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BUSINESS TODAY: CHAMBER**11.30am Prayers****Followed by****QUESTIONS****■ Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice****1 Kevin Foster (Torbay)**

What recent progress his Department has made on consulting on the future of Torquay Magistrates' Court. (902593)

2 Tom Pursglove (Corby)

What steps he is taking to promote the use of victim statements in parole hearings. (902594)

3 Drew Hendry (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey)

What steps he is taking to reduce the number of custodial sentences given to women. (902595)

4 Mike Kane (Wythenshawe and Sale East)

What plans he has to reintroduce the residence test for legal aid. (902596)

5 Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn)

If he will make an assessment of the effect of the criminal courts charge on access to justice; and if he will make a statement. (902597)

6 Huw Irranca-Davies (Ogmore)

What plans he has to reform HM Courts and Tribunals Service. (902598)

7 Andrew Stephenson (Pendle)

What steps his Department is taking to improve prisons' engagement with employers; and if he will make a statement. (902599)

8 Graham Evans (Weaver Vale)

What support his Department provides to military veterans in prison. (902600)

9 Charlotte Leslie (Bristol North West)

What assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing the use of sport-based initiatives in (a) rehabilitation and (b) counter-extremism programmes in prisons. (902601)

10 Henry Smith (Crawley)

What plans he has to modernise the courts and tribunals system. (902602)

11 Anna Turley (Redcar)

What assessment he has made of the ease of access for children to appropriate legal representation. (902603)

- 12 Sir David Amess** (Southend West)
What steps his Department is taking to improve prisons' engagement with employers; and if he will make a statement. (902604)
- 13 Rebecca Harris** (Castle Point)
What steps his Department is taking to improve the employment prospects of prisoners. (902605)
- 14 Mims Davies** (Eastleigh)
What plans he has to reform legal aid; and if he will make a statement. (902606)
- 15 Neil Carmichael** (Stroud)
What the Government's policy is on the UK remaining party to the European Convention on Human Rights. (902608)
- 16 Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge)
What assessment he has made of the effect on court users of recent changes in civil court fees. (902609)
- 17 Alex Chalk** (Cheltenham)
What plans he has to modernise the courts and tribunals system. (902610)
- 18 Kate Osamor** (Edmonton)
What plans he has to reform judicial review. (902611)
- 19 Stephen Metcalfe** (South Basildon and East Thurrock)
What steps he is taking to increase the use of digital technology in the courts and tribunals system. (902612)
- 20 Helen Jones** (Warrington North)
What assessment he has made of the potential effect of planned changes to personal injury law on access to justice. (902613)
- 21 Nigel Huddleston** (Mid Worcestershire)
What steps his Department is taking to improve prisons' engagement with employers; and if he will make a statement. (902615)
- 22 Mary Robinson** (Cheadle)
What plans he has to modernise the courts and tribunals system. (902616)
- 23 Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood)
What rights protected in the Human Rights Act 1998 the Government plans not to include in the proposed British Bill of Rights. (902617)

At 12.15pm

■ **Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice**

- T1 Valerie Vaz** (Walsall South)
If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902583)
- T2 Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West) (902584)
- T3 Mr Nigel Evans** (Ribble Valley) (902585)

- T4 Mr Graham Allen** (Nottingham North) (902586)
T5 Craig Tracey (North Warwickshire) (902587)
T6 Huw Irranca-Davies (Ogmore) (902588)
T7 Stephen Hammond (Wimbledon) (902589)
T8 Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood) (902590)
T9 Graham Jones (Hyndburn) (902591)
T10 Mr David Hanson (Delyn) (902592)

URGENT QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

12.30pm

- **Urgent Questions (if any)**
- **Ministerial Statements (if any)**

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Presentation of Bills: no debate (Standing Order No. 57)

- **Fracking (Measurement and Regulation of Impacts) (Air, Water and Greenhouse Gas Emissions) Bill**

Geraint Davies

A Bill to require the Secretary of State to measure and regulate the impact of unconventional gas extraction on air and water quality and on greenhouse gas emissions; and for connected purposes.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

1. ASYLUM (UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN DISPLACED BY CONFLICT): TEN MINUTE RULE MOTION

Up to 20 minutes (Standing Order No. 23)

Tim Farron

That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the award of asylum-seeker status in the United Kingdom to certain unaccompanied children from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Eritrea displaced by conflict and present within the European Union; and for connected purposes.

