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& MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 6 February 2025 at 11.00am

Lord Pitkeathley of Camden Town, and

Baroness Bousted will be introduced.

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.
- *Lord Balfe to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to publish a full version of NHS England's report regarding Valdo Calocane.

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. (*3 hours*)

Baroness Grender to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that fines paid by water companies are used to repair the damage done by sewage pollution. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

Lord Knight of Weymouth to move that this House takes note of the social, economic and personal value of lifelong learning. (2 hours)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1.00pm

National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill Committee (day 4) [Lord Livermore]

Future Business

Friday 7 February 2025 at 10.00am

Non-Consensual Sexually Explicit Images and Videos (Offences) Bill [HL] Third Reading [Baroness Owen of Alderley Edge] /I/

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

Crown Estate (Wales) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Wigley]

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

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Mortgage Prisoners Inquiry Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Sharkey]

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

Education (Assemblies) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Baroness Burt of Solihull]

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

Permitted Development Rights (Extension) Bill [HL] Second Reading [Lord Lucas]

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

Monday 10 February 2025 at 2.30pm

Baroness Elliott of Whitburn Bay, and

Lord Katz will be introduced.

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 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.
- *Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the outcome of the elections held in Belarus on 26 January, and what advice, if any, they have given to the Belarusian democratic movement.

†Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill Committee (day 3) [Lord Hanson of Flint]

Procurement Act 2023 (Consequential and Other Amendments) Regulations 2025 Baroness Twycross to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 12 December 2024 be approved. (Dinner break business)

Lord Robathan to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert "but this House regrets that the draft Regulations do not simplify the procurement process; that they hinder economic growth; and that they impose unnecessary burdens on small and medium-sized enterprises, thereby stifling innovation and competitiveness."

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Space Industry (Licence Exemption for Military Activities of Allies) Regulations 2025 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Blake of Leeds] *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Leong]

Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Merron] 13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Merron]

Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 2.30pm

Baroness Cash, and

Baroness Gray of Tottenham will be introduced.

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 7 February.

†Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill [HL] Third Reading [Baroness Smith of Malvern]

†Great British Energy Bill Report [Lord Hunt of Kings Heath] Welsh Legislative Consent granted, Scottish and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [HL] Committee (day 2) [Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill]

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.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Thursday 6 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 10 February.

Commissioner for Standards Baroness Manningham-Buller to move that this House approves the appointment of Margaret Obi as a House of Lords Commissioner for Standards for a period of five years.

Register of Overseas Entities (Protection and Trusts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 Baroness Gustafsson to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 6 December 2024 be approved. 12th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 3 February

†It is expected that the Committee stage of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill will continue, and that it will conclude.

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. (*Dinner break business*)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Energy Bill Relief Scheme and Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Hunt of Kings Heath]

Electricity Capacity (Amendment) Regulations 2025 Consideration in Grand Committee [Lord Hunt of Kings Heath]

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Gustafsson]

The following two motions are expected to be debated together:

Gambling Levy Regulations 2025 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Twycross] *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 13th Report*

Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Consideration in Grand Committee [Baroness Twycross] Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 13th Report

Thursday 13 February 2025 at 11.00am

Lord Pack, and

Baroness Alexander of Cleveden will be introduced.

- *Lord Altrincham to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the hospitality sector of the cost of the increase in employer National Insurance contributions, and the savings from the increase in employment allowance for the smallest businesses.
- *Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of enforcement measures against the illegal use and operation of e-scooters.
- *Baroness Neville-Rolfe to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the net £9.6 billion decline in investment in UK funds in the London Stock Exchange in 2024.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Friday 7 February, to be drawn at 1pm on Tuesday 11 February.

Lord Khan of Burnley to move that this House takes note of Holocaust Memorial Day.

The Lord Bishop of Newcastle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of bank closures in the past decade and the impact on people in rural communities. (*Topical Question for Short Debate, 1 hour*)

It is expected that the Grand Committee on the Bus Services (No.2) Bill will continue at 1pm in the Moses Room.

