

**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.

**\*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.

**Future Business****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.

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*Items marked † are new or have been altered*

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



†\***Lord Mann** to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to implement the recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse led by Professor Alexis Jay.

**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 Hamilton of Epsom** 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.*

†**National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill** Lord Livermore to move that the bill be committed to a Grand Committee.

**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 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**

†**The Lord Bishop of Peterborough** will be introduced.

*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.

### **Monday 3 February 2025 at 2.30pm**

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Lord Rooker** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to make council tax more progressive.

†\***Lord Harlech** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the economic impact of uncertainty surrounding major defence contracts.

†\***Lord Watson of Invergowrie** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the National Literacy Trust's 2024 annual literacy survey showing that children and young people's reading for enjoyment is at an all-time low, particularly with regard to the fall in the past year; and what assessment they have made of the impact of the fall in the number of secondary schools with a designated onsite library area.

†\***Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reduce the waiting time for access to mental health treatment.



## 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 17 December 2024 and due for answer by 31 December 2024.*

**Lord Alderdice** to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Israel on the safety and release of Dr Hussam Abu Safiyeh, director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in Gaza; and what representations they have made to facilitate him to re-institute emergency medical facilities.

HL3707

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what processes and systems they have in place to ensure that aid from the United Kingdom reaches (1) the Christian Rohingya minority, and (2) the majority Muslim Rohingya, in refugees camps in Bangladesh.

HL3708

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made regarding the *Declaration of humanity by leaders of faith and leaders of belief*, published in 2020; how many leaders have signed the declaration and what activities they are planning to engage more widely on the declaration and to ensure its universality.

HL3709

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Grimstone of Boscobel on 28 April 2022 (HL7909), what is the current status of Project DEFEND; and what assessment they have made of its success in (1) strengthening national resilience, and (2) reducing supply chain dependency on China.

HL3710

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to press the United Nations Security Council to extend the International Criminal Court mandate from Darfur to cover the whole of Sudan; and, if not, why not.

HL3711

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made in securing the release of £2.5 billion from Roman Abramovich's sale of Chelsea Football Club for humanitarian purposes in Ukraine; and what are the reasons for continuing delay.

HL3712

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number and cost of solar panels which have been purchased from China over the past ten years; how many solar panels they expect will be purchased (1) over the next ten years and (2) to meet to objectives of the Great British Energy Bill; and what is the estimated expenditure for each of these periods.

HL3713

**Lord Balfe** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Timpson on 16 December 2024 (HL3055), what is their timescale for tendering new contracts for prison maintenance service providers.

HL3714

**Lord Balfe** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Timpson on 16 December 2024 (HL3055), what recent assessment they have made of the value and performance of current prison maintenance service providers.

HL3715

**Lord Banner** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to ban all airliners that fly to and from Russia from UK airspace to ensure that the UK does not indirectly support the Russian aviation sector; whether they will encourage the EU to adopt a similar ban; and if not, why not.

HL3716

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what percentage of their funding for agriculture goes to agroecological practices

HL3717

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of "prostitute's cautions", on opportunities for employment and other stigmatisation of those affected and what relationship this holds with the natural right to justice; and whether they plan to abolish such cautions.

HL3718

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to ensure that the NHS and other services are following the prescribing standards stating that, from 13 December 2024, healthcare professionals working in designated physician associate or anaesthesia associate roles should not prescribe medicines, even if they hold prescribing rights from a previous profession or have previously been authorised to prescribe by their employer. HL3719

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government how many individuals from the Rohingya community have been granted refugee status each year over the past ten years; what consideration they have given to creating a special asylum route for Rohingya refugees; and what assessment they have made of the humanitarian impact of pushback policies conducted by nations in the region, including Malaysia. HL3720

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the letter of 22 October signed by the Covid Airborne Transmission Alliance addressed to the chief nursing officers of the four nations about expert evidence provided to the Covid-19 Inquiry, particularly about the airborne transmission of the virus and other respiratory viruses; and when they expect a response to the letter to be issued. HL3721

