

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.

***Baroness Goldie** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made in the technological advancement and modernisation of the United Kingdom's air defence capabilities.

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).

Future Business**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.

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***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.

Great British Energy Bill Committee (day 3) [Lord Hunt of Kings Heath] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

The following two motions are expected to be debated together:

Registrar (Identity Verification and Authorised Corporate Service Providers) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Leong]

Unique Identifiers (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Leong]

Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Gustafsson]

Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Hayman of Ullock]

Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing and Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Taylor of Stevenage]

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 10 January.

Mental Health Bill [HL] Committee [Baroness Merron] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought*

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 9 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 13 January

†**Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill (Money Bill)** Second Reading (*and remaining stages*) [Lord Livermore]

Football Governance Bill [HL] Committee (day 7) [Baroness Twycross] *8th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee*

Thursday 16 January 2025 at 11.00am

Margaret Curren will be introduced as a Baroness, and

Claude Moraes OBE will be introduced as a Baron.

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 10 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 14 January.

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.

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support the healthcare system in Gaza. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

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.

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

The Senior Deputy Speaker (Lord Gardiner of Kimble) to move that the Grand Committee takes note of the report from the Corporate Officer of the House of Commons and the Corporate Officer of the House of Lords, *Restoration and Renewal: Annual Progress Report 2024* (HC Paper 228).

Friday 17 January 2025 at 10.00am

†**Regulated and Other Activities (Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse) Bill [HL]** Second Reading [Baroness Grey-Thompson] *11th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee*

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

Consumer Products (Control of Biocides) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle]

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

Universal Credit (Standard Allowance Entitlement of Care Leavers) Bill [HL] Second Reading [the Lord Bishop of Manchester]

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

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [HL] Committee [Baroness Hamwee]

Monday 20 January 2025 at 2.30pm

Theresa Griffin will be introduced as a Baroness, and

Philip Wilson will be introduced as a Baron.

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.

It is expected that the Committee stage of the Mental Health Bill [HL] will continue.

Lord Davies of Gower to ask His Majesty's Government when they intend to cease using hotels to house asylum seekers. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Electricity Capacity Mechanism (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Hunt of Kings Heath]

Clean Heat Market Mechanism Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Hunt of Kings Heath] *10th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Hayman of Ullock] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 11th Report*

Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements etc.) Regulations 2025 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill] *12th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent]

Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 2.30pm

The Rt Hon. Dame Thérèse Coffey DBE will be introduced as a Baroness, and

David Evans will be introduced as a Baron.

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.

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

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

Sir Brendan Barber, and

Russell Rook OBE will be introduced as Barons.

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

Lyn Brown will be introduced as a Baroness, and

The Rt Hon. Carwyn Jones will be introduced as a Baron.

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

The Hon. Toby Young, and

Nigel Biggar CBE will be introduced as Barons.

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, and

Alison Levitt KC will be introduced as a Baroness.

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

Gerard Lemos CMG CBE will be introduced as a Baron, and

Catherine Carberry CBE will be introduced as a Baroness.

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.

Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 2.30pm

Kumar Raval OBE, and

Kevin Brennan will be introduced as Barons.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Altmann** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure the taxpayer spending on pension fund reliefs has a beneficial long-term impact on the United Kingdom's economy and financial markets.

***Lord Davidson of Glen Clova** to ask His Majesty's Government what were the outcomes of the UK–China Economic and Financial Strategy Dialogue held in Beijing in January.

***Lord Storey** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to deal with mental health problems in primary schools.

Wednesday 5 February 2025 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Baroness Goldie** to ask His Majesty's Government what engagement they have had with armed forces personnel whose children are currently educated at fee-paying schools to ascertain the impact on such families of imposing value added tax on school fees.

†***Lord Wallace of Saltaire** to ask His Majesty's Government what changes they are considering for citizenship education in schools to accompany proposals to reduce the voting age to 16.

†***Lord Foulkes of Cumnock** to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to receive a report from the Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner.

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.

Lord Sikka to move that this House takes note of the tax implications of corporations shifting profits to low and no-tax jurisdictions.

