

**GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS**

**FORTHCOMING BUSINESS
12 MARCH 2025**

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WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill [HL] (PMB) - Committee

Business in the Chamber at 3pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [HL] – Third Reading – Lord Leong
3. House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill – Committee (day 3 of 4) – Baroness Smith of Basildon

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

No business scheduled

THURSDAY 13 MARCH

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Universal Credit (Standard Allowance Entitlement of Care Leavers) Bill [HL] - Third Reading
Mortgage Prisoners Inquiry Bill [HL] - Committee (PMB)
Football Governance Bill [HL] - Report (day 2)

Business in the Chamber at 11am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Debate on the United Kingdom's global position – Lord Howell of Guildford / Baroness Chapman of Darlington
3. Debate on the role of integration in reducing barriers to community cohesion in the United Kingdom – Baroness Verma / Lord Khan of Burnley

Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm

1. QSD on plans for open access operators following the creation of Great British Railways – Lord Young of Cookham / Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill
2. QSD on progress made in developing a National Youth Strategy – Baroness Anelay of St Johns / Baroness Twycross
3. QSD on the assessment made of the offence caused to the indigenous peoples affected by the sale of human body parts in public auctions, and their display and retention in public collections – Lord Boateng / Baroness Twycross
4. QSD on the strategy for biodiversity and conservation – Lord Grayling / Baroness Hayman of Ullock

FRIDAY 14 MARCH

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Non-Domestic Ratings (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill – Report

Business in the Chamber at 10am

1. Universal Credit (Standard Allowance Entitlement of Care Leavers) Bill [HL] – Third Reading – Bishop of Manchester / Baroness Sherlock
 2. House of Lords (Peerage Nominations) Bill [HL] – Second Reading – Lord Norton of Louth / Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent
 3. Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill [HL] – Second Reading – Baroness Northover / Baroness Chapman of Darlington
 4. Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill [HL] – Committee – Lord Thomas of Gresford / Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent
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MONDAY 17 MARCH

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Armed Forces Commissioner Bill - Committee (day 1)

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Mortgage Prisoners Inquiry Bill [HL] – Committee (Private Members' Bill) – Lord Sharkey
3. Football Governance Bill [HL] – Report (day 2 of 2) – Baroness Twycross
4. ‡ QSD on the policy with regard to the Ukraine war following the new policy of the government of the USA – Lord Skidelsky / Lord Coaker (*Dinner break business, time limit 1 hour*)

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

1. Draft Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 – Baroness Gustafsson
2. Draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Regulations 2025 – Baroness Gustafsson
3. Draft Immigration (Biometric Information etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 – Lord Hanson of Flint
4. Draft Online Procedure Rules (Specified Proceedings) Regulations 2025 – Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede
5. Draft Civil Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Fees (Amendment) Order 2025 – Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede

TUESDAY 18 MARCH

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Holocaust Memorial Bill – Committee (day 3)

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Non-Domestic Ratings (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill – Report – Lord Khan of Burnley

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

No business scheduled

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

Business in the Chamber at 3pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Church of Scotland (Lord High Commissioner) Bill – Second Reading – Baroness Smith of Basildon
3. Finance Bill – Second Reading and Remaining Stages – Lord Livermore
4. Draft Infected Blood Compensation Scheme Regulations 2025 and the associated regret motion in the name of Baroness Brinton – Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent

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

1. Armed Forces Commissioner Bill – Committee (day 1 of 3) – Lord Coaker

THURSDAY 20 MARCH

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Church of Scotland (Lord High Commissioner) Bill – Committee

Armed Forces Commissioner Bill – Committee (day 2)

Business in the Chamber at 11am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Debate on the 75th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights – Lord Alton of Liverpool / Baroness Chapman of Darlington
3. QSD on steps being taken to explore the impact of Covid-19 restrictions on people's ongoing bereavement, following the National Day of Reflection – Bishop of London / Baroness Merron
4. Debate on the Crown Court criminal case backlog, and the impact of delays on reliability of evidence, experience of victims and fairness of proceedings for defendants – Lord Carlile of Berriew / Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede

Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm

1. Holocaust Memorial Bill – Committee (day 3) – Lord Khan of Burnley

FRIDAY 21 MARCH

The House is expected not to sit

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Non-Domestic Ratings (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill – Third Reading

National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill – LCCA/R

House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill – Committee (day 4)

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MONDAY 24 MARCH

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Bus Services (No.2) Bill - Report

Armed Forces Commissioner Bill - Committee (day 3)

