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TODAY'S LISTS  
THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2025

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**Business in the Chamber at 11am**

*Prayers by the Bishop of Winchester (5 minutes)*

*Oral Questions (40 minutes)*

- \* Viscount Younger of Leckie on behalf of 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. **(Lord Cryer, DWP)**
- \* 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. **(Baroness Taylor of Stevenage, MHCLG)**
- \* Lord Roborough to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that water bills are affordable for consumers. **(Baroness Hayman of Ullock, DEFRA)**
- \* 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. **(Lord Coaker, MoD)**

*A Repeat of an Urgent Question taking place in the House of Commons today (10 minutes)*

'To ask His Majesty's Government if they will make a statement on the growing pressure of borrowing costs on the public finances.' **Lord Livermore (HMT)**

*Main Business*

**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).**

*Advisory backbench speaking time: 6 minutes*

*Speakers:*

B Brown of Cambridge

B Neville-Jones

L Drayson

L Lilley

- 5 V Stansgate  
B Bennett of Manor Castle  
L Rees of Ludlow  
L Borwick  
B Young of Old Scone
- 10 B Neuberger  
L Wei  
L Whitty  
L Krebs  
L Moynihan of Chelsea
- 15 B Lane-Fox of Soho  
V Hanworth  
E Erroll
- B Northover  
B Bloomfield of Hinton Waldrist
- 20 B Gustafsson (Maiden)  
B Brown of Cambridge

*Topical Question for Short Debate*

**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.**  
*(Time-limited to 1 hour)*

*Speakers:*

- L Farmer  
L Watson of Invergowrie  
B Wheatcroft  
L Maude of Horsham
- 5 L Frost  
L Davies of Brixton
- L Wallace of Saltaire  
B Finn  
B Twycross

*Except for Lord Famer (10 minutes) and Baroness Twycross (12 minutes), all speeches are limited to 5 minutes.*

**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)**

*Advisory backbench speaking time: 6 minutes*

*Speakers:*

- L Ashton of Hyde
- L Browne of Ladyton
- L Teverson
- L Stirrup
- 5 L de Mauley
- B Coussins
- B Helic
- L Hannay of Chiswick
- L Willetts
- 10 L Houghton of Richmond
- L Anderson of Swansea
- B Fraser of Cragmaddie
- L Kerr of Kinlochard
- L Soames
- 15 L Stevens of Birmingham
- V Trenchard
- L Mountevans
  
- B Smith of Newnham
- L Callanan
- 20 L Collins of Highbury
- L Ashton of Hyde

*Estimated rising time*

The House is expected to rise by 7pm.

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Notes:

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