

Monday 6 January 2025 at 2.30pm*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

***Lord Lamont of Lerwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what initiatives they plan to take internationally to support multilateral free trade and to draw attention to the risks posed to the world economy by tariffs and protectionism.

***Baroness Grender** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to compare the need for affordable housing with the need for council and social housing as part of the National Policy Planning Framework.

***Lord Goodman of Wycombe** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Lord Hanson of Flint on 20 November 2024 (HL Deb col 207), what progress the Defending Democracy Taskforce has made with its review of security and counter-terrorism.

***Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effect of the level of rail fares on the cost of living.

National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions)
Bill Second Reading [Lord Livermore]

Baroness Kramer to move, as an amendment to the motion that the bill be now read a second time, at end to insert "but that, while recognising the need to rebuild public services and finances, this House regrets that the Bill risks worsening pressures in the NHS and social care by placing costs on GPs and dentists, social care providers and hospices; increases burdens on small businesses, early years providers, universities and charities; and penalises part-time work, and puts jobs and economic growth at risk".

Future Business**Tuesday 7 January 2025 at 2.30pm***Oral questions (40 minutes)*

***Baroness Boycott** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the obstacles presented by industry to delivering policies to prevent obesity, and what steps they plan to avoid such obstacles.

***Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they are giving to introducing safeguards to protect pedestrians and the disabled when considering whether to permit additional categories of electric scooters and electric bicycles.

***Lord Foulkes of Cumnock** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights.

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



†***Baroness Chakrabarti** to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to restrict the impact of foreign-owned social media companies upon UK democratic politics and public order.

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill Second Reading [Lord Hanson of Flint]

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Hanson of Flint to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and that it be an instruction to the Committee of the Whole House that they consider the bill in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 4	Clauses 13 to 34
Schedules 1 and 2	Schedule 4
Clauses 5 to 12	Clauses 35 to 38
Schedule 3	Title.

Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Fox of Buckley** to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they plan to issue guidance relating to single-sex provision for NHS staff as well as patients.

***Lord Berkeley** to ask His Majesty’s Government what intercity train disruptions are expected and for how long because of the construction of the new Great Western Railway station at Old Oak Common.

***Lord Strathcarron** to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to protect freedom of speech in the cultural sector.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 6 January.

Business of the House The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Smith of Basildon) to move that, in the event of the Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill having been brought from the House of Commons, Standing Order 44 (*No two stages of a Bill to be taken on one day*) be dispensed with on Wednesday 15 January to allow the Bill to be taken through its remaining stages that day.

Proceedings on the following motions will be taken in accordance with Standing Order 68 (Reports from the Conduct Committee) which requires that any motion on a report resulting from an investigation under the Code of Conduct, together with any motion on a sanction, be decided without debate.

Conduct Baroness Manningham-Buller to move that the Report from the Select Committee *The conduct of Baroness Meyer* (2nd Report, HL Paper 58) be agreed to.

†**Lord Pearson of Rannoch** to move, as an amendment to the above motion, to leave out from “that” to end and to insert “this House declines to agree the Report from the Conduct Committee *The conduct of Baroness Meyer*.”

If the 2nd Report from the Conduct Committee is agreed to, Baroness Manningham-Buller to move to resolve that, in accordance with Standing Order 11, Baroness Meyer be suspended from the service of the House for a period of three weeks; and that, in accordance with section 1 of the House of Lords (Expulsion and Suspension) Act 2015, in the opinion of this House, the conduct giving rise to this resolution occurred after the coming into force of that Act.

Conduct Baroness Manningham-Buller to move that the Report from the Select Committee *The conduct of Lord Stone of Blackheath* (3rd Report, HL Paper 59) be agreed to.

If the 3rd Report from the Conduct Committee is agreed to, Baroness Manningham-Buller to move to resolve that, in accordance with Standing Order 11, Lord Stone of Blackheath be suspended from the service of the House for a period of six months; and that, in accordance with section 1 of the House of Lords (Expulsion and Suspension) Act 2015, in the opinion of this House, the conduct giving rise to this resolution occurred after the coming into force of that Act.

Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill]

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill to move that the bill be committed to a Grand Committee, and that it be an instruction to the Grand Committee that they consider the bill in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 10
Schedule

Clauses 11 to 31
Title.

