

Thursday 5 December 2024 at 11.00am*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

***Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for increasing productivity in the UK economy.

***Baroness Quin** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have held or plan to hold discussions with regional mayors in England about the government's targets for house building.

***Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the reasons for the shortage of train crew reported across several train operators as the explanation for the cancellation of services.

***Lord Rennard** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to cap donations to political parties.

†**Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe** to move that this House takes note of the need to increase housing supply and tackle homelessness. (3 hours)

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what the review, announced by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on 20 November, of the physician associate and anaesthetist associate roles will cover; and what actions they plan to take in advance of the outcome. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

†**Lord Hannett of Everton** to move that this House takes note of retail crime and its effect on workers, the community and local economies. (2 hours)

Future Business**Friday 6 December 2024 at 10.00am**

The Lord Archbishop of York to move that this House takes note of the importance of social cohesion and strong, supportive community life during periods of change and global uncertainty.

Monday 9 December 2024 at 2.30pm*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

***Lord Carrington** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to allow maintained schools to set the number of days on which they are open during a school year, in the same way as for academy schools.

***Baroness Finn** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that their legislative agenda does not undermine vocational training.

***Lord Fowler** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reduce the number of peers who are eligible to sit in the House of Lords.

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



***Lord Teverson** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to respond to the Green Finance Institute's report *A Greenprint for Property Linked Finance in the UK*, published in November, to accelerate private low-carbon investment into existing homes.

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 21 October be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 2 December*

Contracts for Difference (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 28 October be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 2 December*

†**Football Governance Bill [HL]** Committee (day 4) [Baroness Twycross] *8th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee*

Baroness Fraser of Craigmaddie to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to support children with special educational needs and disabilities. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Tuesday 10 December 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Hughes of Stretford** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in developing a National Youth Strategy.

***The Earl of Clancarty** to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking to facilitate touring in, and trading with, Europe for the arts and creative industries.

***Lord Harris of Haringey** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of guns manufactured by 3D printers circulating in the United Kingdom.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 6 December.

Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2025 Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 28 October be approved.

Home Detention Curfew and Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods (Amendment) Order 2024 Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 13 November be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report*

The following two motions are expected to be debated together:

Police Act 1997 (Authorisations to Interfere with Property: Relevant Offence) Regulations 2025 Lord Hanson of Flint to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 29 October be approved.

National Security Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment of Primary Legislation) Regulations 2025 Lord Hanson of Flint to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 29 October be approved.

Local Digital Television Programme Services (Amendment) Order 2024 Baroness Twycross to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 29 October be approved.

Baroness Scott of Bybrook to move that this House regrets that the Housing (Right to Buy) (Limits on Discount) (England) Order 2024 (SI 2024/1073), laid before the House on 30 October, will reduce the number of social tenants who can purchase their property, undermine home ownership and cut new house building. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 7th Report*

Movement of Goods (Northern Ireland to Great Britain) (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Transitory Provision and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 Baroness Hayman of Ullock to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 28 October be approved. *8th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert “but that this House regrets that the draft Regulations implement the Northern Ireland Protocol and Windsor Framework which prevent Northern Ireland being a full part of the United Kingdom’s internal market, and undermine the democratic and constitutional rights of the people of Northern Ireland.”

Lord Murphy of Torfaen to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to support opera. (*1½ hours*)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Data (Use and Access) Bill [HL] Committee (day 2) [Baroness Jones of Whitchurch] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought, 3rd Report from Constitution Committee, 9th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee*

Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty’s Government how many individuals have been prescribed anti-depressants by the NHS in England in the past 10 years, at what cost, and what assessment they have made of the risks and ramifications.

***Lord Addington** to ask His Majesty’s Government how they will ensure state-funded schools are better able to identify those with special educational needs and better able to meet those needs.

***Lord Rooker** to ask His Majesty’s Government, further to the answer by Baroness Merron on 11 September (HL Deb col 1562), whether it remains their intention to lay regulations before Parliament to amend the Bread and Flour Regulations 1998 in 2024.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 5 December, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 9 December.