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Church of Scotland (Lord High Commissioner) Bill – Committee and Remaining Stages – Baroness Smith of Basildon
3. Non-Domestic Ratings (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill – Third Reading – Lord Khan of Burnley
4. National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill – Lords Consideration of Commons Amendments and / or Reasons – Lord Livermore
5. The Local Authorities (Changes to Years of Ordinary Elections) (England) Order 2025 and the associated fatal motions in the name of Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb and Baroness Pinnock and the regret motion in the name of Baroness Scott of Bybrook – Baroness Taylor of Stevenage

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

1. Armed Forces Commissioner Bill – Committee (day 2 of 3) – Lord Coaker

TUESDAY 25 MARCH

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Football Governance Bill – Third Reading

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill – Committee (day 4 of 4) – Baroness Smith of Basildon

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

1. Draft Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2025 – Baroness Smith of Cluny
2. Draft Electronic Communications (Networks and Services) (Designated Vendor Directions) (Penalties) Order 2025 – Baroness Jones of Whitchurch
3. Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 – Baroness Taylor of Stevenage
4. Draft Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025 – Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH

Business in the Chamber at 3pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Football Governance Bill – Third Reading – Baroness Twycross
3. Bus Services (No.2) Bill – Report – Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill
4. *If necessary, Commons Amendments and / or Reasons will be considered*

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

1. Armed Forces Commissioner Bill – Committee (day 3 of 3) – Lord Coaker

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Mental Health Bill [HL] – Report (day 1)

Business in the Chamber at 11am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Employment Rights Bill – Second Reading – Baroness Jones of Whitchurch

Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm

Business may be scheduled

FRIDAY 28 MARCH

Business in the Chamber at 10am

1. Debate on the Report from the Food, Diet and Obesity Committee: *Recipe for health: a plan to fix our broken food system* – Baroness Walmsley / Baroness Merron
 2. Debate on the Report from the Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee: *The Modern Slavery Act 2015: becoming world-leading again* – Baroness O’Grady of Upper Holloway / Lord Moraes
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PROVISIONAL

MONDAY 31 MARCH

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Bus Services (No.2) Bill – Third Reading
Mental Health Bill [HL] – Report (day 2)

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

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

‡ Items 3 and 4 are expected to be debated together as dinner break business

3. Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners' Liability) Measure Church Funds Investment Measure – Bishop of Chichester
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5. *If necessary, Commons Amendments and / or Reasons will be considered*

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

Business may be scheduled

TUESDAY 1 APRIL

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Bus Services (No.2) Bill – Third Reading – Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill
3. Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill – Second Reading – Baroness Smith of Malvern
4. *If necessary, Commons Amendments and / or Reasons will be considered*

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

Business may be scheduled

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL

Business in the Chamber at 3pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Mental Health Bill [HL] – Report (day 2 of 2) – Baroness Merron
3. *If necessary, Commons Amendments and / or Reasons will be considered*

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

Business may be scheduled

THURSDAY 3 APRIL

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 25 March*
4. Conservative Party Debate - *Topic to be announced*

Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm

Business may be scheduled

Easter Recess Adjournment:

Friday 4 April to Monday 21 April inclusive

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
- 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:

- **Easter:** Friday 4 April to Monday 21 April
- **Whitsun:** Friday 23 May to Sunday 1 June
- **Summer:** Friday 25 July to Sunday 31 August
- **Conference:** Friday 19 September to Sunday 12 October
- **Christmas:** Friday 19 December to Sunday 4 January 2026.

Sitting Fridays

The House is expected to sit on the following Fridays: 14 March, 28 March, 25 April, 9 May, 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 13 March.

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
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Grouping of amendments	Max Bull 07505074325; Room 15
	Michael Bleakley 07562 438955; Room 15

Scheduling private members' Bills	Michael Bleakley 07562 438955; Room 15
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Arrangement of other business (secondary legislation, debates, QSDs etc)	Charlotte Peters 020-7219 5215; Room 14
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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.

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

Friday 14 March	House of Lords (Peerage Nominations) Bill [HL] – Second Reading Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill [HL] – Second Reading
Monday 17 March	QSD on the policy with regard to the Ukraine war following the new policy of the government of the USA
Wednesday 19 March	Church of Scotland (Lord High Commissioner) Bill – Second Reading Finance Bill – Second Reading
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Thursday 27 March	Employment Rights Bill – Second Reading
Friday 28 March	Debate on the Report from the Food, Diet and Obesity Committee: <i>Recipe for health: a plan to fix our broken food system</i> Debate on the Report from the Modern Slavery Act 2015 Committee: <i>The Modern Slavery Act 2015: becoming world-leading again</i>
Tuesday 1 April	Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill – Second Reading