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Weekly Information Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published on Saturday 15 December 2007

Private Members’ Bill Fridays

The Leader of the House has announced that the following Fridays have been allocated for the consideration of Private Members’ Bills during the 2007/08 session:

2008: 25 January, 1, 22 and 29 February, 7 and 14 March, 25 April, 9 and 16 May, 6, 13 and 20 June and 17 October.

Presentation Day

The Private Members Ballot Bills were presented to the House on Wednesday 5 December 2007

House of Commons Calendar for 2007/2008 session

The Leader of the House has announced the following provisional recess dates for the 2007/2008 session:

Christmas recess 2007
The House will rise on Tuesday 18 December 2007 and return on Monday 7 January 2008

Spring half term recess 2008
The House will rise on Thursday 7 February 2008 and return on Monday 18 February 2008

Easter recess 2008
The House will rise on Thursday 3 April 2008 and return on Monday 21 April 2008

Whitsun recess 2008
The House will rise on Thursday 22 May 2008 and return on Monday 2 June 2008

Summer recess 2008
The House will rise on Tuesday 22 July 2008 and return on Monday 6 October 2008

http://www.parliament.uk
The Parliament website provides information on parliamentary proceedings, membership of both Houses and general information on a wide range of parliamentary matters. See index for material available on the website.
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• Leg – Planning Bill – Second reading  
• Adj – 2012 Olympics and the North East | • 1st DLC – Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007  
• 2nd DLC – Draft Conduct of employment… Regulations 2007  
• 3rd DLC – Draft European Communities … Order 2007 | • Foreign Affairs  
• Work and Pensions  
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• Leg – Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [HL] (Committee stage 3rd day)  
• Leg – Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [HL] (Committee stage 1st day, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.30pm) | • EU Sub-Comm B |
| **Tues 11 Dec.** | • OPQ – Justice, including Topical Questions  
• Deb – European Affairs  
• Adj – Funding for schools in Shropshire | • 4th DLC – Draft Financial Assistance Scheme…Regulations 2007  
• PBC – Housing and Regeneration Bill  
• ESC – Funding of Political Parties (11559/07) | • Treasury  
• Home Affairs  
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• Leg – Climate Change Bill (Committee stage 1st day)  
• Leg – Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [HL] (Committee stage 2nd day, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.30pm) | • Science and Technology Sub-Comm  
• Economic Affairs  
• European Union Comm |
| **Weds 12 Dec.** | • OPQ – Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Prime Minister  
• Deb – Opposition Day (4th allotted day) – Liberal Democrat motions; i) Northern Rock and the Banking System The Military covenant  
• Adj – Assisted reproduction services in the NHS | • WGC – to consider the matter of the Government’s Legislative Programme as outlined in the Queen’s Speech | • International Development  
• Innovation, Universities and Schools  
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• Treasury Sub-Committee  
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• Leg – Local Transport Bill [HL] (Committee stage 2nd day, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.45pm)  
• Del Leg – Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Business (Amendment) Regulations 2007  
• Deb – on the European Union Committee Report titled European Wine | • Joint Com on Human Rights  
• Communications  
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• EU Sub-Comm E  
• EU Sub-Comm F |
| **Thurs 13 Dec.** | • OPQ – Church Commissioners, Public Accounts Commission and Speaker’s Committee on the Electoral Commission; Solicitor General; Women and Equality; Leader of the House of Commons and House of Commons Commission,  
• Business Statement – Leader of the House  
• Topical Debate – tbc  
• Leg – Crossrail Bill – Remaining stages  
• Adj – Operation of the UK/Pakistan Judicial Protocol on Children Matters: the Akhtar family | • 5th DLC – Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007  
• PBC – Housing and Regeneration Bill  
• 6th DLC – Draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 | • Health  
• Public Administration | • Oral Questions  
• Deb – on the causes and consequences of conflict in Africa; on the case of the construction of a Severn Barrage  
• Del Leg – Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007; Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007  
• Del Leg – Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007; European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement on Enlargement of the European Economic Area) Order 2007; Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007; Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (Grand Committee, Moses Room, 2.00pm) | • EU Sub-Comm G |
| **Fri 14 Dec.** | • The House will not be sitting | • None | • None | • Leg – Disabled Persons (Independent Living) Bill [HL] (Second reading)  
• Leg – Powers of Entry Bill [HL] (Second reading) | • None |
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Business of the House of Commons
3 – 7 December 2007

