

GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE HOUSE OF LORDS

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

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WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Business in the Chamber at 3pm

1. Oral Questions (40 minutes)
2. Debate on the Report from the Retirement and Participation Committee – Baroness Taylor of Bolton / Baroness Smith of Basildon

Business in Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 4:15pm

1. Railways Bill – Committee (day 3 of 7) – Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Business in the Chamber at 11am

1. Oral Questions (40 minutes)
2. Debate on the impact of VAT and other tax changes on independent schools since 1 January 2025 – Lord Lexden / Baroness Smith of Malvern
3. QSD on the impact of economic uncertainty, regulatory change, and environmental pressures on the mental health of those working in agriculture – Lord Bishop of Hereford / Baroness Hayman of Ullock
4. Debate on the state of the prison and probation service in England and Wales – Lord Farmer / Lord Lemos

Business in Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 12:15pm

1. QSD on the assessment made of the potential of a national empty homes strategy to help to end homelessness – Lord Bird / Baroness Taylor of Stevenage
2. QSD on the assessment made of the economic benefits of giving sports clubs special enterprise zone status – Lord Mann / Baroness Taylor of Stevenage
3. QSD on strengthening impartiality in the civil service and the delivery of public services – Baroness Falkner of Margravine / Baroness Twycross
4. QSD on the steps taken to ensure that their international partnerships with organisations in African and Asian countries support the development of healthcare in those countries – Lord Crisp / Lord Wood of Anfield

Conference Adjournment:
Friday 18 September to Sunday 11 October
inclusive

Thursday 8 October

Last day to table amendments for the Marshalled List for:

Public Office (Accountability) Bill - Committee (day 1)

Railways Bill - Committee (day 4)

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Public Office (Accountability) Bill – Committee (day 1 of 3) – Lord Lemos

**Business in Grand Committee in Committee Room
2A and 3A at 3:45pm**

1. Railways Bill – Committee (day 4 of 7) – Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral Questions (40 minutes)
2. Health Bill – Second Reading – Baroness Merron

Business in Grand Committee in in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 3.45pm

1. Draft Code of Practice: Access and Unfair Practices During the Recognition and Derecognition Process – Lord Leong
2. Modification of the Law (British Steel Limited Property Transfer) Regulations 2026 – Lord Leong

Items 3 and 4 are expected to be debated together:

3. Draft Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector and Social Rented Sector (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Baroness Taylor of Stevenage
4. Draft Hazards in Social Housing (Prescribed Requirements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Baroness Taylor of Stevenage
5. The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026 – Baroness Taylor of Stevenage

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

Business in the Chamber at 3pm

1. Oral Questions (40 minutes)
2. Sovereign Grant Bill (*money bill*) – Second Reading and Remaining Stages – Lord Pitt-Watson
3. Draft Protection Against Detriment (Industrial Action) Regulations 2026 and the associated regret motion in the name of Lord Hunt of Wirral – Lord Leong (*time limit 1 hour*)
4. Draft ACAS Code of Practice on Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities and associated regret in the name of Lord Sharpe of Epsom – Lord Leong (*time limit 1 hour*)
5. Draft Code of Practice on Right of Trade Unions to Access Workplaces and Draft Trade Unions (Right to Access Workplaces) Regulations 2026 and associated regret in the name of Lord Sharpe of Epsom – Lord Leong (*time limit 1 hour*)

Business in Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 4:15pm

1. Debate to take note of the Treaty between the UK and Poland on a Security and Defence Partnership – Lord Johnson of Lainston / Lord Wood of Anfield

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

Last day to table amendments for the Marshalled List for:

Public Office (Accountability) Bill – Committee (day 2)

Railways Bill – Committee (day 5)

Business in the Chamber at 11am

1. Oral Questions (40 minutes)
2. Debate on the importance of democratic accountability, public participation and electoral reform in relation to local government – Lord Shipley / Baroness Taylor of Stevenage
3. QSD on family businesses in the UK – Lord Cameron of Dillington / Lord Leong
4. Debate on the growing threats to the UK's food security – Baroness Teather / Baroness Hayman of Ullock

Business in Grand Committee in in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 12:15pm

1. Debate on the Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union regarding Cooperation on the Application of their Respective Competition Laws – Lord Lansley / Lord Wood of Anfield

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

The House is expected not to sit

Last day to table amendments for the Marshalled List for:

Armed Forces Bill – Report

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MONDAY 19 OCTOBER

Last day to table amendments for the Marshalled List for:

Commercial Payments Bill [HL] - Third Reading

Public Office (Accountability) Bill - Committee (day 3)

Railways Bill - Committee (day 6)

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Public Office (Accountability) Bill – Committee (day 2 of 3) – Lord Lemos
3. ‡ QSD on enhancing provision for the teaching of citizenship – Lord Norton of Louth / Baroness Smith of Malvern (*Dinner break business, time limit 1 hour*)

Business in Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 3:45pm

1. Railways Bill – Committee (day 5 of 7) – Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral Questions (40 minutes)
2. Commercial Payments Bill [HL] – Third Reading – Lord Leong
3. Armed Forces Bill – Report – Lord Coaker

Business in Grand Committee in in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 3.45pm

1. Debate on UK-EU Agreement in respect of Gibraltar – Lord Stirrup / Lord Wood of Anfield

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Business in the Chamber at 3pm

