

Guide to new peers' packs

You received a copy of the *Guidebook for new Members of the House of Lords* along with my welcome letter. You should also have received a copy of *The Code of Conduct and the Guide to the Code of Conduct*. Should you require another copy of either document please do not hesitate to ask my office or your staff contact. These are the essential documents to read early on, but included in this pack is a selection of other useful reading and reference documents. Given the volume, I have attempted to prioritise those materials to which you may wish to give earlier attention.

Useful to read early:

Short Guide to Procedure – A summary of the essential features of procedure and practice in the House and Grand Committee.

Chamber and Grand Committee: Do's and Don'ts – A concise guide to key conventions regarding sittings of the House.

House of Lords Business – An example of the formal document produced every sitting day (and on certain days during recess) showing what business is coming up in the House.

These resources may be useful for reference:

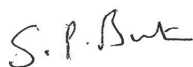
Companion to the Standing Orders and Guide to the Proceedings of the House of Lords – The authoritative guide to House of Lords Procedure.

Handbook on facilities and services for Members and their staff – This comprehensive guide gives you detailed information about the full range of services available to Members.

Membership and Roles; who does what in the House of Lords – This book contains names of all Members, Committee members, office-holders, information about the parties and groupings, and key Administration staff.

Perhaps for later consideration:

Library note on maiden speeches – Some information on the conventions of maiden speeches and examples of recent speeches.



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