



# House of Commons

## NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS given up to and including Thursday 17 January 2013

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### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

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#### WELFARE BENEFITS UP-RATING BILL

Ed Balls  
Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Gregg McClymont  
Mrs Anne McGuire  
Cathy Jamieson

Rachel Reeves

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Clause 1, page 1, line 4, leave out ‘by 1%’.

Caroline Lucas  
Hywel Williams

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Clause 1, page 1, line 4, leave out ‘1%’ and insert ‘the Retail Prices Index measure of inflation.’.

Andrew George  
Mr Charles Kennedy  
Mr Alan Reid  
Mr John Leech  
Dan Rogerson  
Mr Mark Williams

Roger Williams  
Mr Mike Hancock

Annette Brooke

Mr Adrian Sanders

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Clause 1, page 1, line 4, leave out ‘1%’ and insert ‘the percentage by which the general level of earnings is greater at the end of the period under review in that tax year under section 150(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 than it was at the beginning of that period’.

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Ed Balls  
 Mr Liam Byrne  
 Stephen Timms  
 Gregg McClymont  
 Mrs Anne McGuire  
 Cathy Jamieson

Rachel Reeves

**13**

Clause 1, page 1, line 4, at end insert—

- ‘(1A) In the case of employment and support allowance receivable by claimants of the support component of the allowance (who receive both personal allowance and support components) the mandatory 1% uprating stipulated in subsection (1) shall not apply to any components of the employment and support allowance (including personal allowance and support components) receivable by them.’.

Caroline Lucas

**20**

★ Clause 1, page 1, line 22, leave out subsection (5).

Caroline Lucas  
 Hywel Williams  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford

**8**

Clause 2, page 2, line 19, leave out ‘by 1%’ and insert ‘by the Retail Prices Index measure of inflation.’.

Ed Balls  
 Mr Liam Byrne  
 Stephen Timms  
 Gregg McClymont  
 Mrs Anne McGuire  
 Cathy Jamieson

Rachel Reeves

**14**

Clause 2, page 2, line 19, leave out ‘by 1%’.

Andrew George  
 Mr Charles Kennedy  
 Mr Alan Reid  
 Mr John Leech  
 Dan Rogerson  
 Mr Mark Williams

Roger Williams  
 Mr Mike Hancock

Annette Brooke

Mr Adrian Sanders

**11**

Clause 2, page 2, line 19, leave out ‘1%’ and insert ‘the percentage by which the general level of earnings is greater at the end of the period under review in that tax year under section 41 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 than it was at the beginning of that period’.

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Caroline Lucas

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★ Clause 2, page 2, line 26, leave out subsection (4).

Caroline Lucas  
Hywel Williams

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Clause 3, page 2, line 35, at end insert—

'Provisions under clause 1(1) and clause 2(1) may only be changed by primary legislation.'

Ed Balls  
Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Gregg McClymont  
Mrs Anne McGuire  
Cathy Jamieson

Rachel Reeves

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Clause 3, page 2, line 38, at end insert—

'(3A) This Act will not come into force until a guarantee has been introduced that anyone who has been in receipt of jobseeker's allowance for two years will be offered a job suitable to their circumstances paying at least the rate of the national minimum wage for 25 hours per week together with job-search support.'

Ed Balls  
Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Gregg McClymont  
Mrs Anne McGuire  
Cathy Jamieson

Rachel Reeves

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Clause 3, page 2, line 38, at end insert—

'(3B) This Act will not come into force if, on or before 6 April 2013, the highest rate of income tax is reduced from 50%.'

Ed Balls  
Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Gregg McClymont  
Mrs Anne McGuire  
Cathy Jamieson

Rachel Reeves

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Clause 3, page 2, line 39, at beginning insert 'Subject to subsections (3A) and

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(3B).’.

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Ed Balls  
Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Gregg McClymont  
Mrs Anne McGuire  
Cathy Jamieson

Rachel Reeves

**17**

Schedule, page 4, line 7, leave out sub-paragraph (b).

Ed Balls  
Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Gregg McClymont  
Mrs Anne McGuire  
Cathy Jamieson

Rachel Reeves

**18**

Schedule, page 4, line 10, at end insert ‘with the exception of statutory maternity pay.’.