1. Oral Questions (40 minutes)
2. Public Office (Accountability) Bill – Committee (day 3 of 3) – Lord Lemos

Business in Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 4:15pm

1. Railways Bill – Committee (day 6 of 7) – Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

Last day to table amendments for the Marshalled List for:
Railways Bill – Committee (day 5)

Business in the Chamber at 11am

1. Oral Questions (40 minutes)
2. Crossbench debate – *topic to be announced*
3. *A QSD will be scheduled*
4. Crossbench debate – *topic to be announced*

Business in Grand Committee in in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 12:15pm

1. Debate to take note of the consultation relating to the sitting times of the House – Senior Deputy Speaker

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

Business in the Chamber at 10am

1. House of Lords (Alternative Second Chamber) Bill –
Second Reading – Baroness Smith of Llanfaes /
Baroness Twycross
 2. British Sovereignty Protection (Chagos Islands) Bill –
Second Reading – Lord Weir of Ballyholme /
Baroness Winterton of Doncaster
 3. *Further business may be scheduled*
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MONDAY 26 OCTOBER

Last day to table amendments for the Marshalled List for:
Armed Forces Bill - Third Reading
Health Bill - Committee (day 1)

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and
Information Systems) Bill – Report – Baroness Lloyd of
Effra

Business in Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 3:45pm

1. Railways Bill – Committee (day 7 of 7) – Lord Hendy of
Richmond Hill

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

Business in the Chamber at 2:30pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Armed Forces Bill – Third Reading – Lord Coaker
3. Courts and Tribunals Bill – Second Reading – Lord Lemos

Business in Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 3:45pm

1. Debate on the Draft Equality Act 2010 Code of Practice for Services, Public Functions and Associations and the associated take note motion in the name of Baroness Thornton – Lord Collins of Highbury

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER

Business in the Chamber at 3.00pm

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. Health Bill – Committee (day 1 of 7) – Baroness Merron
3. ‡ Draft Railways (Interoperability in Northern Ireland) (Convention on International Carriage by Rail) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 and the associated regret motion in the name of Baroness Hoey – Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill (*Dinner break business, time limit 1 hour*)

Business in Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 4.15pm

Business may be scheduled

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER

Business in the Chamber at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (*40 minutes*)
2. *Balloted debate – to be drawn 14 October*
3. *A QSD will be scheduled*
4. *Balloted debate – to be drawn 14 October*

Business in Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A and 3A at 12.15pm

1. Debate on the Special Report from the Select Committee on the Malvern Hills Bill – Baroness Coffey / Baroness Twycross

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

The House is expected not to sit



Information

1. *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*
2. *The advertised business on any day may be interrupted for a Ministerial statement or urgent question*
3. *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*
4. *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.*

Amending stages: This section outlines the provisional dates for committee / report stages. These are provisional, and may change depending on the progress of business.

Health Bill – Committee Stage (7 days)

Wednesday 28 October
Tuesday 3 November
Monday 9 November
Wednesday 11 November
Tuesday 17 November
Monday 23 November
Wednesday 25 November

Recess dates

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

- **Conference 2026:** Friday 18 September to Sunday 11 October
- **November 2026:** Thursday 5 November to Sunday 8 November

- **Christmas 2026:** Friday 18 December to Monday 4 January
- **February 2027:** Friday 12 February to Sunday 21 February
- **Easter 2027:** Friday 26 March to Sunday 11 April
- **Whitsun 2027:** Friday 28 May to Sunday 6 June
- **Summer 2027:** Thursday 29 September to Sunday 5 September

Sitting Fridays

The House is expected to sit on the following Fridays: 23 October, 20 November, 4 December, 11 December, 8 January, 15 January, 5 February, 26 February, 12 March.

Questions for short debate

Four balloted questions for short debate will be asked in Grand Committee on Thursday 17 September.

Advice on business

General inquiries

Email	holgovernmentwhips@parliament.uk
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Website	www.lordswhips.org.uk

Advice on the day's expected timing

Main Office; 020 7219 3131; Room 13

Grouping of amendments

Max Bull 07546653786; Room 15

Michael Bleakley 07562438955; Room 15

Scheduling private members' Bills

Michael Bleakley 07562438955; Room 15

Arrangement of other business (debates, QSDs, secondary legislation etc)

Connie Walsh; 07889912468; Room 14

Speakers' lists

For most debates, it is necessary to sign-up in advance to speak. Speakers' lists 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 through publication of Today's 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 13 October Health Bill - Second Reading

Wednesday 14 October Sovereign Grant Bill - Second Reading

Draft Protection Against Detriment
(Industrial Action) Regulations 2026

Draft ACAS Code of Practice on Time
Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities

Draft Trade Unions (Right to Access
Workplaces) Regulations 2026

Debate to take note of the Treaty
between the UK and Poland on a
Security and Defence Partnership

Thursday 15 October Debate on the importance of democratic
accountability, public participation and
electoral reform in relation to local
government

QSD on family businesses in the UK

Debate on the growing threats to the UK's food security

Debate on the Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union regarding Cooperation on the Application of their Respective Competition Laws

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British Sovereignty Protection (Chagos Islands) Bill - Second Reading

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Courts and Tribunals Bill - Second Reading

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