

**Monday 7 October 2024 at 2.30pm***Oral questions (40 minutes)*

\***Lord Balfe** 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.

**Future Business****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 Evans of Rainow** 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.

†\***Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the implications for the United Kingdom's strategic relationship with the United States of America of the decision to cede sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory to Mauritius.

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



†**Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and International Committee of the Red Cross (Status) Bill [HL]** Third Reading [Baroness Chapman of Darlington]

**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 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 4.45pm***

†**Lord Robertson of Port Ellen** to move that the Grand Committee takes note of the Strategic Defence Review.

**Thursday 10 October 2024 at 11.00am**

†**The Hon Catherine Smith KC** will be introduced as a Baroness.

*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. *[I]*

*Topical oral question. Ballot 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.

†**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure farmers are supported and recompensed for their role in flood prevention. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

**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.

### **Monday 14 October 2024 at 2.30pm**

†**Baroness Laing of Elderslie**, and

†**Baroness Cass** will be introduced.

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Campbell-Savours** to ask the Leader of the House what plans she has to promote awareness among members of the rules and conventions relating to behaviour and courtesy in the Chamber.

†\***Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to engage the food and drink industry in reformulating their products to reduce processed sugar in favour of healthier natural alternatives.

†\***Baroness Benjamin** to ask His Majesty's Government what stage the Independent Pornography Review has reached and what are its findings to date.

†\***Lord Hain** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether current negotiations will end the Gaza crisis.

### ***Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm***

†**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*

### **Tuesday 15 October 2024 at 2.30pm**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to change procurement guidance and operations under the Procurement Act 2023.

†\***Baroness Chakrabarti** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the value of, and the progress towards achieving the aims of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on artificial intelligence and human rights, democracy, and the rule of law, adopted on 17 May.

†\***Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to maintain the current rates of Theatre Tax Relief, Orchestra Tax Relief, and Museums and Galleries Exhibition Tax Relief, as announced in the Budget on 6 March, beyond the current Spending Review period.

## Wednesday 16 October 2024 at 3.00pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Thornton** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to give legal recognition to humanist weddings.

†\***Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what restrictions they are considering placing on the use of biocidal products in over-the-counter hand and body washes.

†\***Baroness Sugg** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to raise the statutory limitation period for bringing a claim for medical product liability from 10 years to 20.

## Thursday 17 October 2024 at 11.00am

†**Lord Mackinlay of Richborough** will be introduced.

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Wilcox of Newport** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to promote equality of opportunity in the education sector, particularly in schools.

†\***Lord Woodley** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential merits of bringing forward the deadline for requiring all new vehicles sold to be 'zero emission' from 2035 to 2030.

†\***Lord Holmes of Richmond** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to regulate artificial intelligence and, if so, which uses they intend to regulate.

**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*)

†*It is expected that a topical question for short debate will be asked. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 7 October, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 8 October.*

**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*)

## Monday 21 October 2024 at 2.30pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Sandhurst** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to prevent criminals who have been released under the prisoner early release scheme from reoffending.

†\***Baroness Barran** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to publish the main findings of Sir David Bell's review of early years provision, commissioned by the Labour Party in October 2023.

†\***Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to build capacity in councils and housing associations within the next three months to increase the building of new social homes.

†\***Lord Hacking** to ask His Majesty's Government what estimates they have made of the pupil migration arising out of the proposed VAT on independent school fees, and what is the exact basis of such estimates.

## Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 2.30pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Young of Cookham** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce absenteeism in schools.

†\***Baroness Scott of Bybrook** to ask His Majesty's Government when they plan to introduce legislation to implement 'Awaab's Law'.

†\***Baroness Lister of Burtersett** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the benefit cap on child poverty.

## Wednesday 23 October 2024 at 3.00pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Londesborough** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of working from home on productivity in the public sector.

†\***Baroness Bryan of Partick** to ask His Majesty's Government how many decommissioned nuclear-powered submarines there are in Scotland; and how many years it will take to safely dismantle them.

†\***Lord Grocott** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have in respect of land already purchased for HS2 north of Birmingham.

