

GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS
9 APRIL 2014

[Notes about this document are set out at the end]

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2014

Business in the Chamber at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Debate on higher education – Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon
3. Maastricht convergence criteria motion – Lord Newby

Business in Grand Committee at 12 noon

No business scheduled

Easter adjournment:

Thursday 10 April 2014 to
Monday 5 May 2014 inclusive

Friday 2 May

Last day to table amendments for the marshalled list for:

Immigration Bill – Third Reading

TUESDAY 6 MAY 2014

Business in the Chamber at 2.30pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. House of Lords Reform (No. 2) Bill – Committee (formal discharge) – Lord Steel of Aikwood
3. Immigration Bill – Third Reading – Lord Taylor of Holbeach
4. NHS Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2014 – Regret motion – Lord Hunt of Kings Heath/Earl Howe
5. Debate on actions taken to follow up the Report of the Select Committee on Small and Medium Sized Enterprises – Lord Cope of Berkeley/Lord Livingston of Parkhead

Business in Grand Committee at 3.30pm

No business scheduled

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2014

Business in the Chamber at 3.00pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. Care Bill [HL] – Consideration of Commons amendments – Earl Howe
3. Civil Legal Aid (Remuneration) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2014 – Regret motion – Lord Pannick/Lord Faulks
4. *Further business may be scheduled*

Business in Grand Committee at 3.45pm

1. Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2014 – Lord Wallace of Tankerness
Items 2 and 3 are expected to be debated together
2. Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Lord Wallace of Saltaire
3. Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Lord Wallace of Saltaire
4. Merchant Shipping (Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea) Order 2014 – Baroness Kramer
5. QSD on foreign investment from China into the United Kingdom – Lord Wei/Lord Livingston of Parkhead (time limit 1 hour)
6. QSD on the BBC's coverage of European Union matters – Lord Pearson of Rannoch/Lord Bates (time limit 1 hour)

THURSDAY 8 MAY 2014

Business in the Chamber at 11.00am

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
Items 2 and 3 are expected to be debated together
2. Take note debate on European Union Justice and Home Affairs opt-ins – Lord Faulks/Lord Taylor of Holbeach
3. Debate on the annual report to Parliament on the functioning of the European Union Treaties in relation to justice and home affairs matters – Lord Faulks
4. *Consideration of Commons amendments and reasons may be scheduled*

Business in Grand Committee at 2.00pm

1. Proposed National Policy Statement for National Networks – Baroness Kramer

FRIDAY 9 MAY 2014

The House is expected not to sit

PROVISIONAL

MONDAY 12 MAY 2014

Business in the Chamber at 2.30pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. *Consideration of Commons amendments and reasons may be scheduled*
Items 3 and 4 are expected to be debated together
3. Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2014 – Regret motion – Baroness Smith of Basildon/Lord Taylor of Holbeach
4. Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Amendment) Order 2014 – Motion to approve – Lord Taylor of Holbeach

Business in Grand Committee at 3.30pm

No business yet scheduled

TUESDAY 13 MAY 2014

Business in the Chamber at 2.30pm

1. Oral questions (30 minutes)
2. House of Lords Reform (No. 2) Bill – Third Reading – Lord Steel of Aikwood
3. *Consideration of Commons amendments and reasons may be scheduled*
4. *Further business may be scheduled*

Business in Grand Committee at 3.30pm

No business yet scheduled

*[Note: subject to the progress of business, the House
may meet on other days this week.]*

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 last met for that purpose on 27 February. It is unlikely that a further such day will be arranged this session. To see the Whips' Office progress in scheduling QSDs, visit www.lordswhips.org.uk.

Thursdays

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

Sitting Fridays

The House is unlikely to sit on a further Friday this session.

Recess dates

The Chief Whip has announced that, subject to the progress of business, the House will be adjourned for the following periods in 2014:

- *Easter*: Thursday 10 April to Monday 5 May inclusive
- *Whitsun*: Thursday 22 May to Tuesday 3 June inclusive (it is though expected that Parliament will be prorogued before 22 May to 4 June)
- *Summer*: Thursday 31 July to Sunday 12 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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Grouping of amendments

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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:

Tuesday 6 May	Debate on actions taken to follow up the Report of the Select Committee on Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
Wednesday 7 May	QSD on foreign investment from China into the United Kingdom QSD on the BBC's coverage of European Union matters
Thursday 8 May	Take note debate on European Union Justice and Home Affairs opt-ins Proposed National Policy Statement for National Networks