Notes:

The Member moving and a Member opposing this Motion may each speak for up to 10 minutes.

2. EUROPEAN UNION REFERENDUM BILL: PROGRAMME (NO. 3)

No debate (Standing Order No. 83A(7))

Secretary Philip Hammond

That the following provisions shall apply to the European Union Referendum Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 9 June 2015 (European Union Referendum Bill (Programme)) and 7 September 2015 (European Union Referendum Bill (Programme) (No. 2)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

- (1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement at today's sitting.
- (2) The proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table.
- (3) The proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

TABLE

Lords Amendments	Time for conclusion of proceedings
No. 1	One hour after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments
Nos. 5, 6, 2 to 4 and 7 to 46	Three hours after the commencement of those proceedings

Subsequent stages

- (4) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.
- (5) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

3. EUROPEAN UNION REFERENDUM BILL: CONSIDERATION OF LORDS AMENDMENTS

Up to three hours (if the European Union Referendum Bill: Programme (No. 3) Motion is agreed to)

Notes:

Lords Amendment 1 engages financial privilege.
For amendments, see separate paper (also available on the documents webpage for the Bill).

4. CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION TO TACKLE SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME: PRÜM

Up to three hours (Order of 7 December)

James Brokenshire

That this House, wishing to see serious crimes solved, to counter terrorism and to see foreign criminals prosecuted and deported, supports opting in to the Prüm Decisions; notes the views of senior law enforcement officers that the Prüm Decisions are an important aid to tackling crime; notes the success of a pilot that demonstrated that the Prüm Decisions mechanism is both swift and effective; and further notes that only a subset of the relevant national DNA and fingerprint databases, containing data relating to individuals convicted of recordable offences, will be made available for searching by other participating States, and that the higher UK scientific standards will be applied to matches in the UK.

Amendment (a)

Sir William Cash

Mr Steve Baker

Mr Bernard Jenkin

Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg

John Redwood

Mr Andrew Turner

Richard Drax

Mr Philip Hollobone

Line 2, leave out from 'deported' to end and add ', does not support opting in to the Prüm Decisions because of the need to protect the civil liberties of British citizens, because of the risks to UK sovereignty posed by accepting the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in this area and because it would mean missing the opportunity to require a better arrangement, noting that the Government's policy is to renegotiate the jurisdiction of the ECJ and the result of the referendum in Denmark preserving that country's opt-out from such measures that will require Denmark to negotiate on an intergovernmental basis; notes that necessary international cooperation against terrorism and serious crime does not, and did not prior to the Lisbon Treaty, require the UK to accept the supremacy of EU law, the jurisdiction of the ECJ or the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights; and therefore requires the Government to secure alternative arrangements outside the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice.'

Amendment (b)**Joanna Cherry**

Line 9, at end, add '; notes the UK Government's intention to establish a Prüm Oversight Group and believes that the Scottish Government and Police Scotland should be included within the membership of that group and any further bodies established; and calls on the UK Government to continue to work closely with the Scottish Government to ensure the views and concerns of the people of Scotland are given due consideration.'

Relevant Documents:

Twelfth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee, Cross-border law enforcement cooperation - UK participation in Prüm, HC 342-xii

5. CHARITIES

No debate (Standing Order No. 118(6))

Damian Hinds

That the draft Small Charitable Donations Act (Amendment) Order 2015, which was laid before this House on 28 October, be approved.

Notes:

If this item is opposed after 7.00pm, the division will be deferred.

6. SUBSIDIARITY AND PROPORTIONALITY AND THE COMMISSION'S RELATIONS WITH NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

No debate (Standing Order No. 119(11))

Mr David Lidington

That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 10651/15 and Addendum, a Commission Annual Report 2014: Subsidiarity and proportionality, and No. 10663/15 and Addendum, a Commission Annual Report 2014: relations with national parliaments; recognises the importance of the principle of subsidiarity and the value of stronger interaction between national parliaments and the EU institutions; welcomes the Government's reform agenda and efforts to ensure that the Commission responds to future objections under the yellow card scheme by substantially amending or withdrawing the proposal that has been put forward; calls on the Commission to respond to the request of 29 national parliament chambers to establish a working group to consider reforms to strengthen their role; is encouraged by the Commission's announcement of its intentions to forge a new partnership with national parliaments; and calls on the Commission to set out its plans to do this.