## Thursday 24 October 2024 at 11.00am

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Addington** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to review the effectiveness of the 'education and healthcare plans' process for identifying and delivering support to those with special educational needs.

†\***The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to further protect the rights of EU citizens living in the UK; and what improvements they intend to make to the EU Settlement Scheme.

†\***Lord Lilley** to move that this House takes note of the impact of His Majesty's Government's climate agenda on jobs, growth and prosperity.

†\***Baroness Monckton of Dallington Forest** to move that this House takes note of the contribution that special needs schools and specialist education colleges make to the education sector.

## Monday 28 October 2024 at 2.30pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Tyler of Enfield** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps, if any, they are taking to lower fees being charged by unregistered children's homes.

†\***Lord Winston** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Medical Research Council's plans to close certain specialised research units; and of the implications of those plans for affected scientists.

†\***Baroness Kramer** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current capacity and efficacy of the law to provide confidentiality for whistleblowers and to protect them from retaliation.

†\***Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty’s Government, further to the report *Women’s State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues*, published by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman on 21 March, how much compensation they plan to pay to affected women, or to the families of affected women who have died; and on what timescale.

## **Tuesday 29 October 2024 at 2.30pm**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town** to ask His Majesty’s Government what discussions, if any, they have had with the International Olympic Committee, British Olympic Association, or relevant governing bodies for British boxing, about reports of biological males boxing in the female category in the Olympics in Paris; and what discussions they have had with the relevant governing bodies about biological males competing in any female category of sport at the Olympics or Paralympics.

†\***The Lord Bishop of Newcastle** to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to reduce the number of young people not in employment, education, or training.

†\***Viscount Younger of Leckie** to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to support pensioners this winter.

## **Wednesday 30 October 2024 at 3.00pm**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Wood of Anfield** to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to create new opportunities for young people to volunteer abroad.

†\***Lord Touhig** to ask His Majesty’s Government how many unaccompanied migrant children are being accommodated in hotels.

†\***Lord Rooker** to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they have any plans to create a legal right for British nationals to access consular assistance in cases of human rights violations.

## **Thursday 31 October 2024 at 11.00am**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Faulkner of Worcester** to ask His Majesty’s Government what support they are giving to Railway 200 to celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the modern railway.

†\***Baroness Anelay of St Johns** to ask His Majesty’s Government, further to the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award report *Youth Voices 2024*, published on 23 July, what assessment they have made of how young people are represented in Government policy development and decision-making.

†\***Baroness Kingsmill** to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to eliminate the need for foodbanks.

## 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.

†**The Earl of Clancarty** to move that this House takes note of the effect of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union on the arts and creative industries.

†**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to move that this House takes note of Government policy towards China especially in relation to human rights and security issues arising from China's actions in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Tibet, and the South China Sea, and against the Uyghurs in Xinjiang.

†**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to move that this House takes note of the importance of growing the rural economy.

## 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*)

†**Baroness Helic** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of establishing a close season during which the killing or taking of hares is prohibited. (*Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*)

†**Lord Black of Brentwood** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they are making towards universal provision of fracture liaison services in England by 2030. (*Department for Health and Social Care*)

## Questions for Written Answer

*Tabled on 13 September and due for answer by 27 September.*

**Earl Attlee** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have received the report by the Earl Attlee, *Harassment of the Heavy Haulage Industry by West Midlands Police*, dated 10 May; and if so, whether they found it to be inaccurate, unfair or technically incorrect. HL1097

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what expectation they have for train operating companies and ticket websites to provide information to passengers using mobility scooters about their use of a pass policy for the scooter, either when wheelchair seats or passenger support is booked. HL1098

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of removing VAT liability from general further education colleges, given that sixth form colleges are not liable. HL1099

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for the existing draft PSHE statutory guidance; what steps they are taking to ensure that the final version is evidence-based; and what is the timeline for action on the PSHE statutory guidance. HL1100

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure, through the land use framework or other mechanisms, that local and larger-scale battery storage facilities are placed in appropriate locations on suitable land classes. HL1101

