

GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS
22 MAY 2020

[Notes about this document are set out at the end]

Hybrid proceedings

From Monday 8 June the House will move to a hybrid model meaning Members can participate in proceedings both virtually and, to a very limited degree, physically in the Chamber. The Procedure Committee has updated its guidance to reflect these changes but below is the information you will require to sign up to speak.

As per the Procedure Committee guidance, Members will need to continue signing up in advance to take part in most items of business, including oral questions. Members will be able to add their names to speakers' lists in the usual way.

To allow social distancing in the Chamber only a small number of Members will be able to take part physically, there are around 30 spaces but this includes the frontbenches, the Clerk and the Deputy Speaker on the Woolsack.

Each party/group will continue to order their own speakers with the Government Whips' Office ordering the smaller groups and non-affiliated Members.

In light of the current public health advice and the limited capacity in the Chamber it will be assumed that Members will continue to take part in proceedings virtually unless they indicate otherwise. If, after signing up to speak, Members wish to try and take part in a proceeding from the Chamber, they should email holgovernmentwhips@parliament.uk copying in their own Whips'/Convenor's office. If there are more Members wishing to take part physically than there are spaces in the Chamber it will be for each individual party/group to determine which of their Members make the final speakers' list.

To assist in ensuring the broadcasters receive accurate lists of those speaking we would ask that if Members intend to withdraw from a debate or oral question that they do so in good time. If a Member no longer wishes to speak in a debate or question please let us know by 11am the day before it is due to take place. This is extremely important for oversubscribed debates as it may allow another Member to take part.

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22 MAY 2020

***Whitsun adjournment:
Friday 22 May to
Monday 1 June inclusive***

Thursday 28 May

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:
Telecommunications Infrastructure (Leasehold property) Bill – Virtual Committee (day 2)

Friday 29 May

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:
Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [HL] – Virtual Committee (day 2)

TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2020

Virtual Proceedings at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
At a convenient point after 12noon
2. Direct Payments to Farmers (Crop Diversification Derogation) (England) Regulations 2020 – take note motion – Lord Gardiner of Kimble
At a convenient point after 2.30pm
3. Telecommunications Infrastructure (Leasehold Property) Bill
– Virtual Committee (day 2) – Baroness Barran
At a convenient point after 5pm
4. Draft Northern Ireland Banknote (Designation of Authorised Bank) Regulations 2020 – take note motion – Baroness Penn (*time limit 1½ hours*)

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2020

Virtual Proceedings at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
At a convenient point after 12noon
2. Draft Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modification) Order 2020 – take note motion – Viscount Younger of Leckie
At a convenient point after 2.30pm
3. Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [HL]
– Virtual Committee (day 2) – Lord Keen of Elie

THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2020

Virtual Proceedings at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)

Business in the Chamber at a convenient point after 12noon

1. There will be a short sitting in the Chamber

Virtual Proceedings at a convenient point after 1.00pm

1. Debate on the economic lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures necessary to repair the UK economy – Lord Eatwell/Lord Agnew of Oulton (*time limit 3 hours*)
2. A topical QSD may be scheduled (*ballot to be drawn Wednesday 27 May, time limit 1 hour*)

FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2020

The House is expected not to sit

PROVISIONAL

MONDAY 8 JUNE 2020

Hybrid Proceedings at 2.30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
At a convenient point after 3.30pm
2. Draft Water Industry (Specified Infrastructure Projects) (English Undertakers) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – take note motion – Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park (*time limit 1½ hours*)
Items 3 and 4 will be debated together at a convenient point after 5.30pm
3. Draft Crown Court (Recording and Broadcasting) Order 2020 – take note motion – Lord Keen of Elie
4. Draft Court of Appeal (Recording and Broadcasting) (Amendment) Order 2020 – take note motion – Lord Keen of Elie (*time limit 1½ hours*)
5. *Further business may be scheduled*

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2020

Hybrid Proceedings at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
At a convenient point after 12noon
2. Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill – Second Reading – Lord Callanan

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2020

Hybrid Proceedings at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
At a convenient point after 12noon
2. Agriculture Bill – Second Reading – Lord Gardiner of Kimble

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2020

Hybrid Proceedings at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
At a convenient point after 12noon
2. Crossbench debate to be confirmed (*time limit 3 hours*)
3. A topical QSD may be scheduled (*ballot to be drawn on Tuesday 2 June, time limit 1 hour*)

FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2020

The House is expected not to sit

Information

Notes

- This document informally advertises the business which the Government anticipates the House will take in the coming three weeks. It should be read together with the formal Order Paper produced by the Clerk of the Parliaments, available from the Printed Paper Office and www.parliament.uk/lords
- Timings in italics are estimates only: business may take more or less time than that estimated. Other times are maximums: business may take less time than the maximum
- Items marked ‡ are expected to be taken during the dinner or lunch break. This usually starts at around 7.30pm or 1.30pm but may start earlier or later
- The advertised business on any day may be interrupted for a Ministerial statement
- The number of sessions shown for a stage of a bill represents the Government's assessment of reasonable time given the balance of bills and remaining days to the likely end of the session. Progress remains in the hands of the House. Report stage is usually half the length of Committee

Recess dates

Subject to the progress of business, the House will be adjourned during the following periods in 2020:

- *Whitsun*: Friday 22 May to Monday 1 June inclusive
- *Summer*: Wednesday 22 July to Monday 7 September inclusive
- *Conferences*: Friday 18 September to Monday 12 October inclusive

Sitting Fridays

The House resolved on Wednesday 25 March that no private members' bills would be considered before Thursday 21 May. The arrangements for any further sitting Fridays will be announced in due course.

Questions for short debate

The House resolved on Wednesday 25 March that no further questions for short debate are to be asked before Thursday 21 May. Topical questions for short debate will continue to be asked on a Thursday.

Advice on business

General inquiries

Email holgovernmentwhips@parliament.uk
Telephone 020-7219 3131
Website www.lordswhips.org.uk

Advice on the day's expected timing

Main Office; 020-7219 3131; Room 13

Grouping of amendments

Anishaa Aubeeluck; 020-7219 1113; Room 14

Scheduling private members' business

Ben Burgess; 020-7219 5215; Room 14

Speakers' Lists

For most debates, it is necessary to sign-up in advance to speak. The deadlines for signing up to speak are as follows:

Day of Business	Sitting time	Lists for oral questions close	Lists for debates close	Lists for statements, PNQs & UQs close
Monday	2:30pm	6pm on preceding Thursday	6pm on preceding Thursday	4pm on preceding Friday
Tuesday	11:00am	6pm on preceding Friday	6pm on preceding Friday	4pm on preceding Monday
Wednesday	11:00am	6pm on preceding Monday	6pm on preceding Monday	4pm on preceding Tuesday
Thursday	11:00am	6pm on preceding Tuesday	6pm on preceding Tuesday	4pm on preceding Wednesday

Once lists close the Government Whips' Office consults the usual channels about the order of speakers and then issues an ordered list. To see who has signed-up to speak visit www.lordswhips.org.uk/speakers-lists.

To sign-up to speak

Telephone 020-7219 3131

Use the touchscreen in the main office (Room 13, Principal Floor)

Use www.lordswhips.org.uk/speakers-lists for debates and bills

Use <https://www.lordswhips.org.uk/oral-questions-1> for questions etc.

Current Speakers' Lists

On the day of publication of this edition of Forthcoming Business, the following Speakers' Lists were open:

Tuesday 2 June	Direct Payments to Farmers (Crop Diversification Derogation) (England) Regulations 2020 Draft Northern Ireland Banknote (Designation of Authorised Bank) Regulations 2020
Wednesday 3 June	Draft Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modification) Order 2020
Thursday 4 June	Debate on the economic lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures necessary to repair the UK economy
Monday 8 June	Draft Water Industry (Specified Infrastructure Projects) (English Undertakers) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 Draft Crown Court (Recording and Broadcasting) Order 2020 and the draft Court of Appeal (Recording and Broadcasting) (Amendment) Order 2020
Tuesday 9 June	Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill – Second Reading
Wednesday 10 June	Agriculture Bill – Second Reading

Participants Lists for Virtual Committees

Any member of the House may take part in a committee stage of a bill in Virtual Committee, providing they have signed up to the participants list in advance, and subject to practical limits on the number of members who can be set up to participate in a single remote sitting. Once the participants list has been published, on the working day before the stage, it will not be possible for further members to add their names, and thus to seek to take part in that day's debate on the bill. [Full guidance has been issued by the Procedure Committee](#). Members can sign up here when the lists are opened: <http://www.lordswhips.org.uk/speakers-lists>

Tuesday 2 June	<i>Telecommunications Infrastructure (Leasehold Property) Bill – Virtual Committee - – a participants list will open at 10.00am on Friday 29 May</i>
Wednesday 3 June	<i>Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [HL] – Virtual Committee – a participants list will open at 10.00am on Monday 1 June</i>