

GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS
29 JANUARY 2014

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WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2014

House dinner in the Peers' Dining Room at 7.30pm

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:
European Union (Referendum) Bill – Committee Day 2

Business in the Chamber at 3.00pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Children and Families Bill - Report (Day 4 of 4†) – Lord Nash
3. ‡ Criminal Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Regret motion – Lord Pannick/Lord Faulks (*dinner break business*)

Business in Grand Committee at 3.45pm

No business scheduled

THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2014

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:
Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill – Committee Day 1
Inheritance and Trustees' Powers Bill – Report
Defence Reform Bill – Committee Day 1

Business in the Chamber at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Debate on the implications for the United Kingdom of the forthcoming Scottish independence referendum – Lord Lang of Monkton/Lord Wallace of Tankerness
3. QSD on the steps being taken to improve access to finance to small and medium-sized businesses – Lord Berkeley/Lord Popat (*Topical QSD, time limit 1 hour*)

Business in Grand Committee at 2.00pm

No business scheduled

FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2014

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Water Bill – Committee Day 1

Business in the Chamber at 10.00am

1. European Union (Referendum) Bill – Committee (Day 2) – Lord Dobbs/Baroness Warsi

MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2014

House dinner in the Peers' Dining Room at 7.30pm

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill – Committee Day 1½

Defence Reform Bill – Committee Day 2

Business in the Chamber at 2.30pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill – Committee (Day 1 of 1½) – Baroness Randerson
3. ‡ Inheritance and Trustees' Powers Bill – Report – Lord Faulks (*dinner break business*)(*Law Commission Bill*)

Business in Grand Committee at 3.30pm

1. Defence Reform Bill – Committee (Day 1 of 6†) – Lord Astor of Hever

TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2014

House dinner in the Peers' Dining Room at 7.30pm

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Children and Families Bill – Third Reading

Water Bill – Committee Day 2

Business in the Chamber at 2.30pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Water Bill – Committee (Day 1 of 3†) – Lord de Mauley
3. ‡ QSD on the report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, *Survey of public attitudes towards conduct in public life 2012*, published in September 2013 – Lord Bew/Lord Wallace of Saltaire (*dinner break business, time limit 1 hour*)

Business in Grand Committee at 3.30pm

Items 1, 2 and 3 are expected to be taken together

1. Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (Commencement No. 4 and Consequential Provision) Order 2014 – Lord Wallace of Saltaire
2. Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Lord Wallace of Saltaire
3. Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Lord Wallace of Saltaire
4. Legislative Reform (Overseas Registration of Births and Deaths) Order 2014 – Lord Wallace of Saltaire
5. Localism Act 2011 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2014 – Baroness Stowell of Beeston

Items 6 and 7 will be taken together

6. Child Support Fees Regulations 2014 – Lord Freud
7. Child Support (Ending Liability in Existing Cases and Transition to New Calculation Rules) Regulations 2014 – Lord Freud
8. Consumer Credit Act 1974 (Green Deal) (Amendment) Order 2014 – Baroness Verma

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2014

House dinner in the Peers' Dining Room at 7.30pm

Business in the Chamber at 3.00pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Children and Families Bill – Third Reading – Lord Nash
3. Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill – Committee (Day 1½ of 1½) – Baroness Randerson

Business in Grand Committee at 3.45pm

1. Defence Reform Bill – Committee (Day 2 of 6†) – Lord Astor of Haver

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2014

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

National Insurance Contributions Bill – Report

Business in the Chamber at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Water Bill – Committee (Day 2 of 3†) – Lord de Mauley
3. ‡ QSD on the implications of introducing seven-day working in the National Health Service – Lord Ribeiro/Earl Howe (*lunch break business, time limit 1 hour*)