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**NEW CLAUSES***Assessment of impact on child poverty*

Ed Balls  
Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Gregg McClymont  
Mrs Anne McGuire  
Cathy Jamieson

Rachel Reeves

**NC1**

To move the following Clause:—

‘The Secretary of State shall, in making the orders referred to in sections 1(1) and 2(1), publish and lay before Parliament a report assessing the impact of the order on the number of children living in—

- (a) relative low income;
- (b) combined low income and material deprivation;
- (c) absolute low income;
- (d) persistent poverty;

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as defined in the Child Poverty Act 2010.'.

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*Annual review of local housing allowance and market rents*

John Healey  
Hugh Bayley

NC2

To move the following Clause:—

- ‘(1) The Secretary of State must undertake a review of the current relationship between the amounts of housing welfare benefits in each local authority area and market rents in the same area during the relevant period.
  - (2) The relevant period in subsection (1) shall be each period of 12 months starting on 1 April 2013 and ending on 31 March 2016.
  - (3) A review under subsection (1) shall include an analysis of the effect of the levels of housing welfare benefits on the amount of private sector housing which is currently affordable by those in receipt of or entitled to such benefits.
  - (4) The Secretary of State must publish a report of the evidence and conclusions of each review undertaken under subsection (1).
  - (5) As part of each review undertaken under subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall consider amending the method used to uprate housing welfare benefits if there is shown to be a significant divergence between rent levels in the private rented sector and housing welfare benefits.
  - (6) In this section “housing welfare benefits” means “housing benefit in the form of the local housing allowance or (as the case may be) the housing component of universal credit” and “significant divergence” within the meaning of subsection (5) is to be defined in regulations.’.
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*Implementation of a living wage*

Hywel Williams

NC3

★ To move the following Clause:—

‘The Secretary of State shall publish a report on the impact of provisions contained in this Act on the implementation of a living wage within six months of the passing of this Act.’.

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*Transfer of assigned welfare expenditure to Welsh Ministers*

Hywel Williams

NC4

★ To move the following Clause:—

- ‘(1) The Secretary of State shall publish a report within six months of the passing of this Act on the advantages and disadvantages of transferring responsibility for assigned expenditure on certain benefits in Wales to the Welsh Ministers.
  - (2) “Assigned expenditure on certain benefits” means the amount of money paid to residents in Wales in the financial year prior to the introduction of this Act of those benefits listed in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 to this Act.’.
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*Cumulative impact assessment*

John McDonnell  
Jeremy Corbyn

NC5

★ To move the following Clause:—

‘The Secretary of State shall, in making the orders referred to in sections 1(1) and 2(1), publish and lay before Parliament a report assessing the cumulative impact of all the welfare benefit changes made since May 2010.’.

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*Review in light of consumer price index level*

Andrew George  
Mr Charles Kennedy  
Mr Alan Reid  
Mr John Leech  
Dan Rogerson  
Mr Mark Williams

Roger Williams  
Mr Mike Hancock

Annette Brooke

Mr Adrian Sanders

NC6

★ To move the following Clause:—

‘If the consumer price index is above 3 per cent. during either of the tax years 2013-14 and 2014-15 the Secretary of State must, prior to the taking effect of increases to the relevant sums for the subsequent tax year, lay before Parliament a report on—

- (a) the consideration he has given to the impact of the CPI rate on the material wellbeing of households in receipt of welfare benefits;
- (b) the consideration he has given to the impact of the CPI rate on requirements under the Child Poverty Act 2010;

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- (c) the automatic stabiliser role of welfare benefits in the wider economy and the projected impact on economic outputs for a range of options for increases to the relevant sums; and
  - (d) his conclusions and proposed actions as a consequence.’.
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*Reducing social security expenditure through living wages and full employment*

Lisa Nandy  
Teresa Pearce  
Ian Mearns

NC7

**★ To move the following Clause:—**

‘The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, publish and lay before Parliament a report on the potential to reduce social security expenditure through measures to—

- (a) extend living wages in both public and private sector employment;
  - (b) support job creation; and
  - (c) reduce underemployment and unemployment.’.
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**ORDER OF THE HOUSE [8 JANUARY 2013]**

That the following provisions shall apply to the Welfare Benefits Up-rating Bill:

*Comittal*

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and Third Reading*

2. Proceedings in Committee, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken in one day in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.
3. Proceedings in Committee and any proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings in Committee are commenced.
4. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
5. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

*Other proceedings*

6. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed.
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**Welfare Benefits Up-rating Bill, *continued*****NOTICES WITHDRAWN**

*The following Notices were withdrawn on: 15 January 2013*

Amendments 2, 3, 5, 6.

*The following Notices were withdrawn on: 17 January 2013*

Amendments 1, 4.

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