Monday 24 February 2025 at 2.30pm

Baroness Caine of Kentish Town, and

Lord Rees of Easton will be introduced.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

- *Lord Hogan-Howe to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made in delivering the Emergency Service Network programme.
- *The Lord Bishop of Gloucester to ask His Majesty's Government what programmes and interventions are used to reduce re-offending among domestic abusers in the community; and what are the re-offending rates of those who participate.
- *Lord Murray of Blidworth to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to tackle 'county lines' drug trafficking.
- *Baroness Morgan of Cotes to ask His Majesty's Government, following the passing of the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Act 2024, what discussions the Department for Transport has had with the Home Office about the prevention of violence against women and girls on trains.

Tuesday 25 February 2025 at 2.30pm

Baroness Longfield, and

Baroness Nichols of Selby will be introduced.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

- *Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate to ask His Majesty's Government why they have paused the implementation of the Single Trade Window as set out in the *2025 UK Border Strategy* (CP352), published in December 2020.
- *Viscount Stansgate to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway.
- *Earl Russell to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to consult the Committee on Climate Change before taking decisions on airport expansion.

Wednesday 26 February 2025 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

- *Lord Balfe to ask His Majesty's Government whether, in seeking a "reset" of relations with the European Union, they have considered accepting a role for the Court of Justice of the European Union.
- *The Earl of Clancarty to ask His Majesty's Government, following the announcement that the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School is closing its undergraduate courses, what support they plan to give drama schools and other creative courses in higher education.
- *Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to incorporate a role for chiropractors in national musculoskeletal health prevention strategies.

Thursday 27 February 2025 at 11.00am

Baroness Mattinson will be introduced, and

Roger Evans will be introduced as a Baron.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

- *Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to reintroduce the beaver in England.
- *Baroness Grender to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure that rents in the private rented sector are affordable.
- *The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce a national screening programme for prostate cancer.

Monday 3 March 2025 at 2.30pm

†Baroness Maclean of Redditch will be introduced, and

Dame Anne Rafferty DBE will be introduced as a Baroness.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

- *Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure that UK airports have dedicated lines for British passport holders.
- *Lord Farmer to ask His Majesty's Government how they plan to defend the United Kingdom against hypersonic missiles.
- *Baroness Sheehan to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to promote action against climate change internationally following reports that 2024 was the warmest year on record globally.
- *Lord Browne of Ladyton to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the actions of Rwanda-backed M23 rebels in Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 2.30pm

†Baroness Hunter of Auchenreoch will be introduced, and

†Luciana Berger will be introduced as a Baroness.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

- *Baroness Jenkin of Kennington to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have for publishing revised guidance on relationship, sex and health education in schools.
- *Lord Lamont of Lerwick to ask His Majesty's Government what communications they have had with the government of Canada and Mexico about the decision of the president of the United States to impose tariffs on certain of their exports.
- *Lord Harris of Haringey to ask His Majesty's Government what progress is being made in addressing the theft of mobile telephones.

Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

- †*Baroness Nye to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to mark International Women's Day on 8 March.
- †*Baroness Gale to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to implement section 106 of the Equality Act 2010 to require information to be published on the diversity of political candidates.
- †*Baroness Wilcox of Newport to ask His Majesty's Government, following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Erasmus programme, what steps they are taking to ensure that youth work and adult education organisations can access international exchange opportunities.

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.

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 Black of Brentwood to move that this House takes note of the importance of music education in schools, and its role in sustaining the UK's creative economy. [1]

Baroness Deech to move that this House takes note of the law relating to prenuptial agreements.

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

Lord Farmer to move that this House takes note of the current level of taxation and people's ability to navigate the tax system.

Baroness Goudie to move that this House takes note of the upcoming Nutrition for Growth summit in Paris, and the value of good nutrition for global development.

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.

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*

†Baroness Walmsley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Food, Diet and Obesity Committee Recipe for health: a plan to fix our broken food system (HL Paper 19). 24 October 2024

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

Lord Clement-Jones to move that this House regrets that the draft Online Safety Act 2023 (Category 1, Category 2A and Category 2B Threshold Conditions) Regulations 2025 do not impose duties available under the parent Act on small, high -risk platforms where harmful content, often easily accessible to children, is propagated; calls on the Government to clarify which smaller platforms will no longer be covered by Ofcom's illegal content code and which measures they will no longer be required to comply with; and calls on the Government to withdraw the Regulations and establish a revised definition of Category 1 services. *13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

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 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.