Monday 3 December

The House sat at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Defence, including Topical Questions

Legislation – Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill – Remaining stages
(As amended, considered; read a Third time)

Adjournment – Healthcare provisions – Dr Richard Taylor

The House rose at 9.30 pm

Tuesday 4 December

The House sat in Westminster Hall between 9.30am-2.00pm

Westminster Hall Private Members’ Debates –

09.30-11.00 Development in Aylesbury – John Bercow
11.00-12.30 Public service television for children – Mr Neil Gerrard
12.30-13.00 Legal process in relation to custody of and access to children – Mr Frank Doran
13.00-13.30 Ministerial accountability to Parliament– Mr Mark Harper
13.30-14.00 Women and girls’ football – Mr Richard Caborn

The House sat at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Transport, including Topical Questions

Oral Statement – Nimrod XV230 – Des Browne

Debate – Opposition Day (3rd allotted day) – i) Funding of political parties (Motion, as amended, agreed to); ii) Performance of the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Motion, as amended, agreed to)

Adjournment – Health and Safety in graveyards – John Mann (Withdrawn)

The House rose at 10.30 pm

Wednesday 5 December

The House sat in Westminster Hall between 9.30am-5.00pm

Westminster Hall Private Members’ Debates –

09.30-11.00 Impact of Christianphobia on communities – Mark Pritchard
11.00-11.30 Crime related to identity and internet fraud – Tom Brake
14.30-16.00 Sentencing for fatal hit and run accidents – Jeff Ennis
16.00-16.30 Public service broadcasting obligations and ITV regional programming – Mr John Grogan
16.30-17.00 Planning and housing in Mid Dorset and North Poole constituency – Annette Brooke

The House sat at 11.30am

Oral Questions – International Development; Prime Minister

Statement – Prisons (Carter Review) – Mr Jack Straw

Statement – Benefits Uprating – Mr Mike O’Brien

Presentation of Bill – Pensions – Mr Peter Hain (Bill presented and read a first time)
Debate – Estimates (1st Allotted Day) – i) Standards of Conduct in Public Life; ii) Benefits Simplification

Presentation of Bill – Consolidated Fund Bill – Jane Kennedy (Bill presented and read a first time)

Adjournment – Scallop dredging in Lyme Bay – Mr Oliver Letwin

The House rose at 7.31pm

Thursday 6 December

The House sat at 10.30am

Oral Questions – Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, including Topical Questions

Oral Statement – Annual uprating of Local Authorities Allocations

Business Statement – Leader of the House

Legislation – Consolidated Fund Bill – First, Second and Third readings

Topical Debate – Health consequences and availability of cheap alcohol

Debate – On fisheries

Adjournment – Rail services to Enfield North – Joan Ryan

The House sat in Westminster Hall between 2.30 and 5.30pm

Westminster Hall – Debate on the report from International Development Committee on DFID assistance to Burmese internally displaced people and refugees on the Thai-Burma border

The House rose at 6.30 pm

Friday 7 December

The House did not sit
**Weekly Information Bulletin**

### Written Ministerial Statements

#### 3 – 7 December 2007

3.12.07 ECOFIN (4 December 2007) – Mr Alistair Darling

3.12.07 ECOFIN (13 November 2007) – Mr Alistair Darling

3.12.07 C-17 Globemaster – Des Browne

3.12.07 Marine Services – Des Browne

3.12.07 CJD Surveillance Unit (Annual Report) – Dawn Primarolo

3.12.07 Cancer Reform Strategy – Alan Johnson

3.12.07 Special Disability Employment Services – Mrs Anne McGuire

4.12.07 Tax Information Exchange (UK and Bermuda) – Jane Kennedy

4.12.07 One Northeast Regional Development Agency – Mr Stephen Timms

4.12.07 Infrastructure for Housing – Yvette Cooper

4.12.07 Nimrod XV230 – Des Browne

4.12.07 Authorisations of NHS Foundation Trusts – Mr Ben Bradshaw

4.12.07 Bus Passenger Representative Body Consultation – Ms Rosie Winterton

4.12.07 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (5-6 December) – Mr James Plaskitt