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the appropriateness of dental surgeries profiting from the sale of dental hygiene products, including mouthwashes containing chlorhexidine; and what assessment they have made on the financial impact for dentists and patients. HL1102

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to secure the recycling of medical blister packs, particularly to ensure that provision for collection is free, universal, and processing can be done in the UK. HL1103

**Lord Caine** to ask His Majesty's Government what (1) meetings, and (2) phone or video calls, the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff has had with representatives of Sinn Fein since the general election. HL1104

**The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to negotiate a visa-waiver agreement with the EU that allows UK artists and support staff to work in any part of the EU for up to 90 days in a period of 180 days. HL1105

**The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to negotiate bilateral agreements for work permits with individual EU member states which do not currently offer cultural exemptions for work of up to 90 days. HL1106

**The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to make Eurostar St Pancras a CITES designated port. HL1107

**The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to reduce the cost of the ATA Carnet for cultural goods. HL1108

**The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to negotiate a cabotage exemption for the creative industries within the EU. HL1109

**The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to further improve the provision of A1 forms, in particular for self-employed workers in the music industry touring in the EEA. HL1110

**Lord Clement-Jones** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the recent publication of the *Annual Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals, Great Britain 2023*, what plans they have to increase funding for the further development and uptake of human-specific methods that can replace the use of animals in medical research, such as computer modelling and organ-on-a-chip technology. HL1111

**Lord Clement-Jones** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the recent publication of the *Annual Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals, Great Britain 2023*, whether they have considered the merits of legislative action such as 'Herbie's Law', to support a further decrease in the number of scientific procedures performed on living animals and to support the long-term phase-out of animal experiments in medical research by 2035. HL1112

**Lord Empey** to ask His Majesty's Government what undertakings they have given, if any, to the family of the late Patrick Finucane that the scope or terms of the public inquiry into his murder, announced on 11 September, will differ from those of the inquiry previously proposed to the family. HL1113

**Lord Farmer** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Sherlock on 7 August (HL344), how many staff in (1) the Treasury, (2) HM Revenue and Customs, and (3) Valuation Office 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; what are the names of each of the networks being funded; and what plans they have to (a) increase, or (b) reduce, such funding. HL1114

**Lord Farmer** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Sherlock on 7 August (HL344), how many staff in the Home Office 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; what are the names of each of the networks being funded; and what plans they have to (a) increase, or (b) reduce, such funding. HL1115

**Lord Farmer** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Sherlock on 7 August (HL344), how many staff in the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero 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; what are the names of each of the networks being funded; and what plans they have to (a) increase, or (b) reduce, such funding. HL1116

**Lord Farmer** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Sherlock on 7 August (HL344), how many staff in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office 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; what are the names of each of the networks being funded; and what plans they have to (a) increase, or (b) reduce, such funding. HL1117

**Lord Foster of Bath** to ask His Majesty's Government, in addition to the £10.5 million of funding made available to Eurostar, Eurotunnel and Port of Dover for the introduction of the EU Entry-Exit System, what other projects and funding they have planned that can be expedited immediately to ease the potential disruption, not least to the Kent road network. HL1118

**Baroness Hodgson of Abinger** to ask His Majesty's Government how many vehicles in England are licensed in total; and what is the number broken down by (1) cars, (2) HGVs, (3) motorbikes, and (4) other categories of vehicles. HL1119

**Baroness Hodgson of Abinger** to ask His Majesty's Government when Hammersmith Bridge will re-open to traffic. HL1120

**Lord Jackson of Peterborough** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support collaboration between universities and industry on upskilling to address skill gaps in the domestic supply chain of semiconductor chips. HL1121

**Lord Kamall** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by Baroness Merron on 11 September (HL Deb col 1562) that they propose that 250 micrograms of folic acid per 100 grams should be added to non-wholemeal wheat flour, what scientific advice they have received on the maximum volume of folic acid per 100 grams that could be added to non-wholemeal wheat flour without damaging the health of patients who are advised not to take folic acid. HL1122