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.

†**Baroness Hoey** to move that this House regrets that the draft Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2024, laid before the House on 19 November 2024, further distance Northern Ireland from the United Kingdom and embed it further under European Union control. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 10th Report*

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 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*)

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*)

Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reform the law on political donations. (*Cabinet Office*)

Lord Wigley to ask His Majesty's Government what measures they plan to take to raise the employee activity rate in the United Kingdom. (*Department for Work and Pensions*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 8 January and due for answer by 22 January.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty’s Government what representations they intend to make to the government of the United States regarding its decision to declare that the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and allied militias have committed genocide in Sudan; and to sanction RSF leader Mohammad Hamdan Daglo for his role in systematic atrocities committed against the Sudanese people. HL3863

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty’s Government what action they are taking (1) to end the delays at the Royal Liverpool Hospital’s Accident and Emergency Unit which are reportedly up to 50 hours, and (2) to address the decision of the Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to declare a “critical incident” due to “exceptionally high demand”. HL3864

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty’s Government what are the current geographic locations, where known, for the residences of all living recipients of Companions of Honour. HL3865

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty’s Government how many honours, by each award level, were received in each region or nation of the UK in the New Year’s Honours List 2025; and what percentage of the population of each such region or nation that number represents. HL3866

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty’s Government how many honours above OBE level were awarded to people who were (1) living in, or (2) working or providing service to, the South Yorkshire area at the time of their nomination for an honour in the New Year’s Honours List 2025. HL3867

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty’s Government how many honours above OBE level were awarded to people who were (1) living in, or (2) working or providing service to, the Sheffield City Region at the time of their nomination for an honour in the New Year’s Honours List 2025. HL3868

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty’s Government, in the combined Mayoral authority of South Yorkshire, how many residents have received an award above the level of MBE in the New Year’s Honours List 2025. HL3869

Lord Blunkett to ask His Majesty’s Government how many of the recipients of honours in the New Year’s Honours List 2025 have already received recognition in previous honours lists. HL3870

Lord Bradley to ask His Majesty’s Government what was the (1) mean, and (2) median, tariff length for prisoners receiving a life sentence aged (a) under 18, (b) 18 to 20, (c) 21 to 24, (d) 25 to 29, (e) 30 to 34 (f) 35 to 39, (g) 40 to 49, (h) 50 to 59, (i) 60 to 69, and (j) 70 and over, at the time of sentencing, in each year from 2002. HL3871

Lord Bradley to ask His Majesty’s Government on how many occasions pelargonic acid vanillylamide (PAVA) incapacitant spray has been (1) drawn, or (2) drawn and deployed, in prisons in 2022 and 2023; and what was the (a) ethnicity, (b) religion, and (c) disability status, of the prisoner involved. HL3872

Baroness Eaton to ask His Majesty’s Government, with regard to the English Devolution White Paper published on 16 December 2024 (CP 1218), whether the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government has assessed the merits of writing off council debt for those local authorities who decide to pursue a unitary model under the local government re-organisation proposals. HL3873

Baroness Eaton to ask His Majesty’s Government what voting system will be used to elect mayors to strategic authorities under their proposals in the English Devolution White Paper published on 16 December 2024 (CP 1218). HL3874

Baroness Eaton to ask His Majesty's Government with reference to the provisional local government finance settlement 2025–26 published on 18 December 2024, whether the £515 million allocated to compensate local authorities for the increase in employer National Insurance contributions is to cover the costs for the 2025–26 financial year, and whether this funding will be renewed on an annual basis.

HL3875

Baroness Eaton to ask His Majesty's Government, following the publication of the English Devolution White Paper on 16 December 2024 (CP 1218), whether Bedford Borough Council, the London Borough of Croydon, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, the London Borough of Hackney, Leicester City Council, the London Borough of Lewisham, Mansfield District Council, Middlesbrough Borough Council, the London Borough of Newham, North Tyneside Council, Salford City Council, the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, and Watford Borough Council will be permitted to retain their directly elected mayoral model.

