

**GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS**

**FORTHCOMING BUSINESS
19 MARCH 2025**

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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)

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

Holocaust Memorial Bill - Committee (day 4)

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

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

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. Draft Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025 and associated regret motion in the name of Baroness Hoey – Lord Hunt of Kings Heath
5. *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)

Holocaust Memorial Bill - Committee (day 5)

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

1. Holocaust Memorial Bill – Committee (day 4) – Lord Khan of Burnley

FRIDAY 28 MARCH

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill – Committee (day 5)

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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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
3. *If necessary, Commons Amendments and / or Reasons will be considered*

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

4. Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners' Liability)
Measure Church Funds Investment Measure – Bishop
of Chichester
5. Church Funds Investment Measure – Bishop of
Chichester

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

1. Holocaust Memorial Bill – Committee (day 5) –
Lord Khan of Burnley

TUESDAY 1 APRIL

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. House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill – Committee (day 5) – Baroness Smith of Basildon
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. Debate on the impact of the Government's economic and planning measures on farming and rural communities – Lord Roborough / Baroness Hayman of Ullock
3. Topical QSD – Ballot drawn Tuesday 25 March
4. Debate on the affordability of achieving the net zero emissions target by 2050 – Lord Offord of Garvel / Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

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

Wednesday 16 April

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Renters' Rights Bill – Committee (day 1)

PROVISIONAL

TUESDAY 22 APRIL

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Mental Health Bill [HL] - Third Reading

Renters' Rights Bill - Committee (day 2)

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Renters' Rights Bill – Committee (day 1 of 6) –
Baroness Taylor of Stevenage

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

Business may be scheduled

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL

Business in the Chamber at 3pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Mental Health Bill [HL] – Third Reading –
Baroness Merron
3. Tobacco and Vapes Bill – Second Reading –
Baroness Merron

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

1. The Pension Protection Fund and Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2025 and associated take note motion in the name of Lord Davies of Brixton –
Baroness Sherlock

THURSDAY 24 APRIL

Business in the Chamber at 11am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Renters' Rights Bill – Committee (day 2 of 6) –
Baroness Taylor of Stevenage
3. ‡ QSD as steps being taken by the Government, as a member of the Media Freedom Coalition, to ensure the safety and security of journalists and media workers worldwide – Baroness Mobarik / Baroness Twycross
(*Lunch break business, time limit 1 hour*)

Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm

Business may be scheduled

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

Business in the Chamber at 10am

1. Debate on the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *National debt: it's time for tough decisions* – Lord Bridges of Headley / Lord Livermore
 2. Debate on the Report from the Communications and Digital Committee *The future of news* – Baroness Stowell of Beeston / Baroness Twycross
 3. Debate on the Report from the Statutory Inquiries Committee *Enhancing Public Trust* – Lord Norton of Louth / Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent
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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*
- *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*

Committee stages - provisional future dates

This section outlines the provisional dates for committee stages (where they go beyond the dates listed in this forthcoming business). These are provisional, and may change depending on the progress of business.

Renters' Rights Bill Committee (6 days)

1. Tuesday 22 April
2. Thursday 24 April
3. Monday 28 April
4. Tuesday 6 May
5. Monday 12 May
6. Wednesday 14 May

All will be subject to the typical tabling deadlines for the marshalled list, and any changes will be announced via forthcoming business in the usual way.

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: 28 March, 25 April, 9 May, 6 June, 13 June, 4 July, 18 July, 5 September, 12 September. 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 1 May.

Advice on business

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Advice on the day's expected timing

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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

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 Whitsun 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:

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>
Thursday 3 April	Debate on the impact of the Government's economic and planning measures on farming and rural communities
	Debate on the affordability of achieving the net zero emissions target by 2050

Wednesday 23 April Tobacco and Vapes Bill – Second Reading

Thursday 24 April QSD as steps being taken by the Government, as a member of the Media Freedom Coalition, to ensure the safety and security of journalists and media workers worldwide

Friday 25 April Debate on the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *National debt: it's time for tough decisions*

Debate on the Report from the Communications and Digital Committee *The future of news*

Debate on the Report from the Statutory Inquiries Committee *Enhancing Public Trust*