

Thursday 16 January 2025 at 11.0am

†**Baroness Curran**, and

†**Lord Moraes** will be introduced.

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.

***Lord Young of Cookham** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in moving asylum seekers from accommodation in hotels.

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. *(3 hours)*

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. *(2 hours)*

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 228).

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Future Business

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.

†**Restoration and Renewal Programme Board** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Lord Mackinlay of Richborough be appointed a member of the Programme Board, in place of Lord Greenhalgh.

Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 Baroness Gustafsson to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 7 October 2024 be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 13 January*

†**Non-Consensual Sexually Explicit Images and Videos (Offences) Bill [HL]** Committee [Baroness Owen of Alderley Edge] *[1]*

Public Authority Algorithmic and Automated Decision-Making Systems Bill [HL] Committee [Lord Clement-Jones]

Mental Health Bill [HL] Committee (day 2) [Baroness Merron] *Welsh Legislative Consent sought, 10th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee*

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 Henty 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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 17 January.

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*

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

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

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 16 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 20 January.

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

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

†**Great British Energy Bill** Committee (day 5) [Lord Hunt of Kings Heath] *Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought, 4th Report from the Constitution Committee*

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 17 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 21 January.

Lord Farmer to move that this House takes note of the conditions required for economic growth.

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government, following reports that the United Kingdom faces shortages of broccoli and cauliflower this spring, what steps they are taking to support farmers and growers to adapt to climate change. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

Baroness Evans of Bowes Park to move that this House takes note of the achievements of free schools and academies.

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.

†**Lord Sikka** to move that this House takes note of the tax implications of corporations shifting profits to low and no-tax jurisdictions. (*Balloted debate*)

†*Topical Question for Short Debate. Ballot opens at 10am on Monday 20 January, to be drawn at 12 noon on Tuesday 21 January.*

†**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. (*Balloted debate*)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

†**Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** to ask His Majesty’s Government what are the main factors that have led to decades of low levels of rape cases being prosecuted, and continue to prevent such prosecutions, and what steps are they taking to resolve this. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

†**Lord Foster of Bath** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the impact on creators and the creative industries of the rights reservation model proposed in their consultation paper “Copyright and Artificial Intelligence” published on 17 December 2024. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

†**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. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

†**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 United Kingdom. *Balloted Question for Short Debate (1 hour)*

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

The Hon. 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.

†**Baroness Thornton** to move that this House takes note of the contribution of the creative industries to the Government's growth mission and to creating jobs and productivity growth.

†**Lord Knight of Weymouth** to move that this House takes note of the social, economic and personal value of lifelong learning.

Monday 10 February 2025 at 2.30pm

Julie Elliott will be introduced as a Baroness, and

Michael Katz MBE will be introduced as a Baron.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Viscount Chandos** to ask His Majesty's Government what they expect the National Lottery's contribution to good causes to be in the first twelve months under the new operator, compared to the last twelve months under the previous operator.

***Lord Callanan** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the government of Mauritius's attempts to reopen negotiations on the Chagos Islands.

***Lord Carey of Clifton** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the new government of Syria's commitment to freedom of expression, religion and belief.

***Lord Holmes of Richmond** to ask His Majesty's Government, following the publication of the AI Opportunities Action Plan on 13 January, what plans they have to introduce legislation in 2025 for regulating artificial intelligence in areas including intellectual property, automated decision-making, and data labelling.

Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 2.30pm

Joanne Cash, and

Susan Gray CBE will be introduced as Baronesses.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Pidgeon** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in establishing the Passenger Standards Authority.

***Lord Fuller** to ask His Majesty's Government, as part of the local government reorganisation set out in the English Devolution White Paper published in December 2024 (CP 1218), whether they plan to ensure that the principle of a broadly equivalent electoral quota per constituent will be applied to local government so that the value of every vote in each local authority area will be broadly similar throughout England.

***Lord Sahota** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made in paying compensation to victims of the Post Office Horizon scandal.

Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

†***Lord Leigh of Hurley** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effect on economic growth of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's comments before the Budget on the "public spending inheritance" and of the consequent rise in employer National Insurance contributions.

†***Lord Bach** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they intend to take to ensure that all new-build commercial and industrial premises in England are fitted with solar panels.

†***Lord Kamall** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have made to complete the rollout of electronic patient record systems to NHS trusts which have not yet implemented them.

Motions for Balloted Debate

The ballot to select two motions for debate closes at 5pm on Tuesday 11 February, to be drawn on Wednesday 12 February, for debate on Thursday 27 February. Combined time limit of 5 hours.

†**Baroness Helic** to move that this House takes note of the case for establishing a close season for brown and mountain hares.

†**Lord Beamish** to move that this House takes note of the progress of the Post Office Horizon compensation scheme and of the contribution of Fujitsu to the compensation of victims.

†**Lord Patel** to move that this House takes note of the means to improve cancer outcomes in England through (1) early diagnosis, (2) improvements in care, and (3) research.

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

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*

Lord Patel to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Preterm Birth Committee *Preterm birth: reducing risks and improving lives* (HL Paper 30). *14 November 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 15 January as the reserve list, which may be used as lunch, dinner break, or last business.

†**Lord Lee of Trafford** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to encourage first-time investors in the stock market.

†**Lord Grayling** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their strategy for biodiversity and conservation.

†**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.

†**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.

†**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.

†**Lord Fuller** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, in the light of proposed reorganisation of local government, to ensure equality in the number of electors per representative across councils in England, in line with equalising constituency size in Parliamentary elections.

†**The Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to improve the welfare of defence personnel.

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

†**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.

†**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.

†**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.

†**Lord Rennard** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the potential impact of reforming electoral law regarding voter participation in the democratic process.

†**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.

†**Baroness Anelay of St Johns** to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made in developing a National Youth Strategy.

†**Baroness Pidgeon** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the environmental and economic benefits of the adoption of low-carbon vehicles and the infrastructure needed to support them.

Questions for Short Debate ballot entries

The ballot for four Questions for debate in Grand Committee on Thursday 13 March closes at 5pm on Tuesday 25 February. 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 Aberdare** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase the availability and take-up of first aid training, including in the use of defibrillators. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 15 January and due for answer by 29 January.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government how many anti-depressant prescriptions were prescribed to patients under the age of 19 by (1) psychiatrists, (2) general practitioners, and (3) other medical specialists, in each year since 2015. HL4074

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that sensitive cabling runs under the site of the proposed redevelopment of the Old Royal Mint; and whether such security considerations will be taken into account when deciding whether to permit the construction of a new embassy for China on the site. HL4075

Earl Attlee to ask His Majesty's Government how many Staff Officer 2 Military posts are vacant at (1) Army Headquarters and (2) the Defence Equipment and Support organisation. HL4076

Earl Attlee to ask His Majesty's Government what is the established liability for Staff Officer 2 Military posts across the Ministry of Defence; and how many officers from all three services with a substantive rank of major or equivalent are available to fill them. HL4077

Lord Beamish to ask His Majesty's Government how many new contracts, or extensions to existing contracts, have been awarded to Fujitsu over the past 12 months by each government department. HL4078

Lord Beamish to ask His Majesty's Government what is the total value of contracts that they have awarded to Fujitsu over the past 12 months. HL4079

Lord Beamish to ask His Majesty's Government what contracts the Home Office has awarded to Fujitsu since July 2024. HL4080

Lord Beamish to ask His Majesty's Government how many meetings have taken place between the Department for Business and Trade and Fujitsu concerning Fujitsu making a financial contribution to the Post Office Horizon compensation scheme. HL4081

Lord Beamish to ask His Majesty's Government which Ministers have had meetings with Fujitsu since July 2024. HL4082

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government how much public bodies have spent on research intended to develop mirror life. HL4083

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to place restrictions on the allocation of public funds to research intended to develop mirror life. HL4084