**Lord Lucas** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the *Centre for Perioperative Care's CPOC Manifesto: A Blueprint for NHS Efficiency*, published on 12 April, in the light of the review of the NHS by Lord Darzi of Denham. HL1123

**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government how many (1) serious injuries, and (2) deaths, of pedestrians occurred as a result of dangerous or careless cycling on pedal bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters in each of the past three years. HL1124

**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made on the impact on the Motor Insurers' Bureau of accidents caused by pedal bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters in the absence of any insurance cover. HL1125

**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the work of rural police task forces in reducing rural crimes; and what plans they have to encourage rural task forces in areas they do not exist. HL1126

**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to making insurance cover for pedal bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters compulsory; and what assessment they have made of the benefits that could be gained. HL1127

**Lord Mann** to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker how many members of the House of Lords who have been members for more than a year have not made an oral contribution in the Chamber or in Grand Committee since 1 January 2020. HL1128

**Lord Pearson of Rannoch** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Baroness Hayman of Ullock on 12 September (HL Deb cols 168GC–172GC), what assessment they have made of excluding cattle from the catchment areas of salmon spawning streams. HL1131

**Baroness Porter of Fulwood** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made for future graduate recruitment into the prison workforce (including for the cohort graduating in 2025). HL1132

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recommendations of the report by Zero Hour, *Net Zero: The Ambition Gap*, published on 10 August 2022. HL1133

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recommendations of the report by Zero Hour, *Creating a Nature-rich UK*, published on 13 September 2023. HL1134

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to align their carbon emission reduction plan with the UK's proportionate share of the remaining global carbon budget for limiting global heating to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. HL1135

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to (1) halt, and (2) reverse, nature loss by 2030. HL1136

**Lord Truscott** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to eradicate rough sleeping in England; and what is their timescale for doing so. HL1137

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

**Lord Hacking** to ask His Majesty's Government whether, in implementing their proposed VAT policy on independent school fees, they will be changing the current practice, where the only information (short of an audit or investigation) available to HMRC from quarterly VAT returns, is the total of VAT collected and the total VAT paid out without further identifications; and, if so, how. {{UIN}}

**Lord Hacking** to ask His Majesty's Government whether, in implementing the proposed VAT on Independent School Fees, they will be changing the current practice, where each VAT registered entity is not required to identify its commercial activity or activities or place itself in any specific category; and, if so, how. {{UIN}}

**Bills in Progress**

	<b>Type of Bill</b>	<b>To be considered</b>
<b>Waiting for Second Reading</b>		
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	
Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
<b>Committed to a Select Committee</b>		
Holocaust Memorial Bill	Government	
<b>Committed to a Committee of the Whole House</b>		
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	

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Lords Spiritual (Women) Act 2015 (Extension) Bill [HL] ( <i>King's consent to be signified</i> )	Government	
<b>Waiting for Report</b>		
Bank Resolution (Recapitalisation) Bill [HL]	Government	
Arbitration Bill [HL] ( <i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i> )	Government	
<b>Waiting for Third Reading</b>		
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and International Committee of the Red Cross (Status) Bill [HL]	Government	8 October

## 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 (14 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
Science and Technology Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Built Environment Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 2	10.30am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 1	11.30am
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 2	3.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 4	4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 3	4.00pm

#### **Wednesday 9 October**

International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 1	9.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 2A	10.00am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
Public Services Committee	Room 2	11.00am
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	Room 2	3.00pm
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#### **Tuesday 15 October**

Communications and Digital Committee		2.00pm
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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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#### **Tuesday 5 November**

Finance Committee	Room 3A	10.00am
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#### **Monday 9 December**

Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	4.30pm
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## Minutes of Proceedings of Friday 13 September 2024

*The House met at 10.00am.*

*Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Leeds.*

### **Public Business**

1 **Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill [HL]** Baroness Northover presented a bill to make provision in connection with the recognition of the State of Palestine. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 37)

2 **Sudan** Lord Collins of Highbury moved that this House takes note of the situation in Sudan. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

*The House adjourned at 2.31pm until Monday 7 October at 2.30pm.*

**Simon Burton**  
*Clerk of the Parliaments*