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government whether the full range of assistance services, including housing and other provision, will be available to Syrian asylum seekers while their applications are on hold. HL3722

**Lord Birt** to ask His Majesty's Government whether all the 1.5 million new homes which they target to be built by 2030 (1) will have 360 insulation, and (2) will have decarbonised heating. HL3723

**Lord Booth** to ask His Majesty's Government how many pensioner households were in receipt of the Winter Fuel Payment in 2024; and how this compares with the figure for 2023. HL3724

**Lord Booth** to ask His Majesty's Government how many outstanding claims for Pension Credit there were at the end of 2024. HL3725

**The Earl of Caithness** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the implications of their commitment to introduce secondary legislation to implement the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 for a new trade deal with the European Union. HL3726

**The Earl of Caithness** to ask His Majesty's Government when they plan to publish a timetable for implementing the provisions in the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023. HL3727

**The Earl of Caithness** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Baroness Hayman of Ullock on 3 January (HL3645 and HL3646), what are their considerations on the impact of deer and red squirrels on woodlands; whether they have consulted any stakeholders; and if so, who. HL3728

**Lord Carlile of Berriew** to ask His Majesty's Government how many collective proceedings applications were filed with the Competition Appeal Tribunal, broken down by opt-out and opt-in proceedings, in each month since July 2023. HL3729

**Lord De Mauley** to ask His Majesty's Government for what reason it is still legal to export glass eels to Russia despite sanctions against that country. HL3730

**Baroness Deech** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Khan of Burnley on 20 December 2024 (HL3595), what is the current estimated cost of building a Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in Victoria Tower Gardens; how much private funding has been secured for the memorial; and what efficiencies of cost, if any, they are considering. HL3731

**Lord Hain** to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker, further to the Written Answer by Lord Gardiner of Kimble on 19 December 2024 (HL3442), how many small fire outbreaks in the Palace of Westminster there were in each year from 2014 to 2024. HL3732

**Lord Hain** to ask His Majesty's Government what are the latest figures for antisemitic and Islamophobic hate crimes for the (1) Metropolitan Police, (2) Greater Manchester Police, and (3) West Midlands Police, compared with the figures for September 2023; and what is the average figure for all police forces over the same period. HL3733

**Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of extending fracture liaison services to all integrated care boards; and what lessons they have drawn from the impact of fracture liaison services in other jurisdictions, including the devolved authorities. HL3734

**Baroness Hodgson of Abinger** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to renew the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme beyond its current expiry date of 31 March. HL3735

**Baroness Hoey** to ask His Majesty's Government how they have discharged their legal duty in section 46(1) of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 in respect of the implementation of the European Union's new General Product Safety Regulation. HL3736

**Baroness Hooper** to ask His Majesty's Government what arrangements are in place for Colombian nationals applying for visas to the United Kingdom following the reintroduction of a visa requirement on 26 November 2024. HL3737

**Earl Howe** to ask His Majesty's Government how many excess deaths over the state pension age there have been in England and Wales for each year in which data are available in the last decade. HL3738

**Earl Howe** to ask His Majesty's Government how many age-standardised excess deaths there have been in England and Wales for each year in which data are available in the last decade. HL3739

**Earl Howe** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Neville-Rolfe on 21 November 2023 (HL36), whether they will publish data on an annualised basis on what proportion of deaths where COVID-19 is mentioned on the death certificate have been (1) male, and (2) female, for the period in which data are available. HL3740

**Lord Jackson of Peterborough** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential implications for Syrian Christians and other vulnerable minorities of removing Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham from the UK's list of proscribed terrorist organisations. HL3741

**Lord Kempself** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will exempt students in receipt of Music and Dance Scheme grants from paying VAT on independent school fees. HL3742

**Lord Kempself** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Chapman of Darlington on 12 November 2024 (HL2064), whether they intend to publish the (1) annual, and (2) total, amount of funding they have agreed to provide to Mauritius in their agreement to transfer sovereignty of British Indian Ocean Territory to that country. HL3743

