

**GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE  
HOUSE OF LORDS**

**FORTHCOMING BUSINESS  
18 DECEMBER 2024**

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**WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER**

**Business in the Chamber at 3pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Football Governance Bill [HL] – Committee (day 6) – Baroness Twycross

**Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3:45pm**

1. Data (Use and Access) Bill [HL] – Committee (day 4 of 4) – Baroness Jones of Whitchurch

**THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER**

**Business in the Chamber at 11am**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Debate on the importance of growing the rural economy – Lord Bishop of St Albans / Baroness Hayman of Ullock
3. Debate on the policy towards China especially in relation to human rights and security issues arising from China's actions in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Tibet, and the South China Sea, and against the Uyghurs in Xinjiang – Lord Alton of Liverpool / Baroness Chapman of Darlington

**Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm**

No business scheduled

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***Christmas Adjournment***

*Friday 20 December to Sunday 5 January inclusive*



## MONDAY 6 JANUARY

### **Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill – Second Reading – Lord Livermore

### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3:45pm**

No business scheduled

## TUESDAY 7 JANUARY

### **Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill – Second Reading – Lord Hanson of Flint

### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3:45pm**

No business scheduled

## WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY

### **Business in the Chamber at 3pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Bus Services (No.2) Bill – Second Reading – Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill

### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4:15pm**

No business scheduled

## THURSDAY 9 JANUARY

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

*Great British Energy Bill - Committee (day 3)*

### **Business in the Chamber at 11am**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Debate on the Report from the Science and Technology Committee: *Long-duration energy storage: get on with it* – Baroness Brown of Cambridge / Baroness Gustafsson
3. Topical QSD - ballot drawn Tuesday 31 December
4. Debate on the Report from the International Relations and Defence Committee: *Our friends in the North: UK strategy towards the Arctic* – Lord Ashton of Hyde / Lord Collins of Highbury

### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm**

No business scheduled

## FRIDAY 10 JANUARY

*The House is expected not to sit*

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

*Mental Health Bill [HL] - Committee (day 1)*

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### MONDAY 13 JANUARY

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:  
*Football Governance Bill [HL] - Committee (final day)*

#### **Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Great British Energy Bill – Committee (day 3 of 3) – Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

#### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3:45pm**

*Items 1 and 2 are expected to be debated together*

1. Draft registrar (identity verification and unauthorised corporate service providers) regulations 2024 – Baroness Jones of Whitchurch
2. Draft Unique Identifiers (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 – Baroness Jones of Whitchurch
3. Draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 – Baroness Jones of Whitchurch
4. Draft Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Baroness Hayman of Ullock
5. Draft Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (England) 2024 – Baroness Hayman of Ullock
6. Draft Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing and Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 – Baroness Taylor of Stevenage

### TUESDAY 14 JANUARY

#### **Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Mental Health Bill [HL] – Committee (day 1 of 5) – Baroness Merron

#### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3:45pm**

*Business may be scheduled*

### WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

#### **Business in the Chamber at 3pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill (money bill) – Second Reading and Remaining Stages – Lord Livermore
3. Football Governance Bill [HL] – Committee (final day) – Baroness Twycross

#### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4:15pm**

*Business may be scheduled*

## THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

*Mental Health Bill [HL] - Committee (day 2)*

### **Business in the Chamber at 11am**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Debate on the challenges to a rules-based international order, and their impact on global cohesion, stability and security – Baroness Northover / Baroness Chapman of Darlington
3. Topical QSD - ballot drawn Tuesday 7 January
4. Debate on the growing challenges of the effects of climate change on natural ecosystems and the role of nature conservation in combatting global warming – Lord Teverson / Baroness Hayman of Ullock

### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm**

1. Debate on Restoration and Renewal Annual Progress Report – Senior Deputy Speaker

## FRIDAY 17 JANUARY

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

*Data (Use and Access) Bill - Report (day 1)*

### **Business in the Chamber at 10am**

1. Regulated and Other Activities (Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse) Bill [HL] – Second Reading – Baroness Grey-Thompson / Lord Hanson of Flint
  2. Consumer Products (Control of Biocides) Bill [HL] – Second Reading – Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle / Baroness Jones of Whitchurch
  3. Universal Credit (Standard Allowance Entitlement of Care Leavers) Bill [HL] – Second Reading – Bishop of Manchester / Baroness Sherlock
  4. Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [HL] – Committee – Baroness Hamwee / Lord Hanson of Flint
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## PROVISIONAL

### MONDAY 20 JANUARY

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

*Mental Health Bill [HL] - Committee (day 3)*

#### **Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Mental Health Bill [HL] - Committee (day 2 of 5) - Baroness Merron
3. ‡ QSD on ceasing the use of hotels to house asylum seekers - Lord Davies of Gower / Lord Hanson of Flint (*Dinner break business, time limit 1 hour*)

#### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3:45pm**

1. Draft Electricity Capacity Mechanism (Amendment) Regulations 2024 - Lord Hunt of Kings Heath
2. Draft Clean Heat Market Mechanism Regulations 2024 - Lord Hunt of Kings Heath
3. Draft Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024 - Baroness Hayman of Ullock
4. Draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements etc.) Regulations 2025 - Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill
5. Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 - Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent

### TUESDAY 21 JANUARY

#### **Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Data (Use and Access) Bill - Report (day 1 of 2) - Baroness Jones of Whitchurch

#### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3:45pm**

*Business may be scheduled*

### WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY

#### **Business in the Chamber at 3pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Mental Health Bill [HL] - Committee (day 3 of 5) - Baroness Merron

#### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4:15pm**

*Business may be scheduled*

## THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:  
*Mental Health Bill [HL] - Committee (day 4)*

### **Business in the Chamber at 11am**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Conservative Party Debate - *topic to be announced*
3. Topical QSD - ballot drawn Tuesday 14 January
4. Conservative Party Debate - *topic to be announced*

### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm**

*Business may be scheduled*

## FRIDAY 24 JANUARY

*The House is expected not to sit*

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:  
*Data (Use and Access) Bill - Report (day 2)*  
*Bus Services (No.2) Bill - Committee (day 1)*

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## MONDAY 27 JANUARY

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:  
*Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL] (Private Bill) - Third Reading*

### **Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Mental Health Bill [HL] - Committee (day 4 of 5) - Baroness Merron
3. ‡ QSD on consideration given to the impacts in the nations and regions of the UK of the removal of the agricultural property relief for inheritance tax, the increases to employers' National Insurance contributions, and the extension of VAT to private school fees - Lord Morrow / Lord Livermore (*Dinner break business, time limit 1 hour*)

### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3:45pm**

1. Draft Environmental Permitting (Electricity Generating Stations) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 - Lord Hunt of Kings Heath
2. Draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025 - Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

*It is expected that items 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be debated together*

3. Draft Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 - Baroness Taylor of Stevenage
4. Draft Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2024 - Baroness Taylor of Stevenage
5. Draft Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Regulations 2025 - Baroness Taylor of Stevenage
6. Draft Lancashire Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 - Baroness Taylor of Stevenage

## TUESDAY 28 JANUARY

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

*Bus Services (No.2) Bill - Committee (day 2)*

### **Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Data (Use and Access) Bill – Report (day 2 of 2) – Baroness Jones of Whitchurch

### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3:45pm**

1. Bus Services (No.2) Bill – Committee (day 1 of 4) – Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill

## WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY

### **Business in the Chamber at 3pm**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Royal Albert Hall Bill [HL] (Private Bill) – Third Reading – Lord Harrington of Watford
3. *Further business will be scheduled*

### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4:15pm**

*Business may be scheduled*

## THURSDAY 30 JANUARY

### **Business in the Chamber at 11am**

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Balloted Debate - *Ballot to be drawn Wednesday 15 January*
3. Topical QSD - ballot drawn Tuesday 21 January
4. Balloted Debate - *Ballot to be drawn Wednesday 15 January*

### **Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm**

1. Bus Services (No.2) Bill – Committee (day 2 of 4) – Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill

## FRIDAY 31 JANUARY

*The House is expected not to sit*

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# Information

## Notes

- This document informally advertises the business which the Government anticipates the House will take in the coming three sitting 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 [lordsbusiness.parliament.uk](http://lordsbusiness.parliament.uk)
- The advertised business on any day may be interrupted for a Ministerial statement
- 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 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:

- **Christmas:** Friday 20 December to Sunday 5 January
- **February:** Friday 14 February to Sunday 23 February
- **Easter:** Friday 4 April to Monday 21 April
- **Whitsun:** Friday 23 May to Sunday 1 June
- **Summer:** Friday 25 July to Sunday 31 August.

## Sitting Fridays

The House is expected to sit on the following Fridays: 17 January, 7 February, 14 March, 25 April, 16 May, 13 June, 18 July. Further sitting Fridays will be announced in due course.

## Questions for short debate

Four balloted questions for short debate will be asked in Grand Committee on Thursday 12 December.

## Advice on business

General inquiries	Email	<a href="mailto:holgovernmentwhips@parliament.uk">holgovernmentwhips@parliament.uk</a>
	Telephone	020-7219 3131
	Website	<a href="http://www.lordswhips.org.uk">www.lordswhips.org.uk</a>
Advice on the day's expected timing		Main Office; 020-7219 3131; Room 13
Grouping of amendments		Max Bull 07505074325; Room 15
		Michael Bleakley 07562 438955; Room 15
Scheduling private members' Bills		Michael Bleakley 07562 438955; Room 15
Arrangement of other business (secondary legislation, debates, QSDs etc)		Charlotte Peters 020-7219 5215; Room 14



## *Speakers' lists*

For most debates, it is necessary to sign-up in advance to speak.

**For a trial period from 1 January 2025 until Easter Recess, Speakers' lists will now close at 5pm two working days before a question or debate takes place (4pm on Fridays).**

Once lists close the Government Whips' Office consults the usual channels about the order of speakers and then issues an ordered list. To sign-up to speak Telephone 020-7219 3131 or use [www.lordswhips.org.uk/speakers-lists](http://www.lordswhips.org.uk/speakers-lists).

*On the day of publication of this edition of Forthcoming Business, the following speakers' lists were open for debates:*

Monday 6 January	National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class Contributions) Bill – Second Reading
Tuesday 7 January	Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill – Second Reading
Wednesday 8 January	Bus Services (No.2) Bill – Second Reading
Thursday 9 January	Debate on the Report from the Science and Technology Committee: <i>Long-duration energy storage: get on with it</i>  Debate on the Report from the International Relations and Defence Committee: <i>Our friends in the North: UK strategy towards the Arctic</i>
Wednesday 15 January	Financial Assistance to Ukraine Bill – Second Reading
Thursday 16 January	Debate on Restoration and Renewal Annual Progress Report
Friday 17 January	Regulated and Other Activities (Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse) Bill [HL] - Second Reading  Consumer Products (Control of Biocides) Bill [HL] - Second Reading  Universal Credit (Standard Allowance Entitlement of Care Leavers) Bill [HL] - Second Reading
Monday 20 January	QSD on ceasing the use of hotels to house asylum seekers
Monday 27 January	QSD on consideration given to the impacts in the nations and regions of the UK of the removal of the agricultural property relief for inheritance tax, the increases to employers' National Insurance contributions, and the extension of VAT to private school fees