Business in Grand Committee at 2.00pm

1. QSD on the progress made in combating neglected tropical diseases since the London Declaration in 2012; and how that issue will feature in the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals health agenda – Baroness Hayman/Lord Bates (time limit 1 hour)
2. QSD on the Constitution Committee's report on the pre-emption of Parliament – Baroness Jay of Paddington/Lord Deighton (time limit 1 hour)
3. QSD on the impact of inequality on social mobility in the United Kingdom – Lord McFall of Alcuith/Lord Wallace of Saltaire (time limit 1 hour)

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2014

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Water Bill – Committee Day 3

Defence Reform Bill – Committee Day 3

Business in the Chamber at 10.00am

1. *Business will be scheduled*
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MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2014

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Defence Reform Bill – Committee Day 4

Business in the Chamber at 2.30pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. National Insurance Contributions Bill – Report (brief†) – Lord Newby
3. Immigration Bill – Second reading – Lord Taylor of Holbeach

Business in Grand Committee at 3.30pm

1. Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Baroness Stowell of Beeston
Items 2 and 3 expected to be taken together
2. Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Consumer Credit) Designated Activities Order 2014 – Lord Newby
3. Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2014 – Lord Newby
4. *Further business will be scheduled.*

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2014

House dinner in the Peers' Dining Room at 7.30pm

Business in the Chamber at 2.30pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Water Bill – Committee (Day 3 of 3†) – Lord de Mauley
3. ‡ *Dinner break business will be scheduled*

Business in Grand Committee at 3.30pm

1. Defence Reform Bill – Committee (Day 3 of 6†) – Lord Astor of Haver

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2014

Business in the Chamber at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. QSD on the plans the Government have for licensing the use of water cannons on the United Kingdom mainland – Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb/Lord Taylor of Holbeach (time limit 1 hour)
3. QSD on action being taken to support children and young people who have had a stroke – Baroness Wheeler/Earl Howe (time limit 1 hour)
4. QSD on the Government's plans for the expansion and management of the public forest estate following the report of the Independent Panel on Forestry – Baroness Royall of Blaisdon/Lord de Mauley (time limit 1 hour)
5. *One additional question for short debate will be scheduled.*

Business in Grand Committee at 12 noon

1. Defence Reform Bill – Committee (Day 4 of 6†) – Lord Astor of Hever

February adjournment:

Thursday 13 February 2014 to

Sunday 23 February 2014 inclusive

Thursday 20 February

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Pensions Bill – Report Day 1

Friday 21 February

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Northern Ireland Bill – Report

Defence Reform Bill – Committee Day 5

MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2014

House dinner in the Peers' Dining Room at 7.30pm

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

National Insurance Contributions Bill – Third Reading

Pensions Bill – Report Day 2

Defence Reform Bill – Committee Day 6

Business in the Chamber at 2.30pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Pensions Bill – Report (Day 1 of 2†) – Lord Freud
3. ‡ *Dinner break business will be scheduled*

Business in Grand Committee at 3.30pm

1. Public Bodies (Merger of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Director of Revenue and Customs Prosecutions) Order 2014 – Lord Faulks
2. Public Bodies (Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading's Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc.) Order 2014 – Viscount Younger of Leckie
3. *Further business will be scheduled.*

TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2014

House dinner in the Peers' Dining Room at 7.30pm

Business in the Chamber at 2.30pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. National Insurance Contributions Bill – Third Reading – Lord Newby
3. Northern Ireland Bill – Report (Day 1 of 1†) – Baroness Randerson
4. ‡ *Dinner break business will be scheduled*

Business in Grand Committee at 3.30pm

1. Defence Reform Bill – Committee (Day 5 of 6†) – Lord Astor of Hever

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2014

House dinner in the Peers' Dining Room at 7.30pm

Business in the Chamber at 3.00pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Pensions Bill – Report (Day 2 of 2†) – Lord Freud
3. ‡ *Dinner break business will be scheduled*