**Lord Kempself** to ask His Majesty's Government what measures they are putting in place to ensure that every government department is accelerating the adoption of artificial intelligence for government business. HL3744

**Lord Knight of Weymouth** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to improve the capacity of local authorities to assess children for the purposes of education, health and care plans. HL3745

**Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Chapman of Darlington on 6 January (HL3268), whether anyone provided external legal advice; if so, who; by what process such providers of legal advice were commissioned; and, what relevant interests, if any, they declared with regard to the Chagos Islands. HL3746

**The Lord Bishop of London** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the availability of respite care for adults with complex needs following the closure of the charity Revitalise at the end of November 2024. HL3747

**The Lord Bishop of London** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the respite care options for adults with complex needs, including for holiday breaks. HL3748

**The Lord Bishop of London** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to produce an equalities impact assessment ahead of the coming stages of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. HL3749

**Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to ask His Majesty's Government whether and how they expect the plans for NHS reform announced by the Prime Minister on 6 January to improve per capita productivity in the health sector; and from which local examples of good practice these plans draw. HL3750

**Lord Norton of Louth** to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker how many items of postal correspondence were received in the Palace of Westminster in 2024; and, of those, how many were received in the House of Lords. HL3751

**Lord Norton of Louth** to ask His Majesty's Government what mechanisms they have introduced to monitor compliance by each government department with section 3(6) of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010. HL3752

**Lord Oates** to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Israel regarding the whereabouts and safety Dr Hussam Abu Safiya, the director of Kamal Adwan Hospital. HL3753

**Lord Oates** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the findings of the Nuffield Health and Manchester Metropolitan University report *Unlocking the 'miracle cure'*, published in December 2024, and whether those findings will inform their plans to integrate physical activity into NHS treatment pathways for preventing and managing long-term health conditions. HL3754

**Lord Oates** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they plan to take, following the Nuffield Health and Manchester Metropolitan University report *Unlocking the 'miracle cure'*, published in December 2024, to support healthcare professionals in prescribing physical activity as part of routine NHS care. HL3755

**Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay** to ask His Majesty's Government when they plan to commence sections (1) 102, and (2) 230, of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023. HL3756

**Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Twycross on 17 December 2024 (HL3234), what assessment they have made of media reports stating that the issue of the Elgin Marbles was raised at the meeting on 3 December 2024. HL3757

**Lord Patten** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effects of flooding in the North West of England in December 2024 and January 2025 on new urban commercial and housing construction. HL3758

**Lord Patten** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of support for profoundly deaf students in higher education in England. HL3759

**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government when they will publish a timeframe for implementing *The Hughes Report: Options for redress for those harmed by valproate and pelvic mesh*, published on 7 February 2024. HL3760



**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government when they plan to introduce and implement a redress scheme for sufferers of sodium valproate, as recommended in the *The Hughes Report: Options for redress for those harmed by valproate and pelvic mesh*, published on 7 February 2024.

HL3761

**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of England's international ranking in terms of access to new and effective treatments for NHS patients.

HL3762

**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the role of social media platforms in inciting the riots in Southport between 30 July and 5 August 2024.

HL3763

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government how many convictions there were for those caught driving whilst under the influence of drugs in (1) 2019, (2) 2020, (3) 2021, (4) 2022, (5) 2023, and (6) 2024.

HL3764

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government how many people were killed in collisions where the driver was under the influence of drugs in (1) 2019, (2) 2020, (3) 2021, (4) 2022, (5) 2023, and (6) 2024.

HL3765

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government how many people were treated by the NHS for gambling disorders in (1) 2019, (2) 2020, (3) 2021, (4) 2022, (5) 2023, and (6) 2024.

HL3766

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government how much it cost the NHS to treat patients with gambling disorders in (1) 2019, (2) 2020, (3) 2021, (4) 2022, (5) 2023, and (6) 2024.

