

Backbench Business Committee

List of subjects debated during backbench time in the 2023-24 session

*indicates debate appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means on the recommendation of the Backbench Business Committee

** indicates that a full day was allocated but one debate was subsequently cancelled.

*** indicates debates determined by the Backbench Business Committee on the recommendation of the Liaison Committee

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Date	Subject(s)	Venue	Time allocated (days)	Chamber days total	Total days (WH days)
23 May	Floating Offshore Wind and Contracts for Difference	Westminster Hall	0.5	15	28.5 (13.5)
21 May	Introduction of UK-made zero-emission buses*	Westminster Hall	0.25	15	28 (13)
16 May	(1) Inequalities in dementia services (2) Mental health and long-term conditions	Westminster Hall	0.5	15	27.75 (12.75)
16 May	PHSO report on Women's State Pension Age	Chamber	1	15	27.25 (12.25)
14 May	Impact of smartphones on social media and children*	Westminster Hall	0.25	14	26.25 (12.25)
9 May	(1) Global health agencies and vaccine-preventable deaths (2) Global Intergenerational Week 2024	Westminster Hall	0.5	14	26 (12)
9 May	(1) Miners and mining communities (2) BBC mid-term charter review	Chamber	1	14	25.5 (11.5)
7 May	Costs associated with illegal immigration*	Westminster Hall	0.25	13	24.5 (11.5)
2 May	(1) Pylons and upgrades to the national grid (2) Contribution of volunteers	Westminster Hall	0.5	13	24.25 (11.25)
2 May	(1) Security in the Western Balkans (2) Pension schemes	Chamber	1	13	23.75 (10.75)

30 April	Glaucoma and community optometry*	Westminster Hall	0.25	12	22.75 (10.75)
25 April	(1) Health inequalities in liver disease and liver cancer (2) Ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty	Westminster Hall	0.5	12	22.5 (10.5)
25 April 2024	(1) Lesbian Visibility Week (2) Independent review of autism employment	Chamber	1	12	22 (10)
23 April 2024	Minimum income thresholds for partner and spousal visas*	Westminster Hall	0.25	11	21 (10)
22 April 2024	Hospice funding	Chamber	0.5	11	20.75 (9.75)
18 April 2024	Large-scale solar farms	Westminster Hall	0.5	10.5	20.25 (9.75)
18 April 2024	(1) Access to redress (2) Covid-19 pandemic response and trends in excess deaths	Chamber	1	10.5	19.75 (9.25)
16 April 2024	Food waste and food redistribution*	Westminster Hall	0.25	9.5	18.75 (9.25)
21 March 2024	Easter, Christian culture and heritage	Westminster Hall	0.5	9.5	18.5 (9)
21 March 2024	(1) Reports of the Defence Committee and Committee of Public Accounts on armed forces readiness and defence equipment*** (2) Reports of the Environmental Audit Committee, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Science, Innovation and Technology Committee on food security ***	Chamber	1	9.5	18 (8.5)
19 March 2024	Tutoring Provision*	Westminster Hall	0.25	8.5	17 (8.5)
14 March 2024	St Patrick's Day and the contribution of the Irish Diaspora to the UK	Westminster Hall	0.5	8.5	16.75 (8.25)

12 March 2024	Compensation for women affected by state pension changes*	Westminster Hall	0.25	8.5	16.25 (7.75)
7 March 2024	LGBT History Month	Westminster Hall	0.5	8.5	16 (7.5)
5 March 2024	Educational attainment of boys*	Westminster Hall	0.25	8.5	15.5 (7)
29 Feb 2024	(1) Colleges Week 2024 (2) Eating Disorders Awareness Week	Westminster Hall	0.5	8.5	15.25 (6.75)
29 Feb 2024	(1) Language in politics on International Women's Day (2) Welsh Affairs	Chamber	1	8.5	14.75 (6.25)
27 Feb 2024	Child Maintenance Service*	Westminster Hall	0.25	7.5	13.75 (6.25)
22 Feb 2024	Fiscal support for tourism and hospitality in coastal areas**	Westminster Hall	0.5	7.5	13.5 (6)
22 Feb 2024	(1) Civil nuclear roadmap (2) Premature deaths from heart and circulatory diseases	Chamber	1	7.5	13 (5.5)
8 Feb 2024	Humanitarian aid and children in Gaza	Westminster Hall	0.5	6.5	12 (5.5)
8 Feb 2024	(1) National HIV Testing Week (2) Management culture of the Post Office	Chamber	1	6.5	11.5 (5)
6 Feb 2024	Freedom of religion and belief in Nigeria*	Westminster Hall	0.25	5.5	10.5 (5)
1 Feb 2024	(1) Living standards (2) Employment of people living in rural and coastal communities	Westminster Hall	0.5	5.5	10.25 (4.75)
1 Feb 2024	Freedom and Democracy in Iran**	Chamber	0.5	5.5	9.75 (4.25)
25 Jan 2024	Religious persecution and the World Watch List 2024	Westminster Hall	0.5	5	9.25 (4.25)
25 Jan 2024	Holocaust Memorial Day	Chamber	1	5	8.75 (3.75)

23 Jan 2024	Future of Girlguiding UK in the British Overseas Territories*	Westminster Hall	0.25	4	7.75 (3.75)
18 Jan 2024	COP10 to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control	Westminster Hall	0.5	4	7.50 (3.50)
18 Jan 2024	(1) Loan Charge (2) HS2 Compensation	Chamber	1	4	7 (3)
16 Jan 2024	Trends in excess deaths*	Westminster Hall	0.25	3	6(3)
11 Jan 2024	(1) Smokefree Future (2) New Dementia Treatments	Westminster Hall	0.5	3	5.75(2.75)
11 January 2024	(1) SEND Provision and Funding (2) Proposed British Jewish History Month	Chamber	1	3	5.25 (2.25)
9 January 2024	Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases*	Westminster Hall	0.25	2	4.25 (2.25)
19 December 2023	Christmas, Christianity and communities*	Westminster Hall	0.25	2	4 (2)
14 December 2023	(1) Spiking (2) Persecution of Buddhists	Westminster Hall	1	1.75	3.75 (1.75)
14 December 2023	(1) Knife crime (2) Potential merger of Three and Vodafone	Chamber	1	0.75	2.75 (0.75)
12 December 2023	Provision of auditory verbal therapy*	Westminster Hall	0.25	0.75	1.75 (0.75)
7 December 2023	75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Convention on Genocide	Westminster Hall	0.5	0.5	1.5(0.5)
7 December 2023	(1) Tackling Islamophobia (2) Implementation of public registers of beneficial ownership in the UK's Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies	Chamber	1	1	1 (0)