

**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.

**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]

**Future Business****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.

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\***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 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 Curran** 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.

### **Thursday 6 February 2025 at 11.00am**

†**Simon Pitkeathley** will be introduced as a Baron, and

†**Mary Bousted** will be introduced as a Baroness.

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

†\***Baroness Barran** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve recruitment of teachers.

†\***Baroness Suttie** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports of Russian interference in Moldovan politics.

†\***Baroness Hodgson of Abinger** to ask His Majesty's Government what assistance they are providing to Syria to support a peaceful transition to inclusive and representative government.

## 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.

†**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to move that this House takes note of the 75th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights.

†**Lord Grayling** to move that this House takes note of the Cali summit on Conservation and Biodiversity and its outcomes.

†**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to move that this House takes note of the case for a new youth mobility scheme with European countries.

†**Lord Harries of Pentregarth** to move that this House takes note of the latest report of the Global Mind Project *Work Culture and Mental Wellbeing*, published on 10 October 2024.

## 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 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*)

†**Lord Jackson of Peterborough** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to improve rehabilitation activities across the prison estate. (*Home Office*)

†**Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to deal with the glorification of terrorism and terrorists in the UK. (*Home Office*)

†**Lord Grayling** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their strategy for biodiversity and conservation. (*Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*)

## Questions for Written Answer

*Tabled on 9 January and due for answer by 23 January.*

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the implications of Hong Kong's Protection of Critical Infrastructure (Computer Systems) Bill, including concerns that Hong Kong businesses operating in the UK could be subject to data requests from Hong Kong authorities; and what steps they are taking to address potential risks to UK businesses and data sovereignty arising from this legislation. HL3917

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government how many fully qualified GPs have been recruited since the general election (1) under the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme, and (2) through any other route; and whether they have set a target for the number of full-time equivalent GPs per 1,000 population in England. HL3918

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to co-ordinate the response to the threat of H5N1 and H5N5 transmission to companion animals, cattle, domestic poultry, wild birds and humans. HL3919

**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle** to ask His Majesty's Government how much extra (1) plastic, (2) paper, and (3) other materials, they expect to be generated following the decision not to introduce a mandatory take-back scheme for single-use cups under the extended producer responsibility framework; and, as a result of that decision, how much extra plastic and other waste they expect to end up as environmental pollutants. HL3920

**Lord Bird** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment the Child Poverty Taskforce has made of the benefits of statutory child poverty reduction targets. HL3921

**Lord Black of Brentwood** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact that the decision by Meta to end fact-checking across its online platforms will have on the implementation of the Online Safety Act 2023. HL3922

**Baroness Blower** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to adjust the eligibility criteria of the holiday activities and food (HAF) programme to better target support and reduce stigma for those attending HAF schemes. HL3923

**Lord Dodds of Duncairn** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they will list the infringement proceedings currently being pursued by the EU against the United Kingdom under the EU–UK withdrawal agreement. HL3924

**Lord Dodds of Duncairn** to ask His Majesty's Government which projects to boost the UK's cyber resilience will be supported from the allocation of £1.9 million announced by the Government on 8 January. HL3925

**Lord Dodds of Duncairn** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Hayman of Ullock on 19 December 2024 (HL3133), how they anticipate that Northern Ireland officials in the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs will determine whether a pet owner resident in Great Britain is compliant with the Northern Ireland pet travel scheme upon their arrival in Northern Ireland. HL3926

**Lord Foulkes of Cumnock** to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to providing additional resources or support from UK criminal law enforcement agencies to assist Police Scotland with the ongoing investigation into neurosurgeon Muftah Salem Eljamel, given the concerns regarding the duration of the investigation. HL3927

**Lord Jackson of Peterborough** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to restrict visas for individuals implicated in alleged illegal activity who are associated with the former Bangladeshi regime of Sheikh Hasina. HL3928

**Lord Kamall** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with Ofwat and water companies about encouraging or incentivising domestic and business customers to install rainwater harvesting systems. HL3929

**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering** to ask His Majesty's Government what is the current level of bad debt in the water sector and what plans they have to reduce that debt. HL3930

**Lord Mawson** to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker what was the cost of the construction of the new door at Peers Entrance. HL3931

**Lord Mawson** to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker what are the staffing costs of manning the new door at Peers Entrance each year. HL3932

**Lord Mawson** to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker whether the new door at Peers Entrance is fully accessible for those in wheelchairs and with disabilities. HL3933

**Lord Mawson** to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker whether the glass in the new door at Peers Entrance is bullet proof. HL3934

**Lord Mawson** to ask the Senior Deputy Speaker what use is made of Peers Entrance in plans for any urgent evacuation of the parliamentary estate, and whether it is intended to be used as an evacuation point for those with disabilities. HL3935

**Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the rise in the yields on 30-year gilts to 5.38 per cent, their highest point since 1998, and of the effect of this on sterling. HL3936

**Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the rise in the yields on 30-year gilts to 5.38 per cent on whether they will be able to meet their fiscal rules in future. HL3937

**Baroness Neville-Rolfe** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the rise in the yields on 30-year gilts to 5.38 per cent on future changes to taxation and public expenditure. HL3938

**Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Twycross on 17 December 2024 (HL3234), and further to reports in the Greek media and comments by the Greek government spokesman Pavlos Marinakis, whether they will now answer the question put. HL3939

**Lord Patten** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the need for Land Registry staff to work in their offices, and of the effects, if any, of staff working from home on the completion of housing transactions. HL3940

**Lord Patten** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made, if any, of the effects of long-term sickness among civil servants on the delivery of public services. HL3941

**Lord Randall of Uxbridge** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the report of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza in released pheasants in Worcestershire resulting in mass mortality, what estimate they have made of the number of pheasants and other birds killed; what assessment they have made of the impact of released pheasants on the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza; and what plans they have, if any, to increase disease surveillance of game birds. HL3942

**Baroness Redfern** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the announcement by Ofwat that water bills will increase over the next five years, what proportion of storm overflows resulting in harmful nutrients entering rivers they expect to be reduced over this period; and what financial consequences will be applied to water companies who do not meet overflow targets. HL3943

**Baroness Redfern** to ask His Majesty's Government how they intend to ensure that the increase in employer National Insurance contributions does not result in job losses among lower paid women with caregiving responsibilities. HL3944

**Lord Rogan** to ask His Majesty's Government why representatives of the UK media were refused permission to accompany the Chancellor of the Exchequer on her visit to China; and whether representatives of the government of China were consulted before this decision was made. HL3945 [I]

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to protect Atlantic salmon from extinction, following recent research from the International Union for Conservation of Nature that shows the species is at high risk. HL3946

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of research by Cambridge University and Fudan University showing a link between social isolation and the increased risk of heart disease, stroke and infections; and what steps they intend to take to address loneliness in the UK. HL3947

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Merron on 7 November 2024 (HL1998), what steps they intend to take to ensure the safety of the non-surgical cosmetics sector; and when they will set out their position on this subject. HL3948

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to meet the four UK-based pro-democracy campaigners who had bounties placed on them by the Hong Kong Police on 24 December 2024. HL3949

**Lord Swire** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the contribution of the Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS) evacuation work in Ukraine, and what support they provide to MOAS. HL3950

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the continued fall in the value of the pound; and whether they have any plans to prevent further decline. HL3951

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the likelihood that food prices will rise, and of the effect this will have on consumers, particularly those impacted by the increased cost of living. HL3952

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** to ask His Majesty's Government, following reports showing a decline in recruitment, what steps they are taking to encourage firms to continue hiring. HL3953

**Baroness Thornhill** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to issue guidance regarding single-sex provision in social care settings, including nursing homes and people's own homes, for adults with learning difficulties or cognitive impairment who are vulnerable and at increased risk of sexual abuse. HL3954

**Baroness Thornhill** to ask His Majesty's Government why the Collection of Client Level Adult Social Care Data (No 3) Directions 2023 state that adult care providers must collect data based on gender, which is defined as "the gender the individual considers themselves to be", and not based on sex, given that sex, not gender, is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act; and what assessment they have made of providers' ability to supply single-sex services if data on sex is not collected. HL3955

**Lord Watson of Invergowrie** to ask His Majesty's Government when the most recent review was undertaken of the use made by local authorities of their duty under section 10(1) of the Children Act 2004 (Co-operation to improve well-being), and of the response of relevant partners listed under section 10(4) (fa) to (fd); and what conclusions were reached. HL3956

**Lord Watson of Invergowrie** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to issue guidance under sections 10(8), 10(10) and 12B(4) of the Children Act 2004. HL3957

**Lord Watson of Invergowrie** to ask His Majesty's Government when regulations will next be made under sections 17 (Children and young people's plans) and 66 (Regulations and Orders) of the Children Act 2004. HL3958

**Lord Watson of Invergowrie** to ask His Majesty's Government whether the proposed power in clause 43 (Academies: power to secure performance of proprietor's duties etc) of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill includes the duty of proprietors of academies, under section 10(5) of the Children Act 2004, to co-operate with the local authority in making arrangements to improve the wellbeing of children. HL3959

**Lord Weir of Ballyholme** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with Transport for London on improving disability access across the London Underground. HL3960