Thursday 9 January 2025 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Stedman-Scott** to ask His Majesty's Government what criteria they use to assess the eligibility of people claiming benefits, such as Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit, due to ill health; and how frequently these claims are reviewed.

***Baroness Humphreys** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the changes to employer National Insurance contributions, including the reduction in the per-employee threshold, on town and parish councils in Wales.

***Lord Roborough** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that water bills are affordable for consumers.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 7 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).

†**Lord Farmer** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to change requirements for civil servants to work in government offices following a vote for possible strike action over compulsory office attendance at the Land Registry. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

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).

Monday 13 January 2025 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Chakrabarti** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to give greater priority to those with well-founded human rights claims in the immigration system.

***Lord Young of Cookham** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to ban the secondary market in driving tests.

***Baroness Sater** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the increase in National Insurance contributions on the charity sector.

***Baroness Pitkeathley** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to develop a long-term workforce plan for adult social care, similar to the NHS workforce plan.

Tuesday 14 January 2025 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Morgan of Drefelin** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the provision of health services in prisons.

***Lord Bruce of Bennachie** to ask His Majesty's Government what are their main strategic objectives for developing closer diplomatic relationships with countries in sub-Saharan Africa, in terms of aid, trade, investment or cultural exchange.

***The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government, following Historic England's publication of the latest Heritage at Risk Register, what plans they have to ensure adequate support for listed historic buildings.

Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Blunkett** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to prevent political parties, and activities to promote political parties, from receiving funding from outside of the United Kingdom, and whether they plan to grant additional powers to the Electoral Commission in this regard.

***Baroness Keeley** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the value to state school pupils of school visits to theatres, museums and galleries, and of the value of a creative education for all pupils.

***Baroness Hazarika** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to tackle court backlogs, and whether they have considered reducing trial by jury.

Thursday 16 January 2025 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Rawlings** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the cutting of undersea internet cables in the Baltic Sea in November 2024.

†***Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the implications for online safety posed by small, high-risk online platforms, such as 8Chan.

†***Lord Elliott of Ballinamallard** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to reform the Independent Commission on Reconciliation and Information Recovery to strengthen its independence, powers and accountability.

†**Baroness Northover** to move that this House takes note of the challenges to a rules-based international order, and their impact on global cohesion, stability and security.

†*Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 6 January, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 7 January.*

†**Lord Teverson** to move that this House takes note of the challenges caused by the effects of climate change on natural ecosystems and the role of nature conservation in combating global warming.

Monday 20 January 2025 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Browne of Ladyton** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of recent comments by the trade minister of Colombia regarding the investor-state dispute settlement provisions in the UK/Colombia bilateral investment treaty.

†***Lord Farmer** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address the health and social impacts of first-cousin marriage, including those relating to women's rights.

†***Lord Hamilton of Epsom** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in securing a free trade agreement with the United States.

†***Lord Balfe** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to fulfil demand for the revival or replacement of the Erasmus programme.

Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Lexden** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to review the National Trust Acts.

†***Baroness Kennedy of Cradley** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they are making on reducing homelessness.

†***Baroness Hoey** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of children in primary schools who do not have regular swimming lessons in school time.

Wednesday 22 January 2025 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Dubs** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to control or limit donations from abroad to British political parties.

†***Lord Faulkner of Worcester** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to implement a rolling programme of railway electrification, and if so to what timescale.

†***Lord Spellar** to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to announce the orders for the first small modular nuclear reactors.

Thursday 23 January 2025 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Woodley** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential merits of insourcing all prison maintenance.

†***Baroness Thornton** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the timetable for legalising humanist weddings in England and Wales.

†***The Lord Bishop of Sheffield** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the availability and accessibility of legal aid for asylum seekers.

Monday 27 January 2025 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Whitty** to ask His Majesty's Government whether, before or alongside changes in local government structure in England, they will undertake a thorough review of the sources of funding, basis, and equity of local government financial resources at all levels, having regard to both the responsibility of individual councils and the balance of responsibility between central and local government.

†***Lord Bradley** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to review the service provided by Avanti West Coast between Manchester and London.

†***Baroness Lister of Burtersett** to ask His Majesty's Government what role children's rights will play in their plans to improve children's wellbeing and opportunities.

†***Viscount Stansgate** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the amount of energy used in internet activity, and in particular in mining cryptocurrencies.

Tuesday 28 January 2025 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Monckton of Dallington Forest** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to address demand for support from young, disabled people and their families, particularly in relation to provision of social care services, as they transition to adulthood.