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS FOR DEBATE

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*)

Earl Attlee to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to review the law on joint enterprise murder. (*Ministry of Justice*)

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the financial services sector in the United Kingdom remains strong and competitive. (*Treasury*)

Baroness Deech to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to consider the options for reform set out by the Law Commission in its scoping report on financial remedies on divorce and dissolution, published in December 2024. (*Ministry of Justice*)

Lord Cameron of Lochiel to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to strengthen the Union and improve outcomes for people across the United Kingdom. (*Cabinet Office*)

Lord Heseltine to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the conduct of the police in their treatment of Joe Anderson who resigned as the Mayor of Liverpool in 2021. (*Home Office*)

Baroness D'Souza to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to counteract any challenges to the UK democratic process posed by China in the next five years. (*Home Office*)

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 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 & Development Office*)

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the persecution of religious and ethnic minorities in Myanmar, including the Karen and the Rohingya; and what steps they are taking to support them. (Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office)

Lord Strathcarron to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of migrants expected to apply for indefinite leave to remain over the course of this Parliament, and the costs thereof. (*Home Office*)

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the value of the national immunisation programme to public health, and what steps they are taking to add more vaccinations to the programme. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Lord Dobbs to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that GPs can proactively discuss prostate cancer with men at the highest risk; and inform them of their right to a free Prostate-Specific Antigen test. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Baroness Hussein-Ece to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure the continuation and progress of programmes which aim to improve the sexual and reproductive health rights of women and girls internationally. (*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office*)

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS FOR DEBATE

Baroness Northover to ask His Majesty's Government what pans they have to secure a resilient supply chain of sustainably sourced critical minerals for the green industries of the future. (*Department for Science, Innovation and Technology*)

Lord McCrea of Magherafelt and Cookstown to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to promote research into Lyme disease. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 5 February and due for answer by 19 February.

Lord Agnew of Oulton to ask His Majesty's Government, with regard to *Cabinet Office Senior Officials' Expenses, July to September 2024*, published on 30 January, what specific business justification was documented for Christine Bellamy, the Government Chief Product Officer, travelling business class for a domestic flight to Manchester between 20 and 25 October which totalled £1,693; what alternative or cheaper travel options were considered; and whether this expenditure complied with internal value-formoney guidelines.

HL4728

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions the Minister for Africa held during his recent visit to Botswana regarding their policies on promoting gender equality, progress on LGBT+ rights and their priorities in formulating policies on sexual and reproductive rights. HL4729

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions the Minister for Africa held during his recent meeting with the Deputy Speaker of the Nigerian House of Representatives on gender equality, LGBTQ+ rights and sexual and reproductive rights.

HL4730

Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions the Minister for Latin America held during her recent visits to Chile regarding their policies on promoting gender equality, progress on LGBT+ rights and their priorities in formulating policies on sexual and reproductive rights.

HL4731

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government what percentage of aviation fuel is sourced from sustainable sources in the United Kingdom; and what are the most common sources from which this fuel is produced.

HL4732

Lord Berkeley to ask His Majesty's Government what changes are forecast in the use of sustainable aviation fuel in the next (1) 10, and (2) 20, years.

HL4733

Lord Boateng to ask His Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of internally displaced people in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, and what steps they have taken to support the provision of urgent humanitarian relief in that region.

HL4734

Lord Boateng to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to (1) the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and (2) the African Union, to promote an end to the conflict in eastern DRC.

HL4735

Lord Booth to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce honorary titles for (1) spouses of female peers, and (2) same-sex spouses of male peers; and what consideration they have given to the perception of discrimination in the current practice where only female spouses of male peers are granted such titles.

HL4736

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to continue funding the work of rural housing enablers in facilitating affordable housing in rural areas. HL4737

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government what declarations are required for the movement of medical products, including medical devices, from Great Britain to Northern Ireland; and which legislation requires them.