**Lord Weir of Ballyholme** to ask His Majesty's Government what capital commitment they have made, or plan to make, to improve disability access at stations across the railway network. HL3961

**Lord Weir of Ballyholme** to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with UEFA regarding the Football Governance Bill. HL3962

**Lord Weir of Ballyholme** to ask His Majesty's Government how much funding they have provided for medical aid to Gaza and the West Bank since the start of the current conflict there. HL3963

**Lord Weir of Ballyholme** to ask His Majesty's Government how much medical aid and assistance they have provided to Gaza and the West Bank since the start of the current conflict there, beyond what they have provided through UNRWA. HL3964

**Lord Weir of Ballyholme** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have directly funded any British medical personnel to provide medical relief and assistance to Gaza and the West Bank, with a particular focus on medical support for children. HL3965

**Lord Wigley** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to give power to the Welsh Government to restructure the civil service in Wales to create an integrated public service. HL3966

**Lord Willis of Knaresborough** to ask His Majesty's Government how many student nursing associates completed their training for adult social care in each year from 2018 to 2023. HL3967

**Lord Willis of Knaresborough** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to increase financial support for nursing associates who wish to become registered nurses. HL3968

**Lord Willis of Knaresborough** to ask His Majesty's Government how they intend to increase the adult social care workforce. HL3969

## 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.*

**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]

*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 (1)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (4)

Health and Social Care (2)

Home Office (3)

Housing, Communities and Local Government (2)



**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	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
<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 Grand Committee</b>		
National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill	Government	
Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [HL]	Government	
<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	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	
<b>Waiting for Report</b>		
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
<b>Waiting for Third Reading</b>		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
<b>Sent to the Commons</b>		
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	
<b>Waiting for Royal Assent</b>		
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

Draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Draft Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Amendment) (Provision of Information) Order 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*

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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**

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 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)

## Select Committee Reports awaiting a Government response after two months

*The Government has undertaken to respond in writing to the reports of select committees, if possible, within two months of publication. Only in exceptional circumstances should a response be deferred for more than six months after the report's publication. If it appears likely that a response may be received later than two months after the date of publication, the department concerned should write to the Committee explaining the reasons and indicating the likely timetable.*

**Statutory Inquiries Committee** *Public inquiries: Enhancing public trust* (HL Paper 9), (response due 16 November 2024, no further date agreed for a response) [Cabinet Office]

**Public Services Committee** *Think Work First: the transition from education to work for young disabled people* (1st Report, HL Paper 12), (response due 15 December 2024, response expected 20 January) [Department for Education]

**Food, Diet and Obesity Committee** *Recipe for health: a plan to fix our broken food system* (HL Paper 19), (response due 24 December 2024, response expected 31 January) [Department of Health and Social Care]

## COMMITTEES

### Committees

*Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.*

#### **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
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 4	3.00pm
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 Thursday 9 January 2025

*The House met at 11.00am.*

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

### Public Business

- 1 **Benefits: eligibility** A question was asked by Viscount Younger of Leckie, on behalf of Baroness Stedman-Scott, and answered by Lord Cryer.
- 2 **National Insurance: employer contributions** A question was asked by Baroness Humphreys and answered by Baroness Taylor of Stevenage.
- 3 **Water bills** A question was asked by Lord Roborough and answered by Baroness Hayman of Ullock.
- 4 **Air defence capabilities** A question was asked by Baroness Goldie and answered by Lord Coaker.
- 5 **Public finances: borrowing costs** Lord Livermore repeated an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons.
- 6 **Long-duration energy storage (Science and Technology Committee report)** Baroness Brown of Cambridge moved 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). After debate, the motion was agreed to.
- 7 **Civil servants: compulsory office attendance** A question was asked by Lord Farmer and, after debate, answered by Baroness Twycross.
- 8 **UK strategy towards the Arctic (International Relations and Defence Committee report)** Lord Ashton of Hyde moved 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). After debate, the motion was agreed to.

*The House adjourned at 6.09pm until Monday 13 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.*

### Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House for approval by resolution:

- 1 Draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025
- 2 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2025
- 3 Draft Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Amendment) (Provision of Information) Order 2025

### Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variation) Order 2025 (11)
- 2 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Collective Investment Schemes) (Amendment) Order 2025 (17)
- 3 Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Marketing Standards and Organic Products) (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (18)
- 4 Customs (Safety and Security Procedures) Regulations 2025 (20)

### Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Interim Report of the Financial Conduct Authority Cost Benefit Analysis Panel, for the period May–September 2024
- 2 Report of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland on the Implementation of Article 2 of the Windsor Framework 2023–24
- 3 Report of the Prudential Regulation Authority Cost Benefit Analysis Panel 2024