†***Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to prevent community pharmacy closures.

†***Lord Howard of Rising** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have further plans regarding the status of retained EU law.

Wednesday 29 January 2025 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Hayman** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to coordinate policies on reaching net zero and restoring nature across government.

†***Lord Sikka** to ask His Majesty's Government how many of the £168 million fines proposed by Ofwat on 6 August 2024 against Thames Water, Yorkshire Water, and Northumbrian Water have been collected.

†***Lord German** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to process the outstanding asylum applications of Syrians in the UK.

Thursday 30 January 2025 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Black of Brentwood** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve musculoskeletal health.

†***Baroness Royall of Blaisdon** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with international partners about the Taliban's restrictions on women in Afghanistan, including a ban on women attending medical schools.

†***Lord Evans of Rainow** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to involve schools in the commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War II.

Motions for Balloted Debate

The ballot to select two motions for debate closes at 5pm on Tuesday 14 January, to be drawn on Wednesday 15 January, for debate on Thursday 30 January. Combined time limit of 5 hours.

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.

Lord Blackwell to move that this House takes note of the contribution specialist music schools play in cultural life, and the importance of maintaining access to such schools for talented children regardless of social background.

Baroness Coussins to move that this House takes note of the United Kingdom's role as penholder at the UN Security Council, in particular with respect to (1) the war in Sudan, and (2) the implementation of the Peace Accord in Colombia.

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger to move that this House takes note of the treatment of women and girls in Afghanistan since the Taliban takeover in August 2021, and the case for recognising that treatment as gender apartheid.

Baroness Bull to move that this House takes note of provision for identifying and supporting students in schools who have special educational needs, particularly dyscalculia.

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 Patel to move that this House takes note of the case for improving cancer outcomes in England through (1) early diagnosis, (2) improvements in care, and (3) research.

†**Baroness Helic** to move that this House takes note of the implications for the UK–Rwanda bilateral relationship of Rwanda's reported support for the M23 militia.

Select Committee Reports

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

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 2024*

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 2024*

Baroness Drake to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Constitution Committee *The Governance of the Union: Consultation, Co-operation and Legislative Consent* (1st Report, HL Paper 13). *27 September 2024*

Baroness O'Grady of Upper Holloway to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee *The Modern Slavery Act 2015: becoming world-leading again* (HL Paper 8). *16 October 2024*

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

†**Lord Clement-Jones** to move that this House regrets that the Copyright and Performances (Application to Other Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024, laid before the House on 13 November 2024 (SI 2024/1124), did not involve consultation on Option 0A, which will result in inequitable treatment of performers on sound recordings based on their nationality.

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 2024; 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*)

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the situation in Myanmar; and what steps they are taking to support the Rohingya people. (*Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*)

The Lord Bishop of Bristol to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the adequacy of government support for listed historical buildings at risk. (*Department for Culture, Media and Sport*)

Lord Leigh of Hurley to ask His Majesty's Government what measures they plan to take to tackle tax evasion and avoidance. (*Treasury*)

Lord Johnson of Marylebone to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Office for Students about (1) its strategy for 2025 to 2030, and (2) its decision to pause applications regarding registering institutions, degree-awarding powers and university titles to allow greater focus on the financial sustainability of the sector. (*Department for Education*)

Lord McInnes of Kilwinning to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness and enforcement of the breed-specific legislation regarding XL Bully-type dogs. (*Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*)

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in developing a National Youth Strategy. (*Department for Culture, Media and Sport*)

†**Baroness Deech** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report of the Law Commission, *Financial Remedies on divorce and dissolution: A scoping report*, published on 17 December 2024; and whether they plan to reform the law relating to financial provision on divorce. (*Ministry of Justice*)

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS FOR DEBATE

†**Lord Lucas** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have made and tested for events that could threaten the United Kingdom's electricity supplies, such as a prolonged period of low wind and sunlight, or a large solar storm. (*Department for Energy Security and Net Zero*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 19 December 2024 and due for answer by 7 January.