HL3876

Baroness Finn to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Livermore on 21 October 2024 (HL1279), whether the gift of clothes to a Minister from a political donor would necessitate a tax charge.

HL3877

Baroness Finn to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to make it their policy to publish agendas and minutes from their mission boards; and whether the mission boards are able to make agreements on government policy.

HL3878

Baroness Finn to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet Office on 2 December 2024 (HC16599), whether (1) the Cabinet Office, or (2) the Government Car Service, has produced guidance for departmental private offices on the allocation of car provision to senior officials; and what criteria determine whether a senior official should be granted the use of a government car.

HL3879

Baroness Finn to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Government Digital Service or an external IT company have been commissioned to build a new platform for transparency data, as set out in the July 2023 policy paper on "Strengthening Ethics and Integrity in Central Government".

HL3880

Baroness Finn to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet Office on 27 November 2024 (HC14966), whether the Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals advises the Prime Minister or the Sovereign directly; and whether the Prime Minister can veto decisions by the Committee.

HL3881

Lord Hain to ask His Majesty's Government how many national public inquiries there have been since 2004; and what was the average (1) cost, (2) length, and (3) fee paid to the lawyers involved.

HL3882

Lord Hampton to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to continue the holiday activities and food programme into the 2025–26 financial year; and what plans they have for this funding.

HL3883

Baroness Hollins to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure access to evidence-based psychological therapies for women in prison, including through digital delivery.

HL3884

Baroness Hollins to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support research into evidence-based interventions for women prisoners who self-harm; and why the Women Offenders Repeat Self-Harm Intervention Pilot III has not re-started.

HL3885

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to assist in identifying, seizing, and returning assets located in the United Kingdom illicitly acquired by Bangladeshi officials.

HL3886

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government whether the National Crime Agency's International Corruption Unit is assisting the government of Bangladesh to identify assets allegedly stolen from its banks and institutions by officials. HL3887

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what assistance they are giving to the new administration in Bangladesh to support reforms and build capacity in (1) their anti-corruption unit, (2) financial intelligence unit, (3) criminal investigation department, (4) national board of revenue and (5) the Attorney General of Bangladesh's Office. HL3888

Baroness Lister of Burtersett to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will announce funding for a multi-year extension to the holiday activities and food programme to allow for more strategic planning by local authorities. HL3889

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government whether the Joint Election Security and Preparedness Unit still exists; and if so, when it last held a meeting. HL3890

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government who attends meetings of the Joint Election Security and Preparedness Unit. HL3891

Lord Mott to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to consider introducing a Canadian-style 'critical election incident public protocol' for the United Kingdom. HL3892

Lord Norton of Louth to ask His Majesty's Government what percentage of state secondary schools currently have teachers who have qualified as citizenship education teachers, and what plans they have to increase the number of schools with such teachers. HL3893

Baroness Parminter to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of the Calorie Labelling (Out of Home Sector) (England) Regulations 2021 in changing eating habits and tackling obesity, and what scientific evidence they have considered in making this assessment, including any scientific studies which suggest that mandatory calorie labelling policies are ineffective. HL3894

Baroness Parminter to ask His Majesty's Government when they next plan to review the Calorie Labelling (Out of Home Sector) (England) Regulations 2021 as required by regulation 13, and whether in doing so they will consider (1) relevant scientific studies, and (2) the impact that calorie labelling has on those with eating disorders. HL3895

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to initiate an inquiry into grooming gangs. HL3896

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government, following reports of cases of avian flu in pheasants, what assessment they have made of the risks that 'catching up' pheasants this shooting season may pose to people, captive birds, and wild birds; and what plans they have, if any, to publish guidance and a risk assessment on this activity. HL3897

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government how much they have spent on compensation, disinfection of premises and other costs associated with avian flu outbreaks at poultry and game farms, in each of the last five years. HL3898

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of existing measures in place to both respond to, and reduce the risk of, outbreaks of avian flu at poultry and game farms. HL3899

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken in the UK, or working with international partners, to address animal management practices known to be higher risk for the emergence or transmission of avian flu. HL3900