HL3767

**The Lord Bishop of Sheffield** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of potentially expanding the new Youth Guarantee to include 16 to 17-year-olds and 21 to 24-year-olds.

HL3768

**The Lord Bishop of Sheffield** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to alleviate fuel poverty this winter, including (1) support for local government, and (2) community-led initiatives.

HL3769

**Lord Strathclyde** to ask His Majesty's Government which current members of the House of Lords will be affected by the House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill as currently drafted.

HL3770

**Lord Swire** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the speaking tour by Sheikh Mishary Alafasy on community cohesion.

HL3771

**Lord Swire** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had, if any, with the al Mustafa Welfare Trust about Sheikh Mishary Alafasy's speaking tour.

HL3772

**Lord Swire** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had, if any, with the Charity Commission about Sheikh Mishary Alafasy's speaking tour.

HL3773

**Lord Swire** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the research note by the Policy Exchange *The Muslim Council of Britain's New Leadership*.

HL3774

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase the availability of broadband services in the UK, particularly with regard to (1) expanding the available connections, and (2) increasing broadband access in rural low-service areas.

HL3775

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to protect consumers from rising levels of banking scams, particularly in relation to those involving AI voice cloning.

HL3776

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to develop an AI policy for healthcare services to ensure the safe and responsible use of artificial intelligence when accessing patient records. HL3777

**Lord Wigley** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Wales about safeguarding the funding of children's hospices that provide services to children on both sides of the England–Wales border. HL3778

**Lord Wigley** to ask His Majesty's Government how much additional money has been provided to the government of Scotland to respond to recent instances of acute bad weather. HL3779

**Lord Wigley** to ask His Majesty's Government how many statutory public inquiries established under the Inquiries Act 2005 are currently still active; whether each inquiry has a target date for its completion; and whether there are financial resources ear-marked to cover the ongoing costs. HL3780

**Lord Wigley** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to issue guidelines to water companies operating in England regarding the salaries paid to their senior management. HL3781

**Lord Wigley** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the economies of both Wales and the UK, of the recent closure of shipping facilities at the port of Holyhead; and what discussions have they had with the company that manages the port and the government of Wales about minimising the impact of the closure. HL3782

**Lord Wigley** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had, if any, since July 2024 with the Royal Household about the inclusion of a symbolic representation of Wales on the royal standard. HL3783

## 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.*

**4 November 2024** (18 November 2024)

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

**6 November 2024** (20 November 2024)

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

**3 December 2024** (17 December 2024)

HL3164 Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3165 Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3166 Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

**11 December 2024** (27 December 2024)

HL3398 Lord Jackson of Peterborough [Home Office]

**12 December 2024** (30 December 2024)

HL3424 Lord Banner [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3426 Lord Cashman [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3443 Lord Hain [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3444 Lord Hain [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3445 Lord Hain [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3453 Baroness Morgan of Huyton [Department of Health and Social Care]

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HL3469 Lord Willis of Knaresborough [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3470 Lord Willis of Knaresborough [Department of Health and Social Care]

**17 December 2024** (3 January)

HL3523 Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3525 Lord Black of Brentwood [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government]

HL3527 Lord Black of Brentwood [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3535 Lord Elliott of Ballinamallard [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3536 Baroness Finn [Cabinet Office]

HL3537 Baroness Finn [Cabinet Office]

HL3561 Lord Swire [Home Office]

HL3562 Lord Swire [Home Office]

HL3567 Lord Truscott [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government]

**18 December 2024** (6 January)

HL3579 Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle [Home Office]

HL3610 Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government]

HL3630 Viscount Waverley [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3631 Viscount Waverley [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3632 Viscount Waverley [Home Office]

HL3633 Viscount Waverley [Home Office]

HL3634 Viscount Waverley [Home Office]

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

Business and Trade (3)

Cabinet Office (2)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (4)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (5)

Health and Social Care (6)

Home Office (7)