House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill Second Reading [Baroness Smith of Basildon]

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

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [HL] Committee (day 4) [Lord Leong] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

Thursday 12 December 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Jamieson** to ask His Majesty's Government what tools they will provide to local authorities to support the delivery of mandatory house-building targets.

***Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to help mark the 75th anniversary of Formula One in 2025.

***Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to overturn the convictions of sub-postmasters or former Post Office employees convicted in relation to the Capture system.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 6 December; to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 10 December.

The Earl of Leicester to move that this House takes note of the impact of the Government's budget proposals on the future of small farms and family businesses.

Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen to move that this House takes note of the need to eliminate domestic abuse, and to support its victims and survivors.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

Baroness Ramsey of Wall Heath to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to ensure that patients with allergies receive timely and comprehensive care from the NHS. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

Baroness Burt of Solihull to ask His Majesty's Government what further steps they are taking to reduce the size of the Imprisonment for Public Protection prison population following the publication on 15 November of the HMPPS Annual Report on the IPP Sentence. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

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. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

Baroness Tyler of Enfield to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for enhanced humanitarian assistance for the people of Ukraine this winter, and in particular for mental health, energy and housing provision. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

Friday 13 December 2024 at 10.00am

Women, Peace and Security Bill [HL] Third Reading [Baroness Hodgson of Abinger]

Listed Investment Companies (Classification etc) Bill [HL] Third Reading [Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted]

Complications from Abortions (Annual Report) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Moylan]

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Moylan to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Asylum Support (Prescribed Period) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Baroness Lister of Burtersett]

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

Non-Consensual Sexually Explicit Images and Videos (Offences) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Baroness Owen of Alderley Edge]

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

Public Authority Algorithmic and Automated Decision-Making Systems Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Clement-Jones]

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Clement-Jones to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Monday 16 December 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Hazarika** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to tackle anti-social behaviour and shoplifting.

***Lord Best** to ask His Majesty's Government when they will implement the recommendations of the report from the Older People's Housing Taskforce, published on 26 November.

***Lord Black of Brentwood** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the welfare of domestic animals.

***Lord Hain** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in considering whether to establish an international anti-corruption court.

Tuesday 17 December 2024 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Evans of Rainow** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reduce the cost of energy for businesses in the United Kingdom.

***Baroness Goldie** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by Lord Coaker on 14 November (HL Deb col 1927), whether they are planning the fiscal event next spring which is to set the pathway to spending 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product on defence to take place before they publish the Strategic Defence Review.

***Baroness Ramsey of Wall Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they intend to take to ensure that all pupils in state schools have access to music and drama.

Wednesday 18 December 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Harries of Pentregarth** to ask His Majesty's Government what action they are taking to re-open Hammersmith Bridge to motor traffic.

***Lord Crisp** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their policy on creating additional housing units through permitted development rights.

***Lord Lexden** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the work of the Independent Office for Police Conduct.

Thursday 19 December 2024 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Benjamin** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made with the Windrush Compensation Scheme in settling unpaid claims.

***Baroness Pidgeon** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to revise legislation around the use of e-scooters and e-bikes.

***Lord Altrincham** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the increase in National Insurance contributions for employers on gross domestic product growth.

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

†**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. (*Balloted debate*)

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*

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*

Lord Bridges of Headley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *National debt: it's time for tough decisions* (1st Report, HL Paper 5). *10 September*

Lord De Mauley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the International Relations and Defence Committee *Ukraine: a wake-up call* (1st Report, HL Paper 10). *26 September*

Questions for Short Debate

These Questions for Short Debate were drawn in the ballot on Wednesday 27 November as the reserve list, which may be used as lunch, dinner break, or last business.

Lord Davies of Gower to ask His Majesty's Government when they intend to cease using hotels to house asylum seekers.

Lord Morrow to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the different impacts in the nations and regions of the United Kingdom of the removal of the agricultural property relief for inheritance tax, the increases to employers' National Insurance contributions, and the extension of VAT to private school fees.