4.12.07 Housing and Regeneration Bill Contingency Fund – Yvette Cooper

5.12.07 Building and Regulations 2000 and the Building (Approved Inspectors etc) Regulations 2000 – Mr Iain Wright

5.12.07 Local Government – John Healey

5.12.07 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (5-6 December 2007) – Dawn Primarolo

5.12.07 Stroke Strategy for England – Alan Johnson

5.12.07 “Valuing People Now” – Alan Johnson

5.12.07 Animal Procedures – Meg Hillier

5.12.07 Immigration (Migration Reform) – Jacqui Smith

5.12.07 Justice and Home Affairs Council (6-7 December) – Meg Hillier

5.12.07 ICL Plastics Ltd/ICL Tech Ltd Plastics – Mr Peter Hain

6.12.07 Financial Inclusion – Kitty Ussher

6.12.07 Pre-Budget Report (Consultation) – Jane Kennedy

6.12.07 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill – Mr Stephen Timms

6.12.07 (Adoptions) Guatemala – Kevin Brennan

6.12.07 Supporting People – Yvette Cooper
6.12.07  UK Hydrographic Office – Derek Twigg
6.12.07  Women’s Land Army/Women’s Timber Corps – Hilary Benn
6.12.07  General Affairs and External Relations Council – Mr Jim Murphy
6.12.07  Police Funding (2008-09 to 2010-11) – Jacqui Smith
6.12.07  Police Officer Pay – Jacqui Smith
6.12.07  Counter-Terrorism – Jacqui Smith
6.12.07  Corston Report – Mr David Hanson
6.12.07  A303 Stonehenge – Mr Tom Harris
6.12.07  EU Transport Council – Ms Rosie Winterton
6.12.07  National Bus Concessionary Fares – Ms Rosie Winterton
6.12.07  Benefit Uprating – Mr Peter Hain
**Forthcoming Business of the House of Commons**  
**10 – 14 December 2007**

### Monday 10 December

*The House will sit at 2.30pm*

**Oral Questions** – Culture, Media and Sport; Olympics, including Topical Questions

**Legislation** – Planning Bill – Second reading

**Adjournment** – 2012 Olympics and the North East – Dr Ashok Kumar

### Tuesday 11 December

*The House will sit in Westminster Hall between 9.30am-5.00pm*

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**Oral Questions** – Justice, including Topical Questions

**Oral Statement** – Children’s Plan

**Debate** – European Affairs

**Adjournment** – Funding for schools in Shropshire – Mr Owen Paterson

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*The House will sit at 11.30am*

**Oral Questions** – Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Prime Minister

**Debate** – Opposition Day (4th allotted day) – Liberal Democrat motions; i) Northern Rock and the Banking System ii) The Military covenant

**Adjournment** – Assisted reproduction services in the NHS – Dr Ian Gibson
Thursday 13 December

The House will sit at 10.30am

**Oral Questions** – Church Commissioners; Public Accounts Commission and Speaker’s Committee on the Electoral Commission; Solicitor General; Women and Equality; Leader of the House of Commons and House of Commons Commission

**Business Statement** – Leader of the House

**Topical Debate** – ***

**Legislation** – Crossrail Bill – Remaining stages

**Adjournment** – Operation of the UK/Pakistan Judicial Protocol on Children Matters: the Akhtar family – Paul Rowen

The House will sit in Westminster Hall between 2.30 and 5.30pm

**Westminster Hall** – Debate on the Tenth and Seventeenth Reports of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2006-07, on the Treatment of Asylum Seekers, HC 60-I

Friday