Housing, Communities and Local Government (3)

**Bills in Progress**

	<b>Type of Bill</b>	<b>To be considered</b>
<b>Waiting for Second Reading</b>		
Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Regulated and Other Activities (Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
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	
Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill ( <i>Money Bill—19 December</i> )	Government	
<b>Waiting for Commitment</b>		
National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill	Government	
<b>Committed to a Special Public Bill Committee</b>		
Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [HL] ( <i>Law Commission Bill</i> )	Government	
<b>Committed to a Select Committee</b>		
Holocaust Memorial Bill	Government	15 January
<b>Committed to a Committee of the Whole House</b>		
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	

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Complications from Abortions (Annual Report) Bill [HL]	Private Member's
Asylum Support (Prescribed Period) Bill [HL]	Private Member's
Non-Consensual Sexually Explicit Images and Videos (Offences) Bill [HL]	Private Member's
Public Authority Algorithmic and Automated Decision-Making Systems Bill [HL]	Private Member's

### **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
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### **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

Draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) 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

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 Smith of Gilmorehill (28 February)

Lord Maxton (5 May)

## 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
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
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**

Built Environment Committee		10.30am
European Affairs Committee		4.00pm

#### **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 Monday 6 January 2025

*The House met at 2.30pm.*

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

1 **Leave of Absence** The leave of absence granted to the following members was ended:

Lord Bates

Lord O'Shaughnessy

2 **Oaths** The following Lords took and subscribed the oath and signed an undertaking to abide by the code of Conduct:

Peter James Lord Weir of Ballyholme

Michael Walton Lord Bates

James Richard Lord O'Shaughnessy

3 **Baroness Randerson** The Lord Speaker (Lord McFall of Alcluith) informed the House that Baroness Randerson, a member of the House, had died on 4 January.

4 **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 Cumberlege with effect from 20 December.

Lord Haselhurst with effect from 20 December.

### Public Business

5 **Multilateral free trade** A question was asked by Lord Lamont of Lerwick and answered by Lord Leong.

6 **National Policy Planning Framework: housing** A question was asked by Baroness Greender and answered by Baroness Taylor of Stevenage.

7 **Defending Democracy Taskforce** A question was asked by Lord Goodman of Wycombe and answered by Lord Hanson of Flint.

8 **Cost of living: rail fares** A question was asked by Baroness McIntosh of Pickering and answered by Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill.

9 **Gaza: humanitarian situation** A private notice question was asked by Baroness Helic and answered by Baroness Chapman of Darlington.

10 **Hospice funding** Baroness Merron answered questions on an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Thursday 19 December.

11 **National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill** Lord Livermore moved that the bill be now read a second time. Then Baroness Kramer moved, as an amendment to the motion, 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". After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (see division). Then the original motion was agreed to.

*The House adjourned at 9.11pm until Tuesday 7 January 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.*

### Paper Withdrawn

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

- 1 Monitoring places of detention: Fifteenth Annual Report of the United Kingdom’s National Preventive Mechanism for 2023–24, withdrawn on 23 December 2024 (*18 December 2024*)

### 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 Fisheries—Secretary of State determination of fishing opportunities for British fishing boats (20 December 2024). (1206)
- 2 Explanatory Memorandum (Revised)—Replacement Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, originally laid on 12 December 2024 (20 December 2024). (—)
- 3 Justice—Monitoring places of detention: Fifteenth Annual Report of the United Kingdom’s National Preventive Mechanism for 2023–24 (23 December 2024). (1209)
- 4 Explanatory Memorandum (Revised)—Replacement Explanatory Memorandum to the Medicines (Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues) (Restrictions on Private Sales and Supplies) Order 2024, originally laid on 11 December 2024 (23 December 2024). (—)

### Affirmative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House for approval by resolution:

- 1 Draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

### Negative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the House:

- 1 Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025 (3)

**Division****National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill**

Baroness Kramer moved, as an amendment to the motion that the bill be 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”. The House divided:

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