Lord Elliott of Ballinamallard to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the impact on active farmers who are landowners of the changes to inheritance tax and agricultural property relief for family-owned farms announced in the Autumn Budget. *[1]*

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.

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the social and economic costs of gambling harms in the UK.

Lord Fuller to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the accuracy and reliability of political polling in recent elections; and what consideration they have given to regulating the publication of pre-election polls.

Lord Gascoigne to ask His Majesty's Government what was the outcome of recent discussions at the United Nations Biodiversity Conference of the Parties (COP16).

Baroness Sugg to ask His Majesty's Government, in the light of the report by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists *Waiting for a Way Forward*, published in November, what assessment they have made of the impact on women of current waiting times for gynaecology services.

Baroness Hazarika to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the Child Maintenance Service supports and safeguards victim-survivors of domestic abuse, including economic abuse.

Baroness Keeley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the quality and quantity of music education in state schools.

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made with the UK Severe Space Weather Preparedness Strategy, whether the National Grid is capable of recovering rapidly from a solar storm of the magnitude of the Carrington Event, and what emergency drills are planned in that regard.

The Earl of Caithness to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are taking steps to ensure that effective chemical control of bracken can be used to protect human health, biodiversity and the historic environment.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in negotiating a Gibraltar treaty with the European Union.

Lord Hussain to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on family reunification of the minimum income requirement for family visas.

Baroness Parminter to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the findings on intensive community and day treatments contained in the Beat eating disorder charity's report *There's No Place Like Home*, published on 29 October; and of the reach and effectiveness of eating disorder services in England.

Questions for Short Debate ballot entries

The ballot for four Questions for debate in Grand Committee on Thursday 30 January closes at 5pm on Tuesday 14 January. 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 Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the reaction of working farmers to their inheritance tax proposals; and whether they plan to distinguish landowners who are working farmers from those who have purchased farms for investment purposes. (*Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs*)

Lord Mendoza to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to control the use of fentanyl in the United Kingdom, to prevent drug related deaths. (*Home Office*)

Lord De Mauley to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support Combined Cadet Force units in schools, following the announcement that the School Staff Instructor grant to Cadet Expansion Programme schools will be discontinued. (*Ministry of Defence*)

†**Lord Mackinlay of Richborough** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that amputees receive appropriate prosthetics at the appropriate time. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

†**Baroness Shackleton of Belgravia** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to introduce legislation to give effect to the Draft Nuptial Agreements Bill recommended by the Law Commission in their report *Matrimonial Property, Needs and Agreements* (HC 1089), published in 2014. (*Ministry of Justice*) [1]

†**Baroness Mobarik** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking, as a member of the Media Freedom Coalition, to ensure the safety and security of journalists and media workers worldwide. (*Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 4 December and due for answer by 18 December.

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty's Government what targets the Treasury have for the time to respond to letters from parliamentarians specifically addressed to Treasury ministers; and what percentage of such correspondence is answered within that timeframe. HL3181

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Hunt of Kings Heath on 3 December (HL2700), whether they consider nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement to be legally binding targets in UK law. HL3182

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the fact that the carbon dioxide emission levels for 2030 specified in the fifth carbon budget are 33 per cent below those specified in the nationally determined contributions for 2030; and what steps they will take to address this disparity. HL3183

The Lord Bishop of Gloucester to ask His Majesty's Government further to the report *Hidden Hardship*, published by Dr Stephanie Denning of Coventry University in November 2023, what assessment they have made of the need (1) to tailor support provided through the welfare state for people experiencing rural hardship, and (2) to address the lack of affordable housing, public transport, and amenities in rural areas. HL3184

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to give the proposed Police Performance Unit powers to sanction police forces incorrectly recording (1) hate crimes, and (2) non-crime hate incidents. HL3185 [1]

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether there is any correlation between the incidence of non-crime hate incidents and hate crimes. HL3186

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to complete their review of beaver release policy in England. HL3187

