lord Lamont of Lerwick to ask His Majesty's Government what is the total cost of school fees paid in the last year by the Government for UK private education for the children of foreign office officials serving overseas. HL1044

Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Department of Health and Social Care on 6 September (HC2283), why they have paused the work of the Child and Young Person Cancer Task force. HL1045

Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton to ask His Majesty's Government what activities they have carried out to support Child Cancer Awareness Month. HL1046

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have carried out an impact assessment on their proposal to put VAT on independent school fees; and if so, whether they will publish it. HL1047

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government whether they (1) are reviewing, or (2) plan to review, current Armed Services recruitment policy to allow those who have previously worked for UK forces in Afghanistan in any capacity, but who are not British or Commonwealth citizens, to apply to join the British Army if they have relocated to the UK. HL1048

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made on diplomatic efforts to secure a ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza conflict and the release of hostages since the Prime Minister spoke to Benjamin Netanyahu on 20 August. HL1049

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the declaration by the WHO Director General on 14 August of Mpox cases in Africa to be a public health emergency of international concern; and what support they are providing to African countries most affected by the current outbreak. HL1050

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government whether any cases of Clade I or Clade Ib Mpox have been detected in the UK since 14 August. HL1051

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of the soft power value to the UK of the news programming provided by the BBC World Service; and whether they intend to fund fully the BBC World Service language services. HL1052

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking alongside international partners to address what on 9 September the World Health Organisation called the "extreme health and humanitarian crisis" in Sudan. HL1053

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Department for Work and Pensions (1) currently has, or (2) has previously had, a National Diversity Ambassador on Trans Issues; and if so, (a) who they were, and (b) during what time period(s) they served. HL1054

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government whether, when developing and implementing (1) health care, and (2) equalities policies, it is the position of (a) the Government, and (b) NHS England, that men can get pregnant. HL1055

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Twycross on 12 August (HL426), whether the Ministry of Justice has received such representations from the Public and Commercial Services Union; and what was their response. HL1056

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Twycross on 7 August (HL345), how many staffing hours are allocated to the Civil Service LGBT+ Network, and across how many staff members. HL1057

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Twycross on 12 August (HL517), what applications for an equality, diversity and inclusion spending control exemption have been (1) applied for, (2) accepted, and (3) rejected, since the general election. HL1058

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Sherlock on 7 August (HL344), whether any of the civil servants claiming diversity network time are also claiming trade union facility time, and at what hourly amounts; and what is their policy on the double dipping of network time and facility time. HL1059

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government how much of the £50 million extension of the Farming Recovery Fund, announced on 24 May, has been distributed to date. HL1060

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to distribute in full the £75 million of funding to support internal drainage boards announced in February, and if so, by what date. HL1061

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to continue to publish an annual food security index. HL1062

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Welsh Government's Sustainable Farming Scheme; and what consideration they have given to the introduction of a similar scheme in England. HL1063

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government how many farm visits the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has undertaken in an official capacity since his appointment on 5 July. HL1064

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty's Government what is the policy of (1) the Treasury, and (2) the Government Equalities Office, on the consultations being conducted by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority on new diversity and inclusion reporting requirements for financial services firms; and what assessment they have made of whether those proposals are in line with their policy on increasing economic growth. HL1065

Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask His Majesty's Government why the implementation of the Procurement Act 2023 has been delayed to 2025; and what changes have been made to the timetable for the National Procurement Policy Statement in the light of changes to government policy on procurement since the general election. HL1066

Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask His Majesty's Government what changes they intend to make to current Government policy on procurement, including in relation to (1) social value requirements, (2) conditions relating to trade unions, and (3) conditions relating to equality, diversity and inclusion requirements. HL1067

Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask His Majesty's Government whether the salaries of all special advisers have now been finalised; and when they intend to publish the list of special advisers, as required under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010. HL1068

Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask His Majesty's Government what meetings Alan Milburn has had with the Department of Health and Social Care or NHS England since the general election (1) with, and (2) without, Ministers being present; and whether his commercial and financial interests were declared ahead of such meetings. HL1069

Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on 9 September (HC Deb col 578), whether Alan Milburn declared his financial interests to the Permanent Secretary; what steps have been taken to mitigate conflicts of interest in the advice from Mr Milburn; whether they will place a copy of any such declaration in the Library of the House; and whether Mr Milburn has signed a confidentiality agreement with the Department. HL1070

Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on 9 September (HC Deb col 578), whether Alan Milburn joined any ministerial discussions, or viewed any ministerial papers, relating to private sector involvement in the NHS. HL1071

Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the mental health benefits of music education for children; and what plans they have to promote music in the national curriculum for primary schools. HL1072

Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether promoting music education in the national curriculum for primary schools would help diminish pressures on the NHS arising from children's mental health. HL1073

Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne to ask His Majesty's Government how they are promoting collaboration between the Department for Education and the Department of Health and Social Care on the rising number of mental health cases among children in primary school; and what meetings Health and Education ministers have had on this topic. HL1074

The Lord Bishop of Norwich to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to meet international obligations for nature conservation, including the Ramsar Convention, the Bern Convention and the EU Birds and Habitats Directives. HL1075

The Lord Bishop of Norwich to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the benefit of forest schools and similar nature-focused learning for child development. HL1076

Baroness O'Grady of Upper Holloway to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to ensure that all seasonal worker scheme operators have complied with the requirement that all workers must receive a minimum of 32 hours' pay for each week of their stay in the UK; and what plans they have, if any, to investigate scheme operator practice to ensure compliance with this requirement. HL1077

Baroness O'Grady of Upper Holloway to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the revocation of Ethero's licence as a scheme operator under the seasonal worker visa scheme, whether that company still holds a Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority licence; and if so, what plans they have to review that licence. HL1078

Lord Patten to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the levels of reported crime on the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway. HL1079

Lord Patten to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effects of there being only one railway line between Salisbury and Yeovil on (1) the travelling public and (2) the carriage of goods. HL1080

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to deter third-country service providers from engaging with UK sanctioned vessels in Russia's shadow fleet. HL1081

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mitigate the environmental risks posed by ageing and poorly maintained vessels in Russia's shadow fleet, particularly those using high sulphur fuels in UK territorial waters and the Strait of Dover. HL1082

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to (1) introduce, and (2) enforce, tougher environmental standards, such as mandatory insurance cover and compliance with International Maritime Organisation heavy fuel standards, for oil tankers entering UK territorial waters and the Exclusive Economic Zone. HL1083

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps the Treasury are taking to regulate higher transparency and due diligence standards in the UK's maritime services sector to prevent Protection and Indemnity insurers from facilitating the operations of vessels within Russia's shadow fleet. HL1084

Lord Rose of Monewden to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect real GDP per capita to return to its pre-pandemic peak; and what steps they are taking to support this growth. HL1085

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to support children growing up in households where an adult is experiencing problem gambling. HL1086

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government whether it remains their policy to increase the minimum income for spouse/partner visas to £38,700 by 2025. HL1087

Lord Sharpe of Epsom to ask His Majesty's Government how many asylum seekers have arrived illegally in the UK by small boats since 5 July; and what is the breakdown of those arrivals by (1) nationality, (2) gender, and (3) age. HL1088

Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty's Government how many people have been prosecuted under section 36 of the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 in each of the years since its inception; and what outcomes were achieved. HL1089

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the findings in the review by Lord Darzi of Denham *Independent Investigation of the National Health Service in England*, published on 12 September, that (1) “cancer care lags behind other countries”, and (2) “the UK has appreciably higher cancer mortality rates than other countries” HL1090

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to protect high street businesses, particularly independent traders. HL1091

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty’s Government when they intend to re-introduce the Football Governance Bill. HL1092

Lord Touhig to ask His Majesty’s Government which providers of language intervention programmes for schools they support with funding. HL1093

Lord Touhig to ask His Majesty’s Government how many children have completed language intervention programmes each year since such programmes were first funded by the Government in 2021. HL1094

Lord Touhig to ask His Majesty’s Government how many schools registered to deliver language intervention programmes in (1) 2021, (2) 2022, and (3) 2023, and how many completed the full work programme in each of those years. HL1095

Baroness Wilcox of Newport to ask His Majesty’s Government what recent assessment they have made of the effectiveness of Jobcentre Plus in helping people get back into work. HL1096

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.

23 July (6 August)

HL279 Lord Watson of Wyre Forest [Ministry of Defence]

30 July (13 August)

HL479 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Ministry of Defence]

HL536 Lord Scriven [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

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

Defence (2)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (1)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Regulated and Other Activities (Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Education (Values of British Citizenship) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Environmental Targets (Public Authorities) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Complications from Abortions (Annual Report) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Water (Special Measures) Bill [HL] (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	9 October
Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	8 October
Imprisonment for Public Protection (Re-sentencing) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Women, Peace and Security Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill (<i>Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	7 October
Home School Education Registration and Support Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Listed Investment Companies (Classification etc) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Asylum Support (Prescribed Period) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Non-Consensual Sexually Explicit Images and Videos (Offences) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Public Authority Algorithmic and Automated Decision-Making Systems Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Permitted Development Rights (Extension) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Crown Estate (Wales) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Universal Credit (Standard Allowance Entitlement of Care Leavers) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>)	Government	
Consumer Products (Control of Biocides) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Mortgage Prisoners Inquiry Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Education (Assemblies) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords (Peerage Nominations) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Committed to a Select Committee		
Holocaust Memorial Bill	Government	
Committed to a Committee of the Whole House		
Crown Estate Bill [HL] (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	Government	
Support for Infants and Parents etc (Information) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Lithium-ion Battery Safety Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Lords Spiritual (Women) Act 2015 (Extension) Bill [HL] (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	Government	