HL4738

Lord Dodds of Duncairn to ask His Majesty's Government whether any physical checks are required on medical products or medical devices moving from Great Britain to Northern Ireland; and, if so, which legislation requires them.

HL4739

Lord Elliott of Ballinamallard to ask His Majesty's Government what financial commitment there is to the Reserve Forces and Cadet Associations to ensure their positive roles are enhanced. HL4740

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government what financial allowances their contractors are permitted to provide to asylum seekers per month for (1) food, (2) clothing, (3) mobile phones, (4) education, (5) leisure activities, (6) accommodation, and (7) transport.

HL4741

Lord Empey to ask His Majesty's Government how many contractors they have engaged to assist with the management of asylum seekers, and what fees those contractors have been paid in (1) the last financial year, and (2) the current financial year to date.

HL4742

Baroness Finn to ask His Majesty's Government whether any written undertakings regarding immunity from disciplinary action have been issued to civil servants giving evidence to inquiries since 2005; and if so, how many, broken down by department.

HL4743

Baroness Finn to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet Office on 8 January (HC21054) and the report by the Crown Prosecution Service, *Annual Report and Accounts 2013–14*, published in July 2014, what plans they have to publish full details of the 2013's pension scheme benefits and terms & conditions.

HL4744

Baroness Finn to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the speech by the Prime Minister, *Plan for Change*, on 5 December 2024 and to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet Office on 24 January (HC24441), what was the evidential basis for the Prime Minister's remarks on there being a "tepid bath of managed decline" in Whitehall; and what representations the Prime Minister has had from the Civil Service on such comments.

HL4745

Baroness Finn to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet Office on 9 October 2024 (HC5296), what communications representatives of Downing Street have had with Elon Musk since 4 July 2024.

HL4746

Baroness Finn to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the letter from the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards to the Prime Minister on 14 January and to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on 23 January (HC24438), whether (1) the Cabinet Office Propriety and Ethics Team, and (2) the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards, had access to information held by (a) the International Anti-Corruption Coordinate Centre, (b) the International Centre for Asset Recovery, and (c) any other information stemming from the National Crime Agency's support into tackling corruption in Bangladesh.

Baroness Garden of Frognal to ask His Majesty's Government what was the cash outlay for English domiciled students in the financial years (1) 2022–23 and (2) 2023–24 for fee and maintenance loans for (a) full-time and part-time 'foundation degree' students and (b) full-time and part-time 'other undergraduate' students.

HL4748

Lord Hain to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment has been made of the extent of asbestos in the Palace of Westminster; and the danger of anybody working in or visiting the Palace contracting asbestosis.

HL4749

Lord Hampton to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to require train companies to refund passengers by the same payment method with which the ticket was originally purchased. HL4750

Baroness Helic to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the government of Serbia's response to recent demonstrations, including reports of incidents against peaceful protesters; and what steps they have taken to encourage that government to conduct a full, impartial, and swift investigation into reports of violence against demonstrators.

HL4751

Baroness Hoey to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent on 30 January (HL4226), what discussions officials in any department have had with European Union officials before rejecting a request from members of the Northern Ireland assembly to apply "the Stormont Brake" procedure to the Chemical Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2024/2865).

HL4752

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to concerns expressed by the president of the British Rabbinical Union's on the potential impact of clauses 25 and 26 of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill on Jewish and other religious education. HL4753

Lord Jackson of Peterborough to ask His Majesty's Government on how many occasions ministers have met representatives of Stonewall, and on what dates, since 4 July 2024.

HL4754

Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton to ask His Majesty's Government how many service complaints have been received by (1) the Army, (2) the Royal Navy, (3) the Royal Air Force, and (4) Strategic Command, in each of the last five years; and of those, how many have not been upheld.

HL4755 [I]

Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton to ask His Majesty's Government how long, on average, it takes (1) the Army, (2) the Royal Navy, (3) the Royal Air Force, and (4) Strategic Command, to process a service complaint; and what estimate they have made of the cost of each complaint.