Notes:

If this item is opposed after 7.00pm, the division will be deferred.

PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC PETITIONS

No debate or decision (Standing Order No. 153)

- Car parking charges at Congleton War Memorial Hospital: **Fiona Bruce**
- Reopening of Barlaston railway station (Stoke-on-Trent): **Sir William Cash**

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

Until 7.30pm or for half an hour (whichever is later) (Standing Order No. 9(7))

- Disabled parking permits in the London Borough of Harrow: **Bob Blackman**

BUSINESS TODAY: WESTMINSTER HALL**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The first part of the sitting will last for two hours. The second part of the sitting will last for three hours (Standing Order No. 10(1)).

9.30am

- That this House has considered access to medicines for people with cystic fibrosis and other rare diseases: **Ian Austin**

11.00am

- That this House has considered the proposal for a Shakespeare theatre in Knowsley: **Mr George Howarth**

Notes:

The Chairman of Ways and Means appointed the first debate on the recommendation of the Backbench Business Committee.

The sitting will be suspended from 11.30am to 2.30pm.

2.30pm

- That this House has considered marriage registration certificates: **Mrs Caroline Spelman**

4.00pm

- That this House has considered mobile phone coverage and the Electronic Communications Code: **Andrew Percy**

4.30pm

- That this House has considered lead shot ammunition: **Gerald Jones**

Notes:

The second part of the sitting will be suspended and time added if divisions take place in the main Chamber (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

The debate at 4.30pm will last for up to an hour.

WRITTEN STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS TO BE MADE TODAY

Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills

1. Post-Council Written Ministerial Statement - EU Competitiveness Council 30 November–1 December 2015

Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer

2. ECOFIN: 8 December 2015

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

3. NATO: Invitation to Montenegro to begin accession talks

Secretary of State for the Home Department

4. Review of local targets in policing

Secretary of State for Justice

5. Offender management

Notes:

Texts of Written Statements are available from the Vote Office and on the internet at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/hansard/commons/todays-written-statements/>.

COMMITTEES MEETING TODAY

The decision of a Committee to sit in public may be changed without notice.

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEES

■ Childcare Bill [Lords]

To consider the Bill

Room 11
9.25am (public)

■ Childcare Bill [Lords]

Further to consider the Bill

Room 11
2.00pm (public)

■ Housing and Planning Bill

Further to consider the Bill

Room 12
9.25am (public)

■ Housing and Planning Bill

Further to consider the Bill

Room 12
2.00pm (public)

SELECT COMMITTEES

■ Business, Innovation and Skills

Subject: Assessing quality in Higher Education

Witnesses: Professor Madeleine Atkins CBE, Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England, Douglas Blackstock, Chief Executive, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, Professor Les Ebdon, Director, Fair Access to Higher Education, Rob Behrens, Independent Adjudicator and Chief Executive, Office of the Independent Adjudicator, and Professor Stephanie Marshall, Chief Executive Officer, Higher Education Academy; Jo Johnson MP, Minister for Universities and Science, and Polly Payne, Director of Higher Education, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (at 10.15am)

Room 16
9.00am (private), 9.15am (public)

■ High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill**Subject: High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill**

Witnesses: Frances Heron; Jeremy Beasley and others; Somers Town Neighbourhood Forum; Pete Astor; Brian Battershill; Maria Martinez; HS2 Euston Action Group; Camden Cutting Group; Daniel Marcus; Camden Association of Street Properties; Camden Town District Management Committee; Malcolm Billings; John Myers and Daniel Bartlett; Regent Park Estate Residents; Ursula Brown; Martyn Swain; Mr Steven Christofi; Pan Camden HS2 Alliance; and Hero Granger-Taylor

Room 5

9.30am (public)

■ Energy and Climate Change**Subject: Home energy efficiency and demand reduction**

Witnesses: Dr Nick Eyre, Director, UK Energy Research Centre, Dr Jan Rosenow, Senior Fellow, Centre on Innovation and Energy Demand, University of Sussex, Simon Roberts, Chief Executive, Centre for Sustainable Energy, and Dave Sowden, Chief Executive, Sustainable Energy Association