Waiting for Report

Bank Resolution (Recapitalisation) Bill [HL]	Government
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government

Waiting for Third Reading

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and International Committee of the Red Cross (Status) Bill [HL]	Government
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private

Statutory Instruments in Progress**Affirmative Instruments waiting for consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

- Draft European Forest Institute (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2024
- Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- Draft Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- Draft Armed Forces Act 2006 (Continuation) Order 2024
- Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Ombudsman Scheme) (Fees) Regulations 2024 *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- 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 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 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- Draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) Order 2024 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*
- Draft Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Disability Assistance) (Consequential Modifications) Order 2024
- Draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Naloxone and Transfers of Functions) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 2nd Report*
- Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) Order 2024
- Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024
- Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2024
- Draft Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Regulations 2024

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Draft Contracts for Difference (Electricity Supplier Obligations) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Infected Blood Compensation Scheme Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 2nd Report*

Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2024

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

Draft Communications Act 2003 (Disclosure of Information) Order 2024

Draft Franchising Schemes (Franchising Authorities) (England) Regulations 2024

Draft Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2024

Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Devolved Tax) (Building Safety) Order 2024

Iran (Sanctions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (944)

Draft Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Enforcement Regulations 2024

Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2024

Draft Online Safety Act 2023 (Priority Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Draft Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) (Amendment) Regulations 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 ended 23 July (9 October)*

Separation of Waste (England) Regulations 2024 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 8 October*

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Commodity Derivatives and Emission Allowances) (Amendment) Order 2024 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 12 October*

Medicines (Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues) (Emergency Prohibition) (England, Wales and Scotland) Order 2024 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 12 October*

National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *1st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 12 October*

Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant and Animal Health) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024 *Praying time ends 3 November*

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Illegal Migration Act 2023 (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 2nd Report. Praying time ends 26 October.*

Draft Pensions Regulator's Defined Benefit Funding Code of Practice 2024 *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 1 November.*

Human Medicines (Amendments relating to the Windsor Framework) Regulations 2024 *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 1 November.*

M6 Motorway (Junctions 21a to 26) (Variable Speed Limits) Regulations 2024 *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 2 November.*

Medicines (Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues) (Emergency Prohibition) (Extension) Order 2024 *2nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 3 November.*

Treaties before the House

Treaties not yet considered by a Select Committee

Amendment to the Agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States of America for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes *Scrutiny period expires: 23 October*

Framework Agreement between the United Kingdom and Ukraine on Official Credit Support for the Development of Ukraine's Defence Capabilities *Scrutiny period expires: 29 October*

Agreement among the United Kingdom, Australia, and the United States of America for Cooperation related to Naval Nuclear Propulsion *Scrutiny period expires: 29 October*

Treaties considered by a Select Committee

Amending Protocol between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Moldova to extend Amending Agreement No. 1 between the two countries to amend the Strategic Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the two countries *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 3 September. Scrutiny period expires: 14 October*

Retirement

The following member of the House has given notice of her intention to retire.

Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill (28 February 2025)

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Tuesday 8 October

Liaison Committee	Room G-32, Millbank House	10.00am
Built Environment Committee		10.30am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee		10.30am
Industry and Regulators Committee		10.30am
Economic Affairs Committee		3.00pm
European Affairs Committee		4.00pm

Wednesday 9 October

International Relations and Defence Committee		9.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Conduct Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm

Thursday 10 October

Food, Diet and Obesity Committee	Room 1	9.45am
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Monday 14 October

Preterm Birth Committee		3.00pm
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Tuesday 22 October

Finance Committee	Room 3A	10.00am
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Wednesday 30 October

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	10.00am
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Thursday 31 October

Services Committee	Room 3A	12.30pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday 12 September 2024

The House met at 11.00am.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Leeds.

1 **Lord Booth-Smith** Liam David Scott Booth-Smith, having been created Baron Booth-Smith, of Newcastle-under-Lyme in the County of Staffordshire, for life by Letters Patent dated in the forenoon of 21 August, was introduced between Lord Finkelstein and Lord Petitgas, took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

2 **Baroness May of Maidenhead** The Rt Hon Theresa Mary May, having been created Baroness May of Maidenhead, of Sonning in the Royal County of Berkshire, for life by Letters Patent dated in the afternoon of 21 August, was introduced between Lord True and Baroness Evans of Bowes Park, took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

Select Committee Report

3 Procedure and Privileges

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

Law Commission bill procedure. (1st Report, HL Paper 14)

Private Business

4 **Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]** A message was brought from the Commons that they concur with the resolution of this House of 10 September.