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government what plans, if any, they have to use the powers in clauses 2 and 4 of the Data (Use and Access) Bill to require the Student Loans Company to collect data on the courses its customer attended when incurring their student debt and their subsequent career progression in order (1) to assess the long-term value of those courses, (2) to propose course improvements, and (3) to enable universities to improve the quality of the data they provide to prospective students about likely career destinations and progression for students of each course. HL3188

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to publish the report of the review of data, statistics and research on sex and gender, led by Professor Alice Sullivan. HL3189

Lord Lucas to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the extent to which local authorities in England are fulfilling their obligation to publish information on the admissions arrangements for all state schools in their area, including full admissions rules and details of the outcomes of the previous admissions round. HL3190

Lord McNicol of West Kilbride to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to introduce the cross-sector AI risk register announced by the previous government on 6 February; if so, when; and if not, what steps they are taking to monitor AI risks. HL3191

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government what is the total UK spend on research and development as a percentage of gross domestic product; where the UK ranks against the other OECD nations in this regard; and what is their target for increasing the level by the end of this Parliament. HL3192

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to support research and development by small and medium-sized companies. HL3193

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Office for Budget Responsibility's forecast that real business investment will fall 0.6 percentage points as a share of gross domestic product from 2023 to 2029, and what plans they have to address the risk of business investment falling. HL3194

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they made of the recommendations of the Harrington Review of Foreign Direct Investment. HL3195

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for scaling up and strengthening the role of the Office for Investment. HL3196

Lord Mendelsohn to ask His Majesty's Government what targets they have for increasing levels of foreign direct investment in the UK. HL3197

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effect on international competitiveness of requiring airside transit passengers at UK airports to obtain and pay for an Electronic Travel Authorisation if there is no equivalent requirement for those transiting at airports in the European Union. HL3198

Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on 17 September (HC4696), which efficiency savings for the financial years 2024–25 and 2025–26 announced before the 2024 general election have been discontinued since that time, and what was the previously estimated value of each such saving. HL3199

Baroness Randerson to ask His Majesty's Government whether the National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority will retain independent commissioners, as is currently the case with the National Infrastructure Commission, as recommended by the Institution of Civil Engineers. HL3200

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government how many times the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence has exercised its discretionary power to exercise flexibility in its application of routing criterion two of its Highly Specialised Technologies programme in circumstances where there is uncertainty on the incidence and prevalence of the disease and high unmet clinical need, to ensure fair and equitable access to innovative new treatments. HL3201

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what factors informed the decision to limit treatment eligibility to 300 people in its licensed indication, or 500 people across all indications, in England under the second routing criterion of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence's Highly Specialised Technologies programme, and what scope there is for change to these limits in the forthcoming consultation. HL3202

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to promote earlier detection and diagnosis of heart valve disease in women and to ensure better outcomes. HL3203

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government whether, following the launch of the Men's Health Strategy on 28 November, they will publish a Women's Health Strategy, and include cardiovascular disease in any such strategy. HL3204

Lord Rogan to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Lord Vallance of Balham on 3 December (HL Deb col 1035), how much commercial companies are paying to fund a ship to provide protection for undersea cables, and to whom this money is paid. HL3205

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number of churches and cathedrals currently open for daily access that would be likely to be closed for daily public access due to their condition as a result of any withdrawal of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme in March 2025. HL3206

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government when they plan to announce the future of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. HL3207

Lord Scriven to ask His Majesty's Government how many applications they received for funding to establish Health Protection Research Units based in (1) the North East, (2) Yorkshire, and (3) the North West. HL3208

Lord Scriven to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the value for money to taxpayers of the South Tees Development Corporation (STDC) given the recent external auditors' finding of "significant weaknesses" in its value for money arrangements and the auditors being unable to give an opinion on STDC's 2021–22 and 2022–23 financial statements. HL3209

Baroness Smith of Llanfaes to ask His Majesty's Government whether, following the nationalisation of Great Western Rail (GWR), they will review the timetables for the routes currently operated by GWR, and whether they will include a late evening service on those routes. HL3210