Baroness Blower to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of how the United Kingdom and other international partners can protect minority communities in Syria. HL4085

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment, if any, they have made of the benefits of limiting the amount of alcohol sold to customers in bars and restaurants at airports; and what consideration they have given to imposing such restrictions. HL4086

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to ask His Majesty's Government what has been the increase in the uptake of pension credit since the announcement that winter fuel payments will be means-tested; and what estimate they have made of the likely cost of this to the Exchequer next winter. HL4087

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Hunt of Kings Heath on 24 December 2024 (HL3494), what assessment they have made of the alignment between the United Kingdom's Nationally Determined Contribution for 2030, which requires that emissions do not exceed around 260 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, and the existing legally binding framework set by the fifth carbon budget, which limits emissions for the period 2028 to 2032 to around 345 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year. HL4088

Lord Foster of Bath to ask His Majesty's Government what performance management system is used by HM Prison and Probation Service; when it was last reviewed; and whether it requires managers to submit annual appraisal markings for staff. HL4089

Baroness Freeman of Steventon to ask His Majesty's Government, with regard to their research paper *Adapting historic homes for energy efficiency: a review of the barriers* published on 3 January, what targets they have for training, recruiting, and retaining specialist local authority conservation officers; and what plans they have for achieving any such targets. HL4090

Baroness Freeman of Steventon to ask His Majesty's Government, following Historic England's report *Skills Needs Analysis for the Repair, Maintenance and Retrofit of Traditional (Pre-1919) Buildings in England, 2024* published on 13 September 2024, what plans they have for including energy efficiency adaptations to traditionally built housing stock in construction training and qualifications. HL4091

Baroness Freeman of Steventon to ask His Majesty's Government, following Historic England's report *Skills Needs Analysis for the Repair, Maintenance and Retrofit of Traditional (Pre-1919) Buildings in England, 2024* published on 13 September 2024, what plans they have for funding specialist tutors to train and mentor construction trainees, including through microbusinesses, to help them gain experience in relevant, regionally specific building techniques. HL4092

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government what rules regulate the commissioning of training and rehabilitation activities by prison governors. HL4093

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government how much they have spent on rehabilitation and training services at each prison in England and Wales in each of the past three years. HL4094

Lord German to ask His Majesty's Government how many notices of intent the Home Office issued to asylum applicants deemed potentially inadmissible under sections 80B and 80C of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 between July and September 2024. HL4095

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Collins of Highbury on 14 January (HL3815), when they intend to disclose details of meetings they have had with stakeholders about the prospect of legislation on conversion practices since 4 July 2024. HL4096

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to publish the results of the Department for Education's consultation on *Guidance for Schools and Colleges: Gender Questioning Children*, opened on 19 December 2023; and what is their response to the consultation. HL4097

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to take the recommendations of the Cass Review into account when updating their guidance for schools and colleges on gender questioning children. HL4098

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty's Government, following DEFRA's press release 'Government to crack down on waste incinerators with stricter standards for new builds' published on 30 December 2024, what is the timescale for requiring carbon capture and storage technology to be installed on (1) new, and (2) existing, incinerators recovering energy from waste. HL4099

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty’s Government, with regard to DEFRA’s press release ‘Government to crack down on waste incinerators with stricter standards for new builds’ published on 30 December 2024 which stated that “the country will only need to manage 17.6 million tonnes of non-recyclable waste by 2042”, what estimate they have made of the weight of residual waste from (1) household and (2) other sources to arrive at that figure. HL4100

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty’s Government how much residual waste was incinerated in 2023 (1) by weight, and (2) as a proportion of all residual waste. HL4101

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty’s Government how much residual waste was disposed of in 2023 (1) by weight, and (2) as a proportion of all waste. HL4102

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask His Majesty’s Government how much recyclable waste was incinerated in 2023. HL4103

Lord Kamall to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to (1) trial and (2) introduce artificial intelligence to speed up legal processes and reduce the courts backlog. HL4104