HL4756 [I]

Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton to ask His Majesty's Government how many hours per day staff in (1) the Army, (2) the Royal Navy, (3) the Royal Air Force, and (4) Strategic Command, spend dealing with a service complaint on average; and what estimate they have made of the cost of such staff time in each of the last five years.

HL4757 [I]

Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton to ask His Majesty's Government how many more service complaints they expect to receive following the enactment of the Armed Forces Commissioner Bill and its provision for families to submit such complaints; and what estimate they have made of the budget uplift required to deal with any such increase.

HL4758 [I]

Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton to ask His Majesty's Government how many extra posts have been recruited to process service complaints under Volunteer ex-Regular Reserve contracts or other reservist terms and condition of service by (1) the Army, (2) the Royal Navy, (3) the Royal Air Force, and (4) Strategic Command, in each of the last five years.

HL4759 [I]

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Chapman of Darlington on 27 January (HL3999), whether they have examined the evidence of the use of chemical weapons by Indonesian forces in West Papua included in the documentary film *Frontier War* recently released by Paradise Broadcasting.

HL4760

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty's Government what biosecurity guidance they provide to those working closely with poultry for their safety and their protection from avian flu.

HL4761

Lord Mackinlay of Richborough to ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to reducing the costs of improving the energy efficiency of listed properties with respect to (1) planning fees, (2) professional support, (3) materials, and (4) labour.

HL4762

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty's Government whether XC Trains Limited were in default of their contract regarding any of their contractual performance indicators in (1) October 2024 (2) November 2024 and (3) December 2024; and, if so, whether they were given relief from such defaults through an extended remedial agreement.

HL4763

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty's Government whether they intend to extend the current remedial agreement or agree a new remedial agreement with XC Trains Limited beyond March 2025. HL4764

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty's Government whether they expect XC Trains Limited to meet its contractual commitments to deliver the May 2025 timetable uplift or whether they have requested any alterations to the CrossCountry timetable from May 2025; and, if so, whether any such requests have been agreed.

HL4765

Lord Moylan to ask His Majesty's Government, following the publication of the remedial agreement letter between the Secretary of State and XC Trains Limited, whether they will release in full the redacted 'Annex – 1: Remedial Commitments' to ensure transparency as to what XC Trains is contracted to do and by when.

HL4766

Lord Roborough to ask His Majesty's Government what is the assumed monetary value of atmospheric carbon emissions per tonne they use when evaluating the total cost of different energy generation technologies.

HL4767 [I]

Lord Roborough to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to fast-track visa applications from skilled engineers to support industry investment in the UK's energy grid capacity.

HL4768

Lord Roborough to ask His Majesty's Government what consultations have been carried out with renewable energy project developers to assess the impact of the National Energy System Operator strategic capability review.

HL4769 [I]

Lord Roborough to ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to offer EU fishing fleets increased access to UK territorial waters.

HL4770

Lord Roborough to ask His Majesty's Government what percentage of pre-Brexit EU fishing quotas in UK waters they intend to recover for UK fishing boats from 30 June 2026. HL4771

Lord Roborough to ask His Majesty's Government what progress has been made on negotiations regarding the pre-Brexit EU fishing quota in UK waters for UK fishing boats from 30 June 2026.

HL4772

Lord Rogan to ask His Majesty's Government what progress they have made towards agreeing a trade deal with the United States.

HL4773

Lord Spellar to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Merron on 23 January (HL4187), what assessment they have made of the pace at which international applicants are registered by the General Medical Council for the purposes of enabling them to become economically independent and reducing the shortfall of trained personnel in the NHS.

HL4774

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to provide anti-drone technology to HM Prison Service staff.

HL4775

Lord Swire to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to allow HM Prison Service staff to shoot down drones near prisons.

HL4776

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to enhance productivity in the UK; and whether artificial intelligence has a role to play in achieving this. HL4777

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to encourage the public sector to adopt artificial intelligence; and to ensure sufficient funding is allocated for artificial intelligence investment within the public sector.

HL4778

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support the development of start-up video game companies in the UK, particularly with regard to government investment.