Business in Grand Committee at 3.45pm

1. Defence Reform Bill – Committee (Day 6 of 6†) – Lord Astor of Hever

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2014

Business in the Chamber at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Debate on Syria and the Middle East – Baroness Warsi

Business in Grand Committee at 1.00pm

1. QSD on the effectiveness of the Charity Commission – Baroness Barker/Lord Wallace of Saltaire (time limit 1 hour)
2. QSD on the Government's priorities during their chairmanship of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in 2014 – Baroness Deech/Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon (time limit 1 hour)
3. QSD on the case for city diplomacy between cities and locations in Europe as a means for providing better practice – Earl of Dundee/Earl Attlee (time limit 1 hour)
4. QSD on the advice given to (1) sports national governing bodies, and (2) national medical services, regarding concussions sustained in sporting injuries – Lord Addington/Earl Howe (time limit 1 hour)
5. QSD on the steps being taken to reduce the levels of suicide among young people in the United Kingdom – Lord Eames/Earl Howe (time limit 1 hour)

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2014

The House might sit

Information

Notes

- This document informally advertises the business which the Government anticipates the House will take in the coming three 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 www.parliament.uk/lords
- Timings in italics are estimates only: business may take more or less time than that estimated. Other times are maximums: business may take less time than the maximum
- 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 advertised business on any day may be interrupted for a Ministerial statement
- 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. † indicates agreement in the Usual Channels as to that assessment. Progress remains in the hands of the House. Report stage is usually half the length of Committee

Questions for short debate

The Whips' Office offers time for 1-1½ hour questions for short debate in the order in which they appear in the waiting list in *House of Lords Business*. Members waiting to ask their first QSD of the session are offered time before members who have already asked a QSD this session. The slots available are the dinner breaks on most Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and end of business on Thursdays (though other business, mainly motions in opposition to SIs, competes for this time) and on occasion in Grand Committee. In addition, the Grand Committee meets for a day of up to five 1 hour QSDs at least for every six sitting weeks: the Grand Committee will meet for that purpose on 27 February. Further dates will be advertised in due course. To see the Whips' Office progress in scheduling QSDs, visit www.lordswhips.org.uk.

Thursdays

Debates will be taken on Thursdays until the end of January. Bills will be taken on Thursdays from the start of February until the end of the session.

Sitting Fridays

The House will sit on the following Fridays: 31 January, 7 February. Additional sitting Fridays may be advertised in due course.

Recess dates

The Chief Whip has announced that, subject to the progress of business, the House will be adjourned for the following periods in 2013-14:

- *February*: Thursday 13 February to Sunday 23 February inclusive
- *Easter*: Thursday 10 April to Sunday 27 April inclusive
- *Whitsun*: Thursday 22 May to Sunday 1 June inclusive
- *Summer*: Thursday 31 July to Monday 6 October inclusive
- *Autumn long weekend*: Wednesday 12 November to Sunday 16 November inclusive
- *Christmas*: Thursday 18 December 2014 to Monday 5 January 2015 inclusive

Advice on business

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Advice on the day's expected timing

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Grouping of amendments

Victoria Warren; 020-7219 1113; Room 14

Scheduling tabled private members' business

Mark Davies; 020-7219 5215; Room 14

Speakers' Lists

For most debates, it is necessary to sign-up in advance to speak. Speakers' lists close at 6pm on the previous weekday (4pm on Fridays) except when a speakers' list for an afternoon sitting has been open for less than a sitting day, in which case the list closes at 12 noon on the day of the debate. The Government Whips' Office then consults the usual channels about the order of speakers and issues an ordered list of speakers.

To sign-up to speak

Telephone 020-7219 3131

Use the touchscreen in the main office (Room 13, Principal Floor)

Use www.lordswhips.org.uk

To see who has signed-up to speak use the touchscreen in the main office (which has a print facility) or visit www.lordswhips.org.uk.