Lord Lee of Trafford to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they are satisfied that UK military bases in the Middle East, particularly RAF Akrotiri, have appropriate protection. HL4105

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty’s Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Hayman of Ullock on 10 December 2024 (HL3098), whether their policy on energy from waste has changed; and if so how, following the publication of the *Residual waste infrastructure capacity note* on 30 December 2024. HL4106

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty’s Government what discussions the Prime Minister’s Office have had with representatives of the English Football League, including from lobbying firms, in relation to football since 5 July 2024. HL4107

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty’s Government what is their policy on Ministers’ claiming accountancy services on the public funds to facilitate the completion of their HMRC self-assessment tax returns. HL4108

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty’s Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Smith of Basildon on 24 October 2024 (HL1636), and with reference to the new Ministerial Code guidance on gifts and hospitality, whether (1) Ministers, (2) senior officials, and (3) special advisers, may accept hospitality of free tickets to the Oasis Live ‘25 tour. HL4109

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty’s Government what meetings special advisers in the Prime Minister’s Office have had with representatives of TikTok since the 2024 General Election. HL4110

Lord Moynihan to ask His Majesty’s Government how many official photographers are employed across government departments. HL4111

Baroness Northover to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to accelerate progress in combatting female genital mutilation worldwide. HL4112

Baroness Northover to ask His Majesty’s Government how much funding they provided to combatting female genital mutilation globally in each year from 2019 onwards. HL4113

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty’s Government what progress they have made on developing a licensing regime to enable the wild release of beavers in England. HL4114

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty’s Government how many humanitarian lorries were allowed into Gaza in (1) 2020, (2) 2024, and (3) 2025 to date. HL4115

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the current level of starvation in Yemen. HL4116

Lord Rogan to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to prevent political parties registered in Northern Ireland from receiving donations from people and organisations based in the Republic of Ireland. HL4117

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to prevent the illegal release of beavers into the wild. HL4118

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have decided not to introduce a formal wild release licensing system for beavers, and if so, what assessment they have made of the implications for their climate change and sustainability strategies. HL4119

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of reintroducing beavers on landscape recovery and natural flood management. HL4120

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of parents illegally accessing cannabinoid epilepsy treatments for their children. HL4121

The Earl of Shrewsbury to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the average time taken for (1) all, and (2) individual, police forces in England and Wales to process (a) applications for, and (b) renewals of (i) shotgun, and (ii) firearms, certificates. HL4122

Lord Storey to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number of empty houses in each of the past three years. HL4123

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the need to research new artificial intelligence (AI) technologies; and whether they intend to invest in universities to encourage more AI research. HL4124

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of how video games can benefit dementia patients by (1) slowing the decline of brain neurons through keeping the brain active, and (2) monitoring progress in the games to identify cognitive decline. HL4125

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential for funding into AI tools and projects (1) to increase the productivity and efficiency of small businesses, and (2) to affect the market share of larger businesses. HL4126

Baroness Whitaker to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the role of wave and tidal energy in the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's Clean Power 2030 Action Plan. HL4127

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.

3 December 2024 (17 December 2024)

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

12 December 2024 (30 December 2024)

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)

HL3536 Baroness Finn [Cabinet Office]

HL3537 Baroness Finn [Cabinet Office]

HL3562 Lord Swire [Home Office]

18 December 2024 (6 January)

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

19 December 2024 (7 January)

HL3664 Lord Gilbert of Panteg [Cabinet Office]

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

Business and Trade (3)

Cabinet Office (3)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (1)

Home Office (1)

Housing, Communities and Local Government (1)

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] (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	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] (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	Private Member's	
Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill [HL] (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	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	
Renters' Rights Bill	Government	
Waiting for Commitment		
Holocaust Memorial Bill	Government	
Committed to a Special Public Bill Committee		
Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>)	Government	
Committed to a Grand Committee		
National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill	Government	21 January
Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [HL]	Government	
Great British Energy Bill (<i>Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	22 January
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	
Imprisonment for Public Protection (Re-sentencing) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Home School Education Registration and Support Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Mental Health Bill [HL] (<i>Welsh Legislative Consent sought</i>)	Government	20 January
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	Government	