HL4779

Lord Taylor of Warwick to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential held by video games for aiding the development of language education; and particularly regarding the encouragement of video games to be available in Welsh.

HL4780

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.

19 December 2024 (7 January)

HL3664 Lord Gilbert of Panteg [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government]

6 January (20 January)

HL3781 Lord Wigley [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

13 January (27 January)

HL4009 Lord Scriven [Department of Health and Social Care]

15 January (29 January)

HL4103 Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL4111 Lord Moynihan [Cabinet Office]

16 January (30 January)

HL4142 Lord Empey [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government]

17 January (31 January)

HL4177 Lord Fuller [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government]

20 January (3 February)

HL4194 Lord Agnew of Oulton [Cabinet Office]

HL4197 Lord Agnew of Oulton [Cabinet Office]

HL4207 Baroness Deech [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government]

HL4228 Lord Taylor of Warwick [Department for Education]

21 January (4 February)

HL4242 Lord Crathorne [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government]

HL4243 Baroness Deech [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government]

HL4261 Lord Petitgas [Department for Education]

HL4269 The Lord Bishop of St Albans [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL4270 The Lord Bishop of St Albans [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL4284 Lord Weir of Ballyholme [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

22 January (5 February)

HL4295 Baroness Finn [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL4299 Baroness Finn [Department for Culture, Media and Sport]

HL4315 Lord Mendelsohn [Home Office]

HL4316 Lord Mendelsohn [Home Office]

HL4340 Lord Weir of Ballyholme [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government]

HL4341 Lord Weir of Ballyholme [Department for Education]

HL4345 Baroness Whitaker [Department for Education]

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

Cabinet Office (3)

Culture, Media and Sport (1)

Education (4)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (5)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (1)

Health and Social Care (1)

Home Office (2)

Housing, Communities and Local Government (7)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Permitted Development Rights (Extension) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	7 February
Crown Estate (Wales) Bill [HL] (King's consent granted)	Private Member's	7 February
Mortgage Prisoners Inquiry Bill [HL]	Private Member's	7 February
Education (Assemblies) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	7 February
House of Lords (Peerage Nominations) Bill [HL] (King's consent to be signified)	Private Member's	
Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill [HL] (King's consent to be signified)	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	
Public Service (Ethics, Integrity and Independence) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Armed Forces Commissioner Bill	Government	
General Cemetery Bill [HL]	Private	
Malvern Hills Bill [HL]	Private	
Norwich Livestock Market Bill [HL]	Private	
Ministry for Poverty Prevention Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Waiting for Commitment		
Holocaust Memorial Bill	Government	
Committed to a Grand Committee		
National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill	Government	6 February
Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [HL]	Government	11 February
Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill	Government	
Committed to a Committee of the Whole House		
Lithium-ion Battery Safety Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Environmental Targets (Public Authorities) Bill [HL] (King's consent to be signified)	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] (Welsh Legislative Consent sought)	Government	
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill (King's consent to be signified)	Government	
Complications from Abortions (Annual Report) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Asylum Support (Prescribed Period) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill (King's consent to be signified)	Government	10 February
Regulated and Other Activities (Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Consumer Products (Control of Biocides) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Universal Credit (Standard Allowance Entitlement of Care Leavers) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Renters' Rights Bill (King's consent to be signified) (Scottish and Welsh Legislative Consent sought)	Government	
Waiting for Report		
Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [HL] (Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)	Government	
Football Governance Bill [HL]	Government	
Great British Energy Bill (Welsh Legislative consent granted, Scottish and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)	Government	11 February
Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [HL] (Law Commission Bill)	Government	
Waiting for Third Reading		
Non-Consensual Sexually Explicit Images and Videos (Offences) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	7 February
Public Authority Algorithmic and Automated Decision-Making Systems Bill [HL]	Private Member's	7 February
Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc.) Bill [HL]	Government	11 February
Sent to the Commons		
Arbitration Bill [HL] (Northern Ireland Legislative Consent granted)	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] (King's consent to be signified)	Government	
Women, Peace and Security Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Listed Investment Companies (Classification etc) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Data (Use and Access) Bill [HL] (Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought)	Government	
Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL]	Private	
Returned to the Commons amended		
Water (Special Measures) Bill [HL] (Welsh Legislative Consent granted)	Government	