Lord Berkeley to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker what are the rules for All-Party Parliamentary Groups requiring them to advertise their future meetings; and who is responsible for monitoring and enforcing any non-compliance. HL3637

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking in relation to recruitment to the youth-led round tables and Youth Advisory Board in developing the National Youth Strategy. HL3638

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty's Government whether they are taking steps to extend the consultation period for expressions of interest from top-tier and lower tier local government in England for forming the new combined authorities outlined in the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December. HL3639

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to allowing enough time for the consultation for the proposed new combined authorities outlined in the English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December, to be worked through. HL3640

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to align the work of the Office for Clean Energy Jobs with the work of Skills England, and what processes and structural framework they expect to be put in place to facilitate joint working between the two. HL3641

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government what support and funding, if any, they give to Indigenous Women's Commissions in the various Colombian Indigenous Tribes (1) to support the legal training the commissions offer about sexual and gender-based violence, (2) to train magistrates in the Indigenous Justice System about gender, and (3) to support the work they do with indigenous women and girls, victims of sexual and gender-based violence. HL3642

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government whether UK aid is being used to address the depletion of important ecosystems in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in Colombia. HL3643

Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government whether their Embassy in Bogotá has been monitoring the return of the displaced Wiwa Indigenous Communities of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in Colombia, and what is their assessment of the security in that region for indigenous communities. HL3644

The Earl of Caithness to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to publish the update to the grey squirrel action plan; and if so, when. HL3645

The Earl of Caithness to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to publish the deer management strategy; and if so, when. HL3646

Baroness Coussins to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for building Mandarin language skills within the workforce to meet the needs of the United Kingdom in (1) security, (2) diplomacy, and (3) trade. HL3647

Baroness Coussins to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will continue to fund the Mandarin Excellence Programme after its current funding expires in August 2025. HL3648

Baroness Coussins to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Department for Education will consult the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and the security services before it makes a decision on the funding of the Mandarin Excellence Programme beyond August 2025. HL3649

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to promote import substitution to assist with the balance of payment deficit. HL3650

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the negative impact of charging VAT for renovations of buildings on brownfield sites compared with greenfield sites where building of homes is zero rated for VAT. HL3651

Baroness Finn to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Twycross on 15 November (HL1929), whether the Prime Minister approved the proposal from HD Committee to transfer the responsibility for honours committees' appointments from the Prime Minister to the Head of the Civil Service; and, what was the policy reason for such a change. HL3652

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the amount of UK carbon dioxide equivalent emissions in 2030 from (1) terrestrial emissions, (2) terrestrial emissions plus international aviation and shipping emissions, and (3) the emissions in both of those categories plus import emissions. HL3653

Lord Freyberg to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the cost impact on small businesses of appointing authorised representatives in the EU or Northern Ireland to comply with the Regulation on General Product Safety (2023/988), particularly for those businesses that do not currently have a presence in those markets. HL3654

Lord Freyberg to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support small manufacturers in Great Britain in complying with documentation requirements under Regulation on General Product Safety (2023/988), and whether they plan to issue guidance on preparing risk assessments. HL3655

Lord Freyberg to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with online marketplaces about their obligations under the Regulation on General Product Safety (2023/988), in particular with regard to how these platforms will support small businesses in meeting the requirements for responsible economic operators. HL3656

Lord Freyberg to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to introduce any financial support measures to help small businesses meet the compliance costs associated with the Regulation on General Product Safety (2023/988), particularly regarding the maintenance of technical documentation for 10 years. HL3657

Lord Freyberg to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on small businesses of the requirement under the Regulation on General Product Safety (2023/988) to have a responsible economic operator established in Northern Ireland or the EU, and whether they have considered negotiating alternative arrangements for micro-businesses. HL3658

Lord Freyberg to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that small businesses are aware of their obligations under the transitional arrangements in Regulation on General Product Safety (2023/988), and whether they plan to provide specific guidance for businesses that currently only trade with Northern Ireland. HL3659

Lord Gilbert of Panteg to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Baroness Twycross on 17 December (HL3302), what records the Crown Commercial Service holds on which public bodies have taken out contracts for translation services using the framework agreement on translation into foreign languages. HL3660

Lord Gilbert of Panteg to ask His Majesty's Government, further to (1) the Written Statement by the former Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 12 March 2013 (HC 5WS-6WS), and (2) the Written Answer by Baroness Twycross on 17 December (HL3302), whether they have made an assessment of the cost of translation to the public purse. HL3661

Lord Gilbert of Panteg to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Baroness Twycross on (1) 3 December (HL2738), and (2) 17 December (HL3301), why the Written Answer of 3 December stated that no guidance on translation had been issued by the Cabinet Office but the Written Answer of 17 December stated the *Guidance on Diversity and Inclusion and Impartiality for Civil Servants*, published on 14 May, remains in force; and whether they will now correct the official record.