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government why a regional avian influenza prevention zone for the East Riding of Yorkshire, the City of Kingston upon Hull, and Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Suffolk was not put in place before 23 December 2024. HL3901

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty's Government whether the special protection areas on General Licence 45 were reassessed following the highly pathogenic avian influenza risk-level in wild birds being increased to medium (on 7 October 2024), high (on 30 October 2024) and very high (on 18 December 2024), and under what scenario the licence would be modified or revoked. HL3902

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that people from under-represented communities are able to engage in the development of the NHS 10 Year Health Plan. HL3903

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking, together with the NHS, to improve information sharing between healthcare services to support higher quality and patient-centred cancer care. HL3904

Lord Rogan to ask His Majesty's Government how many electric vehicle public charging devices have been installed in each of the past five years; and how many they expect to be installed in each of the next five years in order to meet their target of 300,000 charge points by 2030. HL3905

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report by the Canal & River Trust *Our Climate and Adaptation Report*, published in December 2024; in particular, the roles that canals could play in (1) biodiversity, (2) decarbonisation, and (3) climate adaptation. HL3906

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will take steps to inspect and take into custody uninsured tankers sailing through UK waters. HL3907

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking as penholder of the UN Security Council on Myanmar to call for the referral of the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court Prosecutor. HL3908

Lord Scriven to ask His Majesty's Government whether the 2024–25 formal negotiations for the community pharmacy contractual framework have been recommenced since the last general election; and, if not, why is this the case and when might they recommence. HL3909

Lord Scriven to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made on whether the Teesworks regeneration project has met value for money criteria based on the answers and assurances made by the Tees Valley Mayor in progress reports. HL3910

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to prevent the spread of misinformation online following social media companies removing fact-checking services from their platforms. HL3911

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support the growth of the UK's AI sector, particularly regarding (1) investment into the sector, and (2) retention of skilled workers. HL3912

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to regulate the use of AI in the defence sector following the deployment of The Nordic Warden System by the Joint Expeditionary Force. HL3913

Lord Trees to ask His Majesty's Government when they intend to lay the secondary legislation required to implement the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023, following their announcement to do so in September 2024. HL3914

Lord Truscott to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Taylor of Stevenage on 8 January (HL3567), whether they have any target for providing social homes over the lifetime of the current Parliament. HL3915

Lord West of Spithead to ask His Majesty's Government what is the present status of HM Ships Albion and Bulwark; and whether there are plans for the ships to be sold for scrap or used by another navy. HL3916

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)

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]

HL3443 Lord Hain [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3444 Lord Hain [Department for Business and Trade]

HL3445 Lord Hain [Department for Business and Trade]

17 December 2024 (3 January)

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]

18 December 2024 (6 January)

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

HL3631 Viscount Waverley [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

19 December 2024 (7 January)

HL3660 Lord Gilbert of Panteg [Cabinet Office]

HL3662 Lord Gilbert of Panteg [Cabinet Office]

HL3664 Lord Gilbert of Panteg [Cabinet Office]

HL3677 Lord Kamall [Department of Health and Social Care]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

Business and Trade (3)

Cabinet Office (5)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (4)

Health and Social Care (2)

Home Office (3)

Housing, Communities and Local Government (2)

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	17 January
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	17 January
Consumer Products (Control of Biocides) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	17 January
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	
Road Traffic Offences (Cycling) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill (<i>Money Bill—19 December</i>)	Government	15 January
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	15 January
Committed to a Grand Committee		
National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill	Government	
Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [HL]	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	17 January
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	15 January
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	13 January
Mental Health Bill [HL] (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	14 January
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	
Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill	Government	
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	21 January
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

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 (*13 January*)

Draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (*13 January*)

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

Draft Unique Identifiers (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 (*13 January*)

Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (*20 January*)

Draft Electricity Capacity Mechanism (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (*20 January*)

Draft Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing and Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (*13 January*)

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 (20 January)*

Draft Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 (*13 January*)

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 (20 January)*

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 (20 January)*

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*

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 ended 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

Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement *Scrutiny period expires: 12 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*

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 *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 7 January. 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 *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 7 January. 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 *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 7 January. Scrutiny period expires: 5 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 *Noted by the International Agreements Committee on 7 January. Scrutiny period expires: 5 February*

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.