Statutory Instruments in Progress

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

Draft Food and Feed (Regulated Products) (Amendment, Revocation, Consequential and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025

Draft Online Procedure Rules (Specified Proceedings) Regulations 2025

Draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2025

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Draft Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (10 February)

Draft Register of Overseas Entities (Protection and Trusts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 12th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (12 February)

Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 13th Report (12 February)

Draft Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (10 February)

Draft Gambling Levy Regulations 2025 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 13th Report (12 February)

Draft Procurement Act 2023 (Consequential and Other Amendments) Regulations 2025 (10 February)

Draft Space Industry (Licence Exemption for Military Activities of Allies) Regulations 2025 13th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (10 February)

Draft Electricity Capacity (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (12 February)

Draft Energy Bill Relief Scheme and Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (12 February)

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 (12 February)

Draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (10 February)

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 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 14th Report

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 15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

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

Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2025

Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2025 16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Draft Higher Education (Fee Limits and Fee Limit Condition) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 16th Report

Draft Neonatal Care Leave and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2025 16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Draft Statutory Neonatal Care Pay (General) Regulations 2025 16th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Draft Immigration (Biometric Information etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 16th Report

Negative Instruments

Copyright and Performances (Application to Other Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 *Praying time ended 8 January (12 February)*

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

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

Rent Officers (Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Functions) (Modification) Order 2025 14th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 26 February

Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025 15th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 24 February 2025

Official Controls (Plant Health) and Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025 15th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 26 February 2025

Customs (Safety and Security Procedures) Regulations 2025 Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 15th Report. Praying time ends 27 February 2025

Electricity (Individual Exemption from the Requirement for a Transmission Licence) (Dogger Bank A) Order 2025 15th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 5 March 2025

Electricity (Individual Exemption from the Requirement for a Transmission Licence) (Seagreen) (Scotland) (Amendment) Order 2025 15th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 5 March 2025

Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 2025 15th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 5 March 2025

Town and Country Planning (Northwood Headquarters) Special Development Order 2025 15th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 5 March 2025

School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2025 16th Report from Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 10 March 2025

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 the International Agreements 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*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and Romania on Defence Cooperation *Scrutiny period expires: 4 March*

Agreement between the United Kingdom and Australia for Defence and Security Cooperation Scrutiny period expires: 6 March

Treaties considered by the International Agreements Committee

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: 14 March

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

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below.

Thursday 6 February		
Home-based Working Committee		9.45am
Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Room 1	2.45pm
Monday 10 February		
UK Engagement with Space Committee	Room 1	2.00pm
Autism Act 2009 Committee	Room 2A	2.30pm
National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)	Room 4A	4.00pm
Tuesday 11 February		
Science and Technology Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 4	10.30am
Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 3	10.30am
Built Environment Committee	Room 1	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee	Room 4	2.00pm
Economic Affairs Committee	Room 2	3.00pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room 1	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 3	4.00pm
International Agreements Committee	Room 2A	4.00pm
Wednesday 12 February		
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room 4	10.00am
Financial Services Regulation Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Constitution Committee	Room 2	10.00am
Northern Ireland Scrutiny Committee	Room 1	10.30am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
Public Services Committee	Room 4A	11.00am
Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 6	2.00pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm
Thursday 13 February		
Social Mobility Policy Committee	Room 3	10.00am
Monday 10 March		
Restoration and Renewal Client Board	Palace of Westminster	4.30pm
Wednesday 12 March		
Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee	Room 3A	10.30am
Finance Committee	Room 3A	3.45pm
Thursday 13 March		
Services Committee	Room 3A	12.30pm
Wednesday 19 March		
House of Lords Commission	Room 1	10.00am

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The House met at 3.00pm.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Chichester.