HL3662

Lord Gilbert of Panteg to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment, if any, they have made of the effect of public bodies' translation into foreign languages on integration and community cohesion.

HL3663

Lord Gilbert of Panteg to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Twycross on 17 December (HL3301), what steps the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government is taking to discourage local authorities from translating into foreign languages, in line with the *Guidance on Diversity and Inclusion and Impartiality for Civil Servants*, published on 14 May, and the associated guidance in 2013.

HL3664

Lord Godson to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the savings of one disabled person being in full time work, rather than out of work and fully reliant on benefits.

HL3665

Lord Godson to ask His Majesty's Government how many people were in receipt of an Access to Work grant by small, medium, or large business in the financial years (1) 2021–22, (2) 2022–23, and (3) 2023–24.

HL3666

Lord Godson to ask His Majesty's Government how many disabled people were employed by small, medium, or large businesses in the financial years (1) 2021–22, (2) 2022–23, and (3) 2023–24.

HL3667

Lord Godson to ask His Majesty's Government how many disabled people were in receipt of an Access to Work grant in the financial years (1) 2021–22, (2) 2022–23, and (3) 2023–24, and by sector.

HL3668

Lord Godson to ask His Majesty's Government how many and what proportion of Personal Independence Payment assessments were carried out (1) face-to-face, (2) remotely and (3) on paper in each month since March 2020.

HL3669

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the conversion practices guidance issued by the state of Victoria in Australia on how to pray, in the context of their proposals to publish a Conversion Practices Bill in due course.

HL3670

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government how many meetings they have held with members of the Ban Conversion Therapy Coalition.

HL3671

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the efficacy of the research that they commissioned into conversion therapy undertaken by Coventry University.

HL3672

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the human rights implications of their proposed Conversion Practices Bill.

HL3673

Lord Kamall to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the cut in the winter fuel payment on hospital admissions this winter.

HL3674

Lord Kamall to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the state of patient safety monitoring this winter.

HL3675

Lord Kamall to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the rise in employer National Insurance contributions on the ability of GP surgeries to prepare for winter pressures.

HL3676

Lord Kamall to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether there are enough hospital beds and ambulances for this winter; and what steps are they taking to increase them. HL3677

Lord Kamall to ask His Majesty's Government how many people as of 1 December who were medically fit to be discharged from hospital had not been. HL3678

Lord McCrea of Magherafelt and Cookstown to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure brownfield land as well as empty, derelict houses and commercial buildings are used first to solve the housing crisis and protect the green belt. HL3679

Lord McCrea of Magherafelt and Cookstown to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to protect the services of hospices and private care homes in the light of the increase in National Insurance contributions and other increased costs in the budget. HL3680

Lord McCrea of Magherafelt and Cookstown to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that there will be no cuts to the other parts of the health budget to pay for assisted dying if it is legalised in the UK. HL3681

Lord McCrea of Magherafelt and Cookstown to ask His Majesty's Government how many people they estimate are homeless each night in each region of the United Kingdom, and whether that number is increasing or decreasing. HL3682

Lord McCrea of Magherafelt and Cookstown to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to revive business confidence across the United Kingdom after the budget. HL3683

Lord McCrea of Magherafelt and Cookstown to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Chancellor of Exchequer has made representations to the European Union to remove trade barriers between Great Britain and Northern Ireland during her recent visit to Brussels. HL3684

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have (1) to regulate the operation of privately owned e-scooters in public spaces, and (2) to introduce mandatory insurance for them. HL3685 [I]

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they will take to put road traffic offences for bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters on an equivalent basis to other vehicles. HL3686 [I]

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty's Government which of the Premier League of English Football League Clubs were consulted on the proposal to include parachute payments in the Football Governance Bill and on which dates those meetings took place. HL3687

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the remarks by Baroness Twycross on 18 December (HL Deb col 370), whether it is their intention to seek assurances from UEFA that the introduction of backstop powers to the proposed Football Regulator does not impact on the autonomy and independence of football's governance as required by UEFA. HL3688

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will place copies of all correspondence with UEFA, FIFA and the International Olympic Committee regarding the proposal to introduce a Football Regulator in the Library of the House. HL3689

