

GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE HOUSE OF LORDS

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS 2 APRIL 2025

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WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL

Business in the Chamber at 3pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Bus Services (No.2) Bill – Report (day 2 of 2) –
Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill
3. Mental Health Bill [HL] – Report (day 2 of 2) –
Baroness Merron

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

No business 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. QSD on the assessment made of the announcement by NATO allies, including Baltic states and Poland, that they intend to withdraw from the Ottawa Treaty on anti-personnel landmines and the Convention on Cluster Munitions – Lord Verdirame / Baroness Chapman of Darlington (*Time limit 1 hour*)
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

No business 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)

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

1. Debate on the Report from the International
Agreements Committee: *One Hundred Year Partnership
Agreement between the United Kingdom and Ukraine* –
Lord Fox / Lord Collins of Highbury

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

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:
Renters' Rights Bill - Committee (day 3)

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 on 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 / Lord Collins of Highbury (*Lunch break business, time limit 1 hour*)

Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm

No business scheduled

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:
Employment Rights Bill - Committee (day 1)

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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MONDAY 28 APRIL

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Armed Forces (Commissioner) Bill - Report

Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [HL] - Report

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Renters' Rights Bill – Committee (day 3 of 6) –
Baroness Taylor of Stevenage
3. ‡ Draft Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions)
(England) Regulations 2025 and associated regret motion
in the name of Lord Roborough – Baroness Hayman of
Ullock (*Dinner break business*)

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

1. Debate on the report from Constitution Committee *The
Governance of the Union: Consultation, Co-operation and
Legislative Consent* – Baroness Drake /
Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent
2. Debate on the Report from the Science and Technology
Committee *Don't fail to scale: seizing the opportunity of
engineering biology* – Baroness Brown of Cambridge /
Lord Vallance of Balham

TUESDAY 29 APRIL

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Great British Energy Bill – LCCR

Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill - LCCA

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Employment Rights Bill – Committee (day 1 of 7) –
Baroness Jones of Whitchurch

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

Business may be scheduled

WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL

Business in the Chamber at 3pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Great British Energy Bill – Lords Consideration of
Commons Reason – Lord Hunt of Kings Heath
3. Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education
(Transfer of Functions etc) Bill – Lords Consideration of
Commons Amendments – Baroness Smith of Malvern
4. Armed Forces (Commissioner) Bill – Report –
Lord Coaker
5. Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill [HL] (Law Commission
Bill) – Report – Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede
6. *Further business may be scheduled*

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

Business may be scheduled

THURSDAY 1 MAY

Business in the Chamber at 11am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill – Second Reading
– Baroness Smith of Malvern

Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm

1. Four Questions for Short Debate will be taken - *Ballot drawn on Tuesday 22 April*

FRIDAY 2 MAY

The House is expected not to sit

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MONDAY 5 MAY

The House is expected not to sit

TUESDAY 6 MAY

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Renters' Rights Bill – Committee (day 4 of 6) –
Baroness Taylor of Stevenage

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

It is expected that items 1, 2 and 3 will be debated together

1. Draft Cornwall Council (Adult Education Functions) Regulations 2025 – Baroness Blake of Leeds
2. Draft East Midlands Combined County Authority (Adult Education Functions) Regulations 2025 –
Baroness Blake of Leeds
3. Draft York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (Adult Education Functions) Order 2025 –
Baroness Blake of Leeds
4. Draft Infrastructure Planning (Onshore Wind and Solar Generation) Order 2025 – Lord Hunt of Kings Heath
5. Draft Medical Devices (Amendment) (Great Britain) Regulations 2025 – Baroness Blake of Leeds
6. Draft Whiplash Injury (Amendment) Regulations 2025 –
Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede
7. Draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 – Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY

Business in the Chamber at 3pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Business will be scheduled

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

Business may be scheduled

THURSDAY 8 MAY

(Please note: *the House will sit from 11-11.05am for prayers only*)

Business in the Chamber at 12pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Employment Rights Bill – Committee (day 2 of 7) –
Baroness Jones of Whitchurch

Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 1pm

Business may be scheduled

FRIDAY 9 MAY

Business in the Chamber at 10am

1. Debate on the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe
and Victory Over Japan – Lord Coaker /
Baroness Twycross
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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

Employment Rights Bill Committee (7 days)

1. Tuesday 29 April
2. Thursday 8 May
3. Tuesday 13 May
4. Monday 19 May
5. Wednesday 21 May
6. Tuesday 3 June
7. Thursday 5 June

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: 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

General inquiries

Email	<u>holgovernmentwhips@parliament.uk</u>
Telephone	020-7219 3131
Website	<u>www.lordswhips.org.uk</u>

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 the 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:

Tuesday 22 April	Debate on the Report from the International Agreements Committee: <i>One Hundred Year Partnership Agreement between the United Kingdom and Ukraine</i>
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