Select Committee Reports

1 Statutory Instruments

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

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

Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2025

Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2025

Draft Higher Education (Fee Limits and Fee Limit Condition) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Draft Neonatal Care Leave and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2025

Draft Statutory Neonatal Care Pay (General) Regulations 2025

Draft Immigration (Biometric Information etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2025. (13th Report, HL Paper 78)

2 Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform

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

Renters' Rights Bill. (14th Report, HL Paper 79)

Public Business

- 3 **Armed forces personnel: school fees** A question was asked by Baroness Goldie and answered by Lord Coaker
- 4 **Schools: citizenship education** A question was asked by Lord Wallace of Saltaire and answered by Baroness Smith of Malvern.
- 5 **Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner** A question was asked by Lord Foulkes of Cumnock and answered by Lord Livermore.
- 6 **Care homes: safety ratings** A question was asked by Baroness Pitkeathley and answered by Baroness Merron.
- 7 Heat Networks (Market Framework) (Great Britain) Regulations 2025 Lord Hunt of Kings Heath moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 28 November 2024 be approved. The motion was agreed to.
- 8 **Separation of Waste (England) Regulations 2025** Baroness Hayman of Ullock moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 3 December 2024 be approved. The motion was agreed to.
- 9 **Armed Forces (Court Martial) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2024** Lord Coaker moved that the draft Rules laid before the House on 5 December 2024 be approved. The motion was agreed to.
- 10 **Community Radio Order 2025** Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent, on behalf of Baroness Twycross, moved that the draft Order laid before the House on 10 December 2024 be approved. The motion was agreed to.

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- 11 **Data (Use and Access) Bill [HL]** Lord Vallance of Balham, on behalf of Baroness Jones of Whitchurch, made a statement on Legislative Consent. Then the bill was read a third time. Amendments 1 to 4, 5 (see division 1), 6 (see division 2) and 7 to 10 were agreed to. A privilege amendment was agreed to. Then, after debate, the bill was passed and sent to the Commons.
- 12 Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill [HL] The report was received. Amendments 3, 6, 7 and 15 (see division 3) were agreed to. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be printed. (HL Bill 68)
- 13 Water (Special Measures) Bill [HL] The Commons amendments were considered. Commons amendment 1 was disagreed to and amendment 1B to the words so restored to the bill was agreed to (see division 4). Commons amendment 2 was disagreed to (see division 5). A Committee was appointed to propose a reason. The Committee proposed the following reason: "Because the Lords wish the Commons to consider the matter again." The reason was agreed to. Commons amendments 3 to 9 were agreed to. The bill was returned to the Commons with an amendment and a reason.
- 14 **Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill** The bill was further considered in Committee, beginning with amendment 20A. The House resumed after amendment 20A.

The House adjourned at 10.15pm until Thursday 6 February at 11.00am.

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Papers

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

Affirmative Instrument

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

1 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2025

Paper not subject to Parliamentary Proceedings

The following paper was laid before the House:

1 Report and Accounts of the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) 2023–24

Divisions

Data (Use and Access) Bill [HL]

Division No. 1

Baroness Owen of Alderley Edge moved amendment 5, as amendment to amendment 2, in inserted section 66E, to leave out subsection 5. The House divided:

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Division No. 2

Baroness Owen of Alderley Edge moved amendment 6, as amendment to amendment 2, in inserted section 66E(6), to leave out "a fine" and insert "imprisonment for a term not exceeding the maximum term for a summary offence or a fine (or both)". The House divided:

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Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill [HL]

Division No. 3

Baroness Barran moved amendment 15, in clause 11, page 4, line 22, to leave out "on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint" and insert "at the end of the period of one year beginning on the day on which Skills England is created". The House divided:

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Water (Special Measures) Bill [HL]

Division No. 4

Lord Cromwell moved Motion 1A, as an amendment to the motion that this House do agree with the Commons in their Amendment 1, to leave out from "House" to end and insert "do disagree with the Commons in their Amendment 1 and do propose Amendment 1B to the words so restored to the Bill—

1B Clause 1, page 2, line 8, at end insert ", and to present such information on structuring and debt prominently, including on the website of the undertaker, in a format that can be readily accessed and understood, including by bill payers.""

The House divided:

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Division No. 5

Lord Blencathra moved Motion 2A, as an amendment to the motion that this House do agree with the Commons in their Amendment 2, to leave out "agree" and insert "disagree". The House divided:

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