Room 15

9.45am (private), 10.00am (public)

■ International Development**Subject: DFID's allocation of resources**

Witnesses: Mark Lowcock, Permanent Secretary, and Anna Wechsberg, Director of Strategy, Department for International Development

The Grimond Room, Portcullis House

9.45am (private), 10.15am (public)

■ Treasury**Subject: Comprehensive Spending Review and Autumn Statement 2015**

Witnesses: Robert Chote, Chairman, Office for Budget Responsibility, Sir Stephen Nickell CBE, Member, and Graham Parker CBE, Member, Budget Responsibility Committee

The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

9.45am (private), 10.00am (public)

■ Women and Equalities

Room 7

9.45am (private)

■ Culture, Media and Sport**Subject: BBC Charter Review**

Witnesses: Adam Crozier, Chief Executive, and Magnus Brooke, Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs, ITV; Thomas Archer, former controller of factual production, BBC, and Stewart Purvis, Professor of Television Journalism, City University London (at 11.00am)

Room 8

10.00am (private), 10.15am (public)

■ Defence**Subject: An acceptable risk? The use of Lariam for military personnel**

Witnesses: Dr Ashley Croft, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) A G Marriott MBE, Trixie Foster, and Dr Remington Nevin

The Wilson Room, Portcullis House

10.45am (private), 11.30am (public)

■ Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee: Greyhound Welfare**Subject: Greyhound welfare**

Witnesses: Barry Faulkner, Chief Executive Officer, and Tom Kelly, Chairman, Greyhound Board of Great Britain, Dominic Ford, Chairman, Bookmakers Afternoon Greyhound Service, and John Curran, Director, Racecourse Promoters Association; George Eustice MP, Minister of State, and Sue Ellis, Deputy Director and Head of the Animal Welfare Team, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (at 3.15pm)

Room 16

2.00pm (private), 2.15pm (public)

■ Health**Subject: Primary care**

Witnesses: Anna Bradley, Chair, Healthwatch England, Don Redding, Director of Policy, National Voices, and Katherine Murphy, Chief Executive, The Patients Association; Rosamond Roughton, National Director of Commissioning Development and Professor Sir Bruce Keogh, National Medical Director, NHS England, Julie Wood, Chief Executive, NHS Clinical Commissioners, and Dr Steve Kell OBE, Co-chair, NHS Clinical Commissioners and Chair, NHS Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group (at 3.30pm)

The Wilson Room, Portcullis House

2.00pm (private), 2.30pm (public)

■ High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill**Subject: High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill****Witnesses:** As for morning session, unless already heard

Room 5

2.00pm (public)

■ Home Affairs**Subject: (i) The work of the National Crime Agency; (ii) The work of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration; (iii) The work of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner****Witnesses:** (i) Keith Bristow QPM, Director General, National Crime Agency; (ii) David Bolt, Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration (at 3.00pm); (iii) Kevin Hyland OBE, Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (at 3.45pm)

The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

2.00pm (private), 2.15pm (public)

■ Petitions

Room 13

2.00pm (private)

■ Science and Technology**Subject: Investigatory Powers Bill: Technology issues****Witnesses:** Mark Hughes, President, BT Security, and Antony Walker, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, techUK; Professor Bernard Silverman, Chief Scientific Adviser, Richard Alcock, Programme Director, Communication Capabilities Directorate, Home Office, and Dr Bob Nowill, Chairman, Cyber Security Challenge (at 3.15pm)

Room 8

2.00pm (private), 2.15pm (public)

■ Standing Orders (Private Bills)**Subject: High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands)**

Room 21

2.00pm (private), 2.10pm (public)

■ Northern Ireland Affairs**Subject: Outcome of the Spending Review and the Talks****Witnesses:** Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Sir Jonathan Stephens KCB, Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office

Room 15

2.15pm (private), 2.30pm (public)

■ **Backbench Business**

Subject: Proposals for backbench debates

Witnesses: Members of Parliament

Room 20

2.20pm (private), 2.30pm (public)