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Complications from Abortions (Annual Report) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Asylum Support (Prescribed Period) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Non-Consensual Sexually Explicit Images and Videos (Offences) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	20 January
Public Authority Algorithmic and Automated Decision-Making Systems Bill [HL]	Private Member's	20 January
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
Football Governance Bill [HL]	Government	
Waiting for Third Reading		
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
Sent to the Commons		
Arbitration Bill [HL] (<i>Northern Ireland Legislative Consent granted</i>)	Government	
Bank Resolution (Recapitalisation) Bill [HL]	Government	
Support for Infants and Parents etc (Information) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Education (Values of British Citizenship) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Crown Estate Bill [HL] (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	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	
Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill (<i>Money Bill—19 December</i>)	Government	

Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

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

Draft Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) (Consequential Modifications) Order 2025

Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025

Draft Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Order 2025

Draft Flood Reinsurance (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2025

Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veteran's Relief) Regulations 2025

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

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

Draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (20 January)

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

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

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

Draft Community Radio Order 2025

Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 13th Report*

Draft Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Regulations 2025

Draft Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Gambling Levy Regulations 2025 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 13th Report*

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

Draft Space Industry (Licence Exemption for Military Activities of Allies) Regulations 2025 *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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 *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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

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

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*

Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 6 February*

Companies (Accounts and Reports) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2024 *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 4 February*

Draft Illegal Content Codes of Practice for Search Services *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 10 February*

Draft Illegal Content Codes of Practice for User-to-User Services *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 10 February*

Medicines (Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues) (Restrictions on Private Sales and Supplies) Order 2024 *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 13th Report. Praying time ends 5 February*

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Variation of Schedule 9) (England) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2024 *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 11 February*

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*

Framework Agreement for International Collaboration on Research and Development of Generation IV Nuclear Energy Systems *Scrutiny period expires: 24 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)

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Monday 20 January

National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 4A	4.00pm
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Tuesday 21 January

Built Environment Committee	Room 1	10.30am
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Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 3	10.30am
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Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 4	10.30am
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Communications and Digital Committee	Room 2	2.00pm
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Environment and Climate Change Committee, Science and Technology Committee	Room 4A	3.30pm
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Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
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European Affairs Committee	Room 4	4.00pm
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International Agreements Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm
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International Agreements Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm
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Wednesday 22 January

Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 4	10.00am
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Constitution Committee	Room 1	10.00am
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International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 2	10.30am
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Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	2.15pm
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Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm
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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

House of Lords Commission	Room 1	10.00am
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Finance Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm
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Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday 15 January 2025

The House met at 3.00pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Southwark.

Select Committee Reports

1 Conduct

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

Review of the Code of Conduct and the Guide to the Code of Conduct. (4th Report, HL Paper 66)

2 Statutory Instruments

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

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. (11th Report, HL Paper 67)

Private Business

3 Holocaust Memorial Bill Lord Etherton, Chair of the Select Committee, reported that the right to be heard of the petitions of Lord Griffiths of Burry Port (HMB-004), Lord Russell of Liverpool (HMB-005), Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts (HMB-007), Lord Inglewood (HMB-009) and Jardentome Ltd (HMB-016) were disallowed. The Bill was reported from the Select Committee without amendment. A Special Report was made and ordered to be printed (HL Paper 68).

Public Business

4 Political parties: funding A question was asked by Lord Blunkett and answered by Baroness Taylor of Stevenage.

5 State schools: creative education A question was asked by Baroness Keeley and answered by Baroness Smith of Malvern.

6 Courts: backlogs A question was asked by Baroness Hazarika and answered by Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede.

