

**GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS**

**TODAY'S LISTS
THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 2024**

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Business in the Chamber at 11am

Prayers by the Bishop of Guildford (5 minutes)

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. **(Lord Hanson of Flint, HO)**
- * 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 Hendy of Richmond Hill, DfT)**
- * 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. **(Lord Livermore, HMT)**
- * The Lord Bishop of Guildford to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to review the rules on home schooling in the light of the murder of Sara Sharif. **(Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent, DfE)**

Questions on an Urgent Question made in the House of Commons on Wednesday 18 December (10 minutes)

'To ask His Majesty's Government if they will make a statement on the negotiations between His Majesty's Government and the Government of Mauritius over the sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory' - **Baroness Chapman of Darlington (FCDO)**

Followed by Questions on an Oral Statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 16 December (40 minutes)

'English Devolution' - Baroness Taylor of Stevenage (MHCLG)

Main Business

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to move that this House takes note of the importance of growing the rural economy. (Time-limited to 2½ hours)

Speakers:

Bp St Albans

B Shephard of Northwold

- E Devon
L Wigley
5 E Caithness
L Elliott of Ballinamallard
L Harlech
L de Clifford
L Gascoigne
10 Bp Guildford
B McIntosh of Pickering
L Rogan
L Porter of Spalding
L Inglewood
15 L Carrington
L Fuller
- B Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville
L Roborough
B Hayman of Ullock
20 Bp St Albans

Except for The Lord Bishop of St Albans (15 minutes), Baroess Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville (10 minutes), Lord Roborough (10 minutes) and Baroness Hayman of Ullock (20 minutes), all speeches are limited to 6 minutes

Questions on an Oral Statement made in the House of Commons on Wednesday 18 December

'Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement' - Baroness Taylor of Stevenage (MHCLG)

Followed by a Repeat of an Oral Statement made in the House of Commons today

'Update on the situation in Syria' - Lord Collins of Highbury (FCDO)

Last business

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. (Time-limited to 2½ hours)

Speakers:

- L Alton of Liverpool
- B Kennedy of The Shaws
- L Garnier
- B Smith of Newnham
- 5 Bp Winchester
- L Ahmad of Wimbledon
- Bp Guildford
- B Lawlor
- B Bennett of Manor Castle
- 10 L Griffiths of Burry Port
- L Fox
- L Blencathra
- B D'Souza
- L Shinkwin
- 15 L Rogan
- L Godson

- L Purvis of Tweed
- L Callanan
- B Chapman of Darlington
- 20 L Alton of Liverpool

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Estimated rising time

The House is expected to rise at around 7.30pm



Notes:

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