Baroness Smith of Llanfaes to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Taylor of Stevenage on 26 November (HL2477), what they expect the minimum standards for asset pooling to be in the Local Government Pensions Scheme, and what would be required for the Wales Public Sector Pension Partnership to meet these minimum standards. HL3211

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will ensure that a decision in principle about a long-term loan of the Elgin Marbles to Greece, or otherwise, is not made before the matter is fully debated in Parliament. HL3212

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the role of nuclear energy in supporting an increase in the use of artificial intelligence. HL3213

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address the impact of rising mortgage rates on the length of mortgage terms and the resulting effect on the retirement age of mortgagors. HL3214

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase the resources available to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency to reduce the time it takes for new drugs to enter the market. HL3215

Baroness Thomas of Winchester to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to enforce section 36 and Schedule 4 of the Equality Act 2010, to ensure landlords cannot unreasonably deny disabled access adaptations to communal areas. HL3216

Lord Watson of Invergowrie to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the University of Manchester article, "Modern slavery and digital technology in 'Fast Fashion': the transparency dividend", published on 8 July, and, in particular, the need for businesses to avoid so-called 'tech-washing' and associated human rights abuses. HL3217

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.

22 October (5 November)

HL1878 Lord Jackson of Peterborough [Ministry of Defence]

30 October (13 November)

HL2179 Lord Swire [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

4 November (18 November)

HL2245 Lord Berkeley [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

6 November (20 November)

HL2340 Baroness Anelay of St Johns [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

11 November (25 November)

HL2412 Lord Lucas [Cabinet Office]

HL2429 The Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich [Ministry of Defence]

HL2430 The Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich [Ministry of Defence]

HL2431 The Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich [Ministry of Defence]

12 November (26 November)

HL2486 Lord Wigley [Department for Education]

13 November (27 November)

HL2491 Lord Beamish [Cabinet Office]

HL2492 Lord Beamish [Cabinet Office]

14 November (28 November)

HL2560 Lord Rogan [Department for Business and Trade]

19 November (3 December)

HL2684 Lord Watson of Wyre Forest [Department for Culture, Media and Sport]

20 November (4 December)

HL2726 Lord Spellar [Department for Business and Trade]

HL2730 Lord Watson of Wyre Forest [Department for Culture, Media and Sport]

HL2731 Lord Watson of Wyre Forest [Department for Culture, Media and Sport]

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

Business and Trade (2)

Cabinet Office (3)

Culture, Media and Sport (3)

Defence (4)

Education (1)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (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	
Complications from Abortions (Annual Report) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	13 December
Asylum Support (Prescribed Period) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	13 December
Non-Consensual Sexually Explicit Images and Videos (Offences) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	13 December
Public Authority Algorithmic and Automated Decision-Making Systems Bill [HL]	Private Member's	13 December
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	
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	
Still-Birth (Definition) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Schools (Mental Health Professionals) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	Government	11 December
Hares (Close Season) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Committed to a Special Public Bill Committee		
Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>)	Government	
Committed to a Select Committee		
Holocaust Memorial Bill	Government	
Committed to a Grand Committee		
Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	11 December
Data (Use and Access) Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	10 December
Committed to a Committee of the Whole House		
Lithium-ion Battery Safety 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] (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	Private Member's	
Football Governance Bill [HL]	Government	9 December
Imprisonment for Public Protection (Re-sentencing) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	

LEGISLATION

Home School Education Registration and Support Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Great British Energy Bill (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Mental Health Bill [HL] (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Waiting for Report		
Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill [HL]	Government	
Waiting for Third Reading		
Women, Peace and Security Bill [HL]	Private Member's	13 December
Listed Investment Companies (Classification etc) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	13 December
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
Sent to the Commons		
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and International Committee of the Red Cross (Status) Bill [HL]	Government	
Lords Spiritual (Women) Act 2015 (Extension) Bill [HL]	Government	
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	
Bank Resolution (Recapitalisation) Bill [HL]	Government	
Support for Infants and Parents etc (Information) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Education (Values of British Citizenship) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Crown Estate Bill [HL]	Government	
Water (Special Measures) Bill [HL] (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	

Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

- Draft Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority Regulations 2024
- Draft Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Regulations 2025
- Draft Lancashire Combined County Authority Regulations 2024
- Draft Heat Networks (Market Framework) (Great Britain) Regulations 2025
- Draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025
- Draft Separation of Waste (England) Regulations 2024
- Draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements etc.) Regulations 2025
- Draft Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2025

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

- Draft Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
- Draft Information Sharing (Disclosure by the Registrar) Regulations 2024

LEGISLATION

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

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

Draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 (*9 December*)

Draft Contracts for Difference (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 (*9 December*)

Draft Movement of Goods (Northern Ireland to Great Britain) (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Transitory Provision and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 *8th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (10 December)*

Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2025 (*10 December*)

Draft National Security Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment of Primary Legislation) Regulations 2025 (*10 December*)

Draft Police Act 1997 (Authorisations to Interfere with Property: Relevant Offence) Regulations 2025 (*10 December*)

Draft Environmental Permitting (Electricity Generating Stations) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

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

Draft Unique Identifiers (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024

Draft Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) (Extension to Switzerland etc.) Regulations 2024

Draft Local Digital Television Programme Services (Amendment) Order 2024 (*10 December*)

Draft Silicon Valley Bank UK Limited Compensation Scheme Order 2024

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Designated Activities) (Supervision and Enforcement) Regulations 2024

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Ring-fenced Bodies, Core Activities, Excluded Activities and Prohibitions) (Amendment) Order 2024 *9th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Draft Short Selling Regulations 2024 *9th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Home Detention Curfew and Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods (Amendment) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report (10 December)*

Draft Electricity Capacity Mechanism (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing and Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Draft Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report*

Draft Clean Heat Market Mechanism Regulations 2024 *10th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024

Draft Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024

Negative Instruments

Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 7th Report. Praying time ends 6 December*

Housing (Right to Buy) (Limits on Discount) (England) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 7th Report. Praying time ends 8 December*
Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report (10 December)

Supplementary Protection Certificates (Amendments Relating to the Windsor Framework) Regulations 2024 *7th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 9 December*

National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 *8th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 10 December*

Medicines (Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues) (Emergency Prohibition) (Extension) (No. 2) Order 2024 *8th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 15 December*

Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 8th Report. Praying time ends 16 December*

Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records and Registration) (Guernsey) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 8th Report. Praying time ends 16 December*

Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records and Registration) (Jersey) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 8th Report. Praying time ends 16 December*

Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records and Registration) (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 8th Report. Praying time ends 16 December*

Local Authorities (Rental Auctions) (England) and Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *9th report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 6 January*

Bread and Flour (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 *9th report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 9 January*

Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *9th report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 9 January*

Dangerous Dogs (Exemption Schemes) (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report. Praying time ends 8 January*

Human Rights Remedial Order

Draft order under paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 2 referred to the Joint Committee on Human Rights

Proposal for the Draft Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 (Remedial) Order 2024 *Scrutiny period expires: 28 February 2025*

Treaties before the House

Treaties not yet considered by a Select Committee

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Serbia on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters *Scrutiny period expires: 9 January 2025*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Lithuania on Termination of the Agreement between the two countries for the Promotion and Protection of Investments *Scrutiny period expires: 16 January 2025*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Czech Republic on Termination of the Agreement between the two countries for the Promotion and Protection of Investments *Scrutiny period expires: 16 January 2025*

Treaties considered by a Select Committee

Amendments to the Agreement Establishing the African Development Fund *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 19 November. Scrutiny period expires: 10 December*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Federative Republic of Brazil concerning Air Services *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 3 December. Scrutiny period expires: 18 December*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Moldova concerning Air Services *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 3 December. Scrutiny period expires: 18 December*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and Mongolia concerning Air Services *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 3 December. Scrutiny period expires: 18 December*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Tajikistan concerning Air Services *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 3 December. Scrutiny period expires: 18 December*

Retirements

The following members of the House have given notice of their intention to retire.