7 Gaza: peace talks A question was asked by Lord Hain and answered by Baroness Chapman of Darlington.

8 Data (Use and Access) Bill [HL] Lord Vallance of Balham, on behalf of Baroness Jones of Whitchurch, moved that the amendments for the Report stage be marshalled and considered in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 56	Schedule 10
Schedule 1	Clauses 103 to 107
Clauses 57 and 58	Schedule 11
Schedule 2	Clauses 108 to 111
Clauses 59 to 65	Schedule 12
Schedule 3	Clauses 112 and 113
Clauses 66 to 70	Schedule 13
Schedule 4	Clauses 114 and 115
Clause 71	Schedule 14
Schedule 5	Clauses 116 to 119
Clauses 72 to 80	Schedule 15
Schedule 6	Clause 120
Clauses 81 to 84	Schedule 16
Schedules 7 to 9	Clauses 121 to 138
Clauses 85 to 102	Title.

The motion was agreed to.

9 Registrar (Identity Verification and Authorised Corporate Service Providers) Regulations 2024 Lord Leong moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 22 May 2024 be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

10 Unique Identifiers (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 Lord Leong moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 31 October 2024 be approved. The motion was agreed to *en bloc*.

11 Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 Baroness Hayman of Ullock moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 21 November 2024 be approved. The motion was agreed to.

12 Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing and Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 Baroness Taylor of Stevenage moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 19 November 2024 be approved. The motion was agreed to.

13 Drones: high-security prisons Lord Timpson answered questions on the answer given to an Urgent Question asked in the House of Commons on Tuesday 14 January.

14 Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill Lord Livermore moved that the bill be now read a second time. Then Lord Blencathra moved, as an amendment to the motion that the bill be now read a second time, at end insert “but regrets that the Bill as introduced does not include provisions to allow immobilised Russian state assets, reserves, or any other property to be used to fund financial assistance to Ukraine”. After debate, the amendment was withdrawn. Then the original motion was agreed to and the Committee was negatived. Then, Standing Order 44 having been dispensed with, the bill was read a third time and passed.

15 Football Governance Bill [HL] The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 295A. Amendments 320 and 330 were agreed to. The House resumed and the bill was reported with amendments. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 59)

16 Renters’ Rights Bill A bill to make provision changing the law about rented homes, including provision abolishing fixed term assured tenancies and assured shorthold tenancies; imposing obligations on landlords and others in relation to rented homes and temporary and supported accommodation; and for connected purposes, was brought from the Commons. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 60)

17 **Renters' Rights Bill** The Explanatory Notes on the bill were ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 60–EN)

The House adjourned at 11.27pm until Thursday 16 January at 11.00am.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Grand Committee Business

The Grand Committee met in the Moses Room at 4.15pm.

Great British Energy Bill The Grand Committee further considered the bill, beginning with the resumed debate on amendment 88. The Committee adjourned after amendment 110.

The Committee adjourned at 7.14pm.

Papers

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

Command Paper

The following paper was presented to the House by command of His Majesty:

- 1 Explanatory Memorandum (Revised)—Replacement Explanatory Memorandum to the Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variation) Order 2025, originally laid on 9 January. (—)

Affirmative Instruments

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

- 1 Draft Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2025
- 2 Draft Flood Reinsurance (Amendment) Regulations 2025
- 3 Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2025
- 4 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veteran’s Relief) Regulations 2025

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Electricity (Individual Exemption from the Requirement for a Transmission Licence) (Dogger Bank A) Order 2025 (27)
- 2 Electricity (Individual Exemption from the Requirement for a Transmission Licence) (Seagreen) (Scotland) (Amendment) Order 2025 (28)
- 3 Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 2025 (36)
- 4 Town and Country Planning (Northwood Headquarters) Special Development Order 2025 (37)

Papers not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following papers were laid before the House:

- 1 Office for Environmental Protection: Progress in improving the natural environment in England 2023–24
- 2 Report by the Government Actuary on the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2025 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veteran’s Relief) Regulations 2025 (laid by both the Department for Work and Pensions, and the Treasury)
- 3 Report from the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs to the Treasury on Tax Credits under Section 40 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 2023–24
- 4 Review of certain tax credits monetary amounts under Section 41 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 for the tax year 2025–26