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will list all the appointments made to date to the Shadow Football Regulator, setting out how many were previously employed in the DCMS during the last five years as employees, advisers, or appointees to DCMS-appointed Sports Advisory Groups, and where the Shadow Football Regulator's office is based. HL3690

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty's Government what is the meaning is of "exercises a higher degree of influence or control over" club, as set out as part of the proposed Owners' and Directors' test in Clause 3(2)(b) of the Football Governance Bill. HL3691

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty's Government whether, following Committee Stage of the Football Governance Bill, they intend to continue with plans to provide the Secretary of State with legislative powers to define the beginning and end dates of the season for football competitions. HL3692

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for monitoring mosques and madrassas. HL3693

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for prohibiting the religious solemnisation of unregistered marriages to ensure that Muslim wives have the protection of divorce law. HL3694

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for banning the wearing of a burka in public. HL3695

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government what proportion of the population was Muslim at the time of the last census, and what is their projection for the next 10 years. HL3696

Baroness Pidgeon to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for future years to ensure train operators provide services on Boxing Day. HL3697

Lord Rennard to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the merits of banning unincorporated associations from donating to political parties in order to increase the level of transparency concerning their funding. HL3698

Lord Rennard to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to use their powers under section 109 of the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 to require donors to political parties to certify the original sources of donated funds, and whether they consider that this may help to address concerns about potential foreign funding influencing elections in the UK. HL3699

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the ruling by the Investigatory Powers Tribunal on 17 December into the actions of the Police Service of Northern Ireland and Metropolitan Police regarding the investigation of journalists in Northern Ireland. HL3700

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government, following the ruling by the Investigatory Powers Tribunal on 17 December, what assessment they have made of the current levels of surveillance by the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the Metropolitan Police into journalists, politicians and others in Northern Ireland. HL3701

Baroness Thomas of Winchester to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Smith of Malvern on 17 December (HL3216), whether they will consult with interested parties and expedite the implementation of the remaining parts of section 36 and associated Schedules of the Equality Act 2010 to address the shortage of housing for disabled people. HL3702

Lord Watson of Invergowrie to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to help local authorities and schools regularly to monitor and support the attendance of young carers. HL3703

Lord Watson of Invergowrie to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve access to higher education and employment opportunities for young carers. HL3704

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the lowering of the threshold for employers' national insurance payments in the Autumn budget on the provision of daily school transport for children with special educational needs, and whether they will make an exception to ensure the continuation of those services. HL3705

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to extend the £10,000 tax free bursary available to trainee art and design teachers, so that it is also available to trainee music teachers. HL3706

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	
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	
Hares (Close Season) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill	Government	7 January
Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [HL]	Government	8 January
Road Traffic Offences (Cycling) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill	Government	6 January
Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill (<i>Money Bill—19 December</i>)	Government	
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 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	
Imprisonment for Public Protection (Re-sentencing) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
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	
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	Government	
Complications from Abortions (Annual Report) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	

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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
Waiting for Report	
Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill [HL]	Government
Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government
Data (Use and Access) Bill [HL] (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government
Waiting for Third Reading	
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private
Sent to the Commons	
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent granted</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
Women, Peace and Security Bill [HL]	Private Member's
Listed Investment Companies (Classification etc) Bill [HL]	Private Member's
Waiting for Royal Assent	
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and International Committee of the Red Cross (Status) Bill [HL]	Government
Lords Spiritual (Women) Act 2015 (Extension) Bill [HL]	Government

Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

Draft Community Radio Order 2025

Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Regulations 2025

Draft Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Gambling Levy Regulations 2025

Draft Procurement Act 2023 (Consequential and Other Amendments) Regulations 2025

Draft Space Industry (Licence Exemption for Military Activities of Allies) Regulations 2025

Draft Electricity Capacity (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Draft Energy Bill Relief Scheme and Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Draft Online Safety Act 2023 (Category 1, Category 2A and Category 2B Threshold Conditions) Regulations 2025

Draft Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Draft Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

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

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

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

Draft Unique Identifiers (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024

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

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 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 11th Report*

Draft Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority Regulations 2024

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 *12th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements etc.) Regulations 2025 *12th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2025

Draft Armed Forces (Court Martial) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2024

Draft Register of Overseas Entities (Protection and Trusts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 *12th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Negative Instruments

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*

Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (HC 334) *11th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 21 January*

Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 *11th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 21 January*