Public Business

5 **Electronic media: false information** A question was asked by Baroness Kennedy of Cradley, on behalf of Lord Dubs, and answered by Baroness Jones of Whitchurch.

6 **Rural crime: NFU Mutual Report** A question was asked by the Lord Bishop of St Albans and answered by Lord Hanson of Flint.

7 **Erasmus+** A question was asked by the Earl of Clancarty and answered by Baroness Smith of Malvern.

8 **Ukraine: military support** A question was asked by the Lord Bishop of Leeds and answered by Baroness Chapman of Darlington.

9 **Education (Assemblies) Bill [HL]** Baroness Burt of Solihull presented a bill to amend the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 to make provision regarding assemblies at state schools without a designated religious character in England; to repeal the requirement for those schools to hold collective worship; and for connected purposes. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 35)

10 **House of Lords (Peerage Nominations) Bill [HL]** Lord Norton of Louth presented a bill to make provision for the appointment of a Commission to advise the Prime Minister on recommendations to the Crown for the creation of life peerages; to establish principles to be followed in making recommendations; and for connected purposes. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 36)

11 **Patrick Finucane murder** Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent repeated a statement made in the House of Commons on Wednesday 11 September.

12 **Pedal cycles** (2½-hour debate) Lord Hogan-Howe moved that this House takes note of the safety and regulation issues involved in the use of pedal cycles on the road network. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

13 **Bus franchising** Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 9 September.

14 **Prison capacities** A question was asked by Baroness Burt of Solihull and, after debate, answered by Lord Timpson.

15 **Higher education funding** (2½-hour debate) Lord Krebs moved that this House takes note of the current challenges of higher education funding. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6.44pm until Friday 13 September at 10.00am.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

The Grand Committee met in the Moses Room at 1.00pm.

Public libraries A question was asked by Baroness Sanderson of Welton and, after debate, answered by Baroness Twycross.

Africa: commercial opportunities and exports A question was asked by Lord Popat and, after debate, answered by Lord Leong.

Wild Atlantic salmon A question was asked by Lord Forsyth of Drumlean and, after debate, answered by Baroness Hayman of Ullock.

Children: impact of international conflict A question was asked by Baroness Anelay of St Johns and, after debate, answered by Lord Collins of Highbury.

The Committee adjourned at 4.53pm.

Papers

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

Papers Withdrawn

The following papers, laid before the House on the dates shown, were withdrawn:

- 1 National Procurement Policy Statement, laid before the House under section 13(3) of the Procurement Act 2023 (13 May)
- 2 Draft Code of Audit Practice (9 September)

Command Paper

The following paper was presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

- 1 Finance—Office for Budget Responsibility: Fiscal risks and sustainability. (1142)

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House for approval by resolution:

- 1 Iran (Sanctions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (944)
- 2 Draft Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Enforcement Regulations 2024
- 3 Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2024
- 4 Draft Online Safety Act 2023 (Priority Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Teesport (Extension of Limits) Harbour Revision Order 2024 (934)
- 2 Social Security (Genuine and Sufficient Link to the United Kingdom) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (936)
- 3 Recognition of Overseas Qualifications (Charges) Regulations 2024 (942)
- 4 Mali (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) and Sanctions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 (946)
- 5 Student Accommodation (Codes of Management Practice and Specified Educational Establishments) (England) Regulations 2024 (947)
- 6 Trade, Aircraft and Shipping Sanctions (Civil Enforcement) Regulations 2024 (948)
- 7 Gas and Electricity Regulated Providers (Redress Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2024 (954)

Paper subject to disapproval

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Draft Code of Audit Practice, together with an Explanatory Memorandum

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Civil Aviation Authority Growth Duty Report 2024
- 2 Office for Nuclear Regulation: Report to Parliament on the exercise of powers under Part 3 of the Energy Act 2013 by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero 2023–24
- 3 Report and Accounts of Bolton NHS Foundation Trust 2023–24
- 4 Reports and Accounts of Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust 2023–24
- 5 Report and Accounts of Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust 2023–24
- 6 Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority 2023–24
- 7 Report and Accounts of the Consolidated Fund 2023–24
- 8 Report and Accounts of the Parliamentary Works Grant 2023–24
- 9 Report of the Forensic Science Regulator for the period 25 July 2022 to 24 July 2023