Thursday 9 January

Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [HL] Special Public Bill Committee	Room 3	2.30pm
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Tuesday 14 January

Science and Technology Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Built Environment Committee	Room 1	10.30am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 2	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 3	2.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 2	4.00pm

Wednesday 15 January

International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 2A	10.00am
Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 3A	10.00am
House of Lords Commission	Room 4A	10.30am
Holocaust Memorial Bill Select Committee	Room 1	11.30am
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

Wednesday 22 January

Conduct Committee	2-03 Millbank House	4.00pm
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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 Wednesday 8 January 2025

The House met at 3.00pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

Select Committee Report

1 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

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

Regulated and Other Activities (Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse) Bill [HL]

Crown Estate (Wales) Bill [HL]

National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill

Financial Contributions to Ukraine Bill. (11th Report, HL Paper 64)

Public Business

2 NHS: single-sex provision for staff and patients A question was asked by Baroness Fox of Buckley and answered by Baroness Merron.

3 Old Oak Common: train disruption A question was asked by Lord Berkeley and answered by Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill.

4 Cultural sector: freedom of speech A question was asked by Lord Strathcarron and answered by Baroness Twycross.

5 Child Sexual Abuse Inquiry: recommendations A question was asked by Lord Mann and answered by Lord Hanson of Flint.

6 Business of the House The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Smith of Basildon) moved that 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 Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill to be taken through its remaining stages that day. The motion was agreed to.

7 Conduct Baroness Manningham-Buller moved that the Report from the Select Committee *The conduct of Baroness Meyer* (2nd Report, HL Paper 58) be agreed to. Then Lord Hamilton of Epsom moved, as an amendment to the motion, at end insert 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*.” The amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to. Then Baroness Manningham-Buller moved 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. The motion was agreed to.

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

9 **National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill** Lord Livermore moved that the bill be committed to a Grand Committee. Then Baroness Williams of Trafford moved, as an amendment to the motion, to leave out “Grand Committee” and to insert “Committee of the Whole House”. After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (see division). Then the original motion was agreed to.

10 **Northern Gaza** Lord Collins of Highbury answered questions on the answer given to an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Tuesday 7 January.

11 **Pro-democracy campaigners: arrests** Lord Collins of Highbury answered questions on the answer given to an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Tuesday 7 January.

12 **Child sexual exploitation and abuse** Lord Hanson of Flint answered questions on a statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 6 January.

13 **Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [HL]** Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill moved that the bill be now read a second time. After debate, the motion was agreed to. Then Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill moved 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.

The motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 8.42pm until Thursday 9 January at 11.00am.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Papers

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

Command Papers

The following papers were presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

- 1 Business—Exchange of Letters between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Chile on the Termination of the Agreement between the two countries for the Promotion and Protection of Investments with Protocol, done at Santiago, 8 January 1996. (1237)
- 2 Trade—Decision No. 1/2024 of the Joint Switzerland-United Kingdom Committee on Agriculture of 17 December 2024 on modification of Annex 9 to the Incorporated Agriculture Agreement. (1238)
- 3 Taxation—Convention between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ecuador for the Elimination of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance. (1239)

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Rent Officers (Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Functions) (Modification) Order 2025 (5)
- 2 Council Tax (Demand Notices and Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (8)
- 3 Official Controls (Plant Health) and Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (13)
- 4 Statute, made by Newnham College, Cambridge on 19 June 2024, revising the existing Statutes of the College (—)

Treaty subject to scrutiny under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The following paper was laid before the House by command of His Majesty, together with an Explanatory Memorandum:

- 1 Foreign Affairs—Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (1225)

Paper not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following paper was laid before the House:

- 1 Report of Healthwatch England 2023–24

Division

National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill

Baroness Williams of Trafford moved, as an amendment to the motion that the bill be committed to a Grand Committee, to leave out “Grand Committee” and to insert “Committee of the Whole House”. The House divided:

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