Sentencing Act 2020 (Special Procedures for Community and Suspended Sentence Orders) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 11th Report. Praying time ends 23 January*

National Health Service (Ophthalmic Services and Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *11th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 23 January*

Prison and Young Offender Institution (Interception of Communications) (Amendment) Rules 2024 *12th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 22 January*

Damages (Personal Injury) (England and Wales) Order 2024 *12th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 27 January*

Advertising (Less Healthy Food Definitions and Exemptions) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 12th Report. Praying time ends 28 January*

Branded Health Service Medicines (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *12th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 29 January*

Tribunal Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2024 *12th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 31 January*

Copyright and Performances (Application to Other Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 *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*

Treaties before the House

Treaties not yet considered by a Select Committee

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*

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*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Croatia on the Termination of the Agreement between the two countries for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, done at London on 11 March 1997 *Scrutiny period expires: 6 February*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Slovenia on the Termination of the Agreement between the two countries for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, done at Ljubljana on 3 July 1996 *Scrutiny period expires: 6 February*

Treaties considered by a Select Committee

Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Serbia on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 10 December. Scrutiny period expires: 9 January*

Retirements

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

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.

Tuesday 7 January

Science and Technology Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 2	10.30am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 3	2.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm

Wednesday 8 January

Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 2A	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 2	10.30am
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
Public Services Committee	Room 3	11.00am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 8	2.00pm
Conduct Committee	2-03 Millbank House	4.00pm

Thursday 9 January

Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [HL] Special Public Bill Committee	Room 3	10.30am
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Tuesday 14 January

European Affairs Committee		4.00pm
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Wednesday 15 January

House of Lords Commission	Room 4A	10.30am
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

Thursday 30 January

Services Committee	Room 3A	12.30pm
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Monday 3 February

Procedure and Privileges Committee	Room 4A	3.30pm
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Wednesday 5 February

Finance Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday 19 December 2024

The House met at 11.00am.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Guildford.

1 **Retirements** The Lord Speaker (Lord McFall of Alcluith) informed the House that the following members of the House had retired under section 1 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014:

Baroness Cohen of Pimlico with effect from 19 December

Baroness Quin with effect from 19 December.

Public Business

2 **Windrush Compensation Scheme** A question was asked by Baroness Benjamin and answered by Lord Hanson of Flint.

3 **E-scooters and e-bikes** A question was asked by Baroness Pidgeon and answered by Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill.

4 **National Insurance: GDP** A question was asked by Lord Altrincham and answered by Lord Livermore.

5 **Home schooling** A question was asked by the Lord Bishop of Guildford and answered by Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent.

6 **Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill** A bill to make provision for loans or other financial assistance to be provided to, or for the benefit of, the government of Ukraine, certified by the Speaker as a money bill, was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 58)

7 **Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 58–EN)

8 **British Indian Ocean Territory: sovereignty** Baroness Chapman of Darlington answered questions on the answer to an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Wednesday 18 December.

9 **English devolution** Baroness Taylor of Stevenage answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 16 December.

10 **Rural economy** (2½-hour debate) The Lord Bishop of St Albans moved that this House takes note of the importance of growing the rural economy. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

11 **Provisional local government finance settlement** Baroness Taylor of Stevenage answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Wednesday 18 December.

12 **Syria** Lord Collins of Highbury repeated a statement made in the House of Commons.

13 **China: human rights and security** (2½-hour debate) Lord Alton of Liverpool moved 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. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

14 **Lords Spiritual (Women) Act 2015 (Extension) Bill [HL]** The bill was returned from the Commons agreed to.

15 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and International Committee of the Red Cross (Status) Bill [HL] The bill was returned from the Commons with a privilege amendment. The amendment was considered and agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6.40pm until Monday 6 January 2025 at 2.30pm.

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.

Command Papers

The following papers were presented to the House by command of His Majesty. Dates in brackets indicate the non-sitting days on which those papers were laid:

- 1 Defence—Convention on the Establishment of the “Global Combat Air Programme – GCAP International Government Organisation”. (1232)
- 2 Elections—Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Denmark on the Participation in Certain Elections of Nationals of Each Country Resident in the Territory of the Other. (1233)
- 3 Trade—Amending Agreement No. 1 between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Kosovo, to amend the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the two countries. (1234)

Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Misuse of Drugs and Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (England and Wales and Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (1369)

Paper not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Statutory Security of Supply Report 2024