■ **Foreign Affairs**

Subject: The costs and benefits of UK membership of the EU

Witnesses: Dr Scott James, Senior Lecturer in Political Economy, King's College London, Professor Iain Begg, Professorial Research Fellow, European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Dr Angus Armstrong, Director of Macroeconomics, National Institute of Economic and Social Research; Professor Sir Alan Dashwood QC, Emeritus Professor of European Law, Cambridge University, and Professor Panos Koutrakos, Jean Monnet Professor of European Law, City University London (at 4.00pm)

The Grimond Room, Portcullis House

2.30pm (private), 3.00pm (public)

■ **Liaison**

The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House

6.15pm (private)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING END OF DAY ADJOURNMENT DEBATES

■ Tuesday 15 December to Thursday 17 December (deadline 9 December)

Applications should be made in writing to the Table Office by 7.00pm or rise of the House, whichever is the earlier, on Wednesday 9 December. The ballot will take place on Thursday 10 December.

■ Tuesday 5 January to Monday 11 January 2016 (deadline 16 December)

Applications should be made in writing to the Table Office by 7.00pm or rise of the House, whichever is the earlier, on Wednesday 16 December. The ballot will take place on Thursday 17 December.

FORTHCOMING WESTMINSTER HALL DEBATES

Applications for 90, 60 and 30-minute debates should be made to the Table Office by 10.00pm or rise of the House, whichever is the earlier, on the deadline dates listed below. Members may submit applications to the Table Office in person, or from their own email account, or send a signed application through the post. Application forms are available from the Table Office or through the intranet at <http://intranet.parliament.uk/tableoffice/>.

The ballot takes place on the day following the deadline. Members will be informed of the outcome by the Speaker's Office.

■ Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 December (ballot closed)

The ballot for 15 and 16 December will take place today. Applications for this ballot have now closed.

■ Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 January (deadline 14 December)

The following Departments will answer:

Business, Innovation and Skills; Cabinet Office; Communities and Local Government; Culture, Media and Sport; Education; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Foreign and Commonwealth Office; Home Office; Leader of the House; Northern Ireland; Scotland; Treasury.

■ Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 January (deadline 5 January)

The following Departments will answer:

Attorney General; Defence; Energy and Climate Change; Health; International Development; Justice; Transport; Wales; Women and Equalities; Work and Pensions.

CHRISTMAS ADJOURNMENT - TABLING OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

Members wishing to table questions in person may do so in the usual way through the Table Office until 5.30pm or the rising of the House, whichever is earlier, on Thursday 17 December. Thereafter, Members may table questions for oral and written answer electronically or by post. Questions for written answer received after 17 December and before 4.30pm on Monday 4 January will be treated as having been tabled on 4 January.

Questions for oral answer

Under Standing Order No. 22(6), the Speaker has made the following arrangements for tabling Questions for oral answer when the House returns:

Last date of tabling*	Date for answer	Departments etc.
Thursday 17 December	Tuesday 5 January	Health (T)**
Thursday 17 December	Wednesday 6 January	Scotland Prime Minister
Thursday 17 December	Thursday 7 January	Energy and Climate Change (T)
Tuesday 5 January**	Monday 11 January	Home Office (T)
	Wednesday 13 January	Wales

The results of the shuffles on 17 December will be published on 18 December. They will be available from the Vote Office and on the internet at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmfuture/future.pdf>

For further details of last tabling days for other departments and answering bodies, see the Order of Questions rota available from the Vote Office and on the internet at <http://intranet.parliament.uk/Documents/intranet/table-office/Order-of-oral-questions-2015.pdf>

Notes:

* The latest time for tabling is 12.30pm on each of these days.

** First sitting day after adjournment.

*** (T) denotes that there are Topical questions for this Department.

Questions for written answer

The latest time for tabling a Question for written answer on a named day before the Christmas Adjournment is 10.30pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier, on Monday 14 December (for answer on Thursday 17 December).

Time of tabling

Monday 14 December before 10.30pm
or rise of House

From Tuesday 15 December until
5.30pm or rise of House on Thursday
17 December

From rise of House on Thursday 17
December until 4.30pm on Monday 4
January

Tuesday 5 January

Earliest date for named day answer

Thursday 17 December

Tuesday 5 January

Thursday 7 January (Each Member may table
up to five named day questions during this
period.)

Monday 11 January

