

HOUSE OF LORDS STARRED QUESTION

Question From: Baroness Flather

To ask Her Majesty's Government, **what is the Government's timetable for recognising the Armenian genocide?**

Minister responsible: Mr Lidington

Minister answering: Lord Howell

There is no doubt that these were horrific events, which caused the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Armenians by force of arms, starvation or disease. They should not be forgotten, but we should encourage Turkey and Armenia to address the issues together as part of a truth and reconciliation process. Despite the suspension of the normalisation protocols, there is reason to believe both sides will eventually engage in this process; it would not be helpful to pre-empt their conclusions.

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