Current Speakers' Lists

On the morning of publication of this edition of Forthcoming Business, the following Speakers' Lists were open:

Thursday 30 January

Debate on the implications for the United Kingdom of the forthcoming Scottish independence referendum

QSD on the steps being taken to improve access to finance to small and medium-sized businesses

Tuesday 4 February

QSD on the report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, *Survey of public attitudes towards conduct in public life 2012*, published in September 2012

Thursday 6 February

QSD on the implications of introducing seven-day working in the National Health Service

	QSD on the progress made in combating neglected tropical diseases since the London Declaration in 2012; and how that issue will feature in the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals health agenda
	QSD on the Constitution Committee's report on the pre-emption of Parliament
	QSD on the impact of inequality on social mobility in the United Kingdom
Monday 10 February	Immigration Bill – Second Reading
Wednesday 12 February	QSD on the plans the Government have for licensing the use of water cannons on the United Kingdom mainland
	QSD on action being taken to support children and young people who have had a stroke
	QSD on the Government's plans for the expansion and management of the public forest estate following the report of the Independent Panel on Forestry
Thursday 27 February	Debate on Syria and the Middle East
	QSD on the effectiveness of the Charity Commission
	QSD on the Government's priorities during their chairmanship of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in 2014
	QSD on the case for city diplomacy between cities and locations in Europe as a means for providing better practice
	QSD on the advice given to (1) sports national governing bodies, and (2) national medical services, regarding concussions sustained in sporting injuries
	QSD on the steps being taken to reduce the levels of suicide among young people in the United Kingdom

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Defence Reform Bill

Committee calendar

The House has committed the Defence Reform Bill to a Grand Committee. *Forthcoming Business* indicates that the Usual Channels intend that the Bill should complete its Committee stage in six days. This document, prepared by the bill team and agreed in the Usual Channels, sets out the subject matter expected to be covered each day. It is non-binding and may be revised, but it is intended to help participants with grouping and planning their own participation in the proceedings.

Session	Date	Clauses	Policy
1	3 February 2014	1-12 Schs 1-3	Part 1: Defence Procurement Defence Procurement arrangements Transfers General
2	5 February 2014		
3	11 February 2014	44-47 & Schedules 6-7	Part 3: Reserve Forces
4	12 February 2014		
5	25 February 2014	13-43 Schs 4-5 48-50	Part 2: Single Source Contracts Single Source Regulations Office Qualifying defence contracts Pricing contracts Transparency Sub-contracts Compliance SSRO: other functions Disclosure of information Review General Part 4: Final Provisions
6	26 February 2014		

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Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

Committee calendar

The House has committed the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to a Committee of the Whole House. *Forthcoming Business* indicates that the Usual Channels intend that the Bill should complete its Committee stage in one and a half days. This document, prepared by the bill team and agreed in the Usual Channels, sets out the subject matter expected to be covered each day. It is non-binding and may be revised, but it is intended to help participants with grouping and planning their own participation in the proceedings.

Session	Date	Clauses	Policy
1	3 February 2014	Cl 1-12	Donations and loans etc for political purposes; Northern Ireland Assembly; Justice Minister; Excepted and reserved matters
2	5 February 2014	Cl 13-29	Electoral registration and administration; misc; final provisions

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Water Bill

Committee calendar

The House has committed the Water Bill to a Committee of the whole House. *Forthcoming Business* indicates that the Usual Channels intend that the Bill should complete its Committee stage in three days. This document, prepared by the bill team and agreed in the Usual Channels, sets out the subject matter expected to be covered each day. It is non-binding and may be revised, but it is intended to help participants with grouping and planning their own participation in the proceedings.

Session	Date	Clauses	Policy
1	4 February 2014	Cl 1-21	Water supply licences and sewerage licenses; water and sewerage undertakers
2	6 February 2014	Cl 22-47	Regulation of the water industry; misc; water resources
3	11 February 2014	Cl 48-81	Environmental regulation; Flood Insurance Misc; General and final