Baroness Quin (19 December)

Baroness Cohen of Pimlico (19 December)

Baroness Cumberlege (20 December)

Lord Haselhurst (20 December)

Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill (28 February 2025)

Lord Maxton (5 May 2025)

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Thursday 5 December

Holocaust Memorial Bill Select Committee	Room 4A	9.00am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [HL] Special Public Bill Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Administration Estimate Audit and Risk Assurance Committee, Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	2.00pm

Friday 6 December

Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 1	9.00am
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Monday 9 December

Restoration and Renewal Client Board	Room 4A	4.30pm
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Tuesday 10 December

Science and Technology Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 2A	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 4	2.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 2	3.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 3A	4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm

Wednesday 11 December

Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 2A	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 1	10.00am
Conduct Committee	2-03 MBH	4.00pm

Thursday 12 December

Services Committee	Room 3A	12.30pm
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Tuesday 17 December

Public Services Committee	Virtual	10.00am
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Wednesday 18 December

House of Lords Commission	Room 4A	10.00am
Built Environment Committee		4.15pm

Monday 3 February

Procedure and Privileges Committee	Room 4A	3.30pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday 4 December 2024

The House met at 3.00pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of London.

Select Committee Reports

1 Statutory Instruments

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

Draft Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing and Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Draft Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Clean Heat Market Mechanism Regulations 2024

Draft Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024

Draft Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024. (8th Report, HL Paper 53)

Public Business

2 **UK entrepreneurs** A question was asked by Lord Londesborough and answered by Lord Leong.

3 **Higher Education sector** A question was asked by Lord Blunkett and answered by Baroness Smith of Malvern.

4 **Shared Prosperity Fund: Wales** A question was asked by Baroness Wilcox of Newport and answered by Lord Khan of Burnley.

5 **Georgia: political situation** A question was asked by Lord Harries of Pentregarth and answered by Baroness Chapman of Darlington.

6 **Road Transport (International Passenger Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2024** Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 28 October be approved. The motion was agreed to.

7 **Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Addition of Relevant Enactments) Regulations 2024** Lord Livermore moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 31 October be approved. The motion was agreed to.

8 **Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Seizure and Detention of Property: Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order 2024** Lord Hanson of Flint moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 31 October be approved. The motion was agreed to.

9 **Football Governance Bill [HL]** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 19. Amendments were considered. The House resumed after amendment 38.

10 **Fracture Liaison Services** A question was asked by Lord Black of Brentwood and, after debate, answered by Baroness Merron.

11 **Football Governance Bill [HL]** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 39. Amendments were considered. The House resumed after Schedule 2 was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 10.47pm until Thursday 5 December at 11.00am.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Papers

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

Instrument Withdrawn

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

- 1 Draft Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2024 (26 November)

Affirmative Instruments

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

- 1 Draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements etc.) Regulations 2025
- 2 Draft Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2025, together with a report under section 105B of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Voter Identification (Principal Area, Parish and Greater London Authority Elections) (Amendment) Rules 2024 (1271)
- 2 Greater London Authority (Consolidated Council Tax Requirement Procedure) Regulations 2024 (1276)
- 3 Branded Health Service Medicines (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (1277)
- 4 Tuberculosis (Non-bovine animals) Slaughter and Compensation (England) (Amendment) Order 2024 (1279)
- 5 International Waste Shipments (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (1281)

Paper subject to disapproval

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Improving planning performance: Criteria for designation (updated 2024), together with an Explanatory Memorandum

Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Parliamentary Elections and Recall Petition (Welsh Forms) (Amendment) Order 2024 (1273)

Other Instrument

1 Human Rights Remedial Order

The following document was laid before the House under paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 2 to the Human Rights Act 1998 and referred to the Joint Committee on Human Rights:

Proposal for the Draft Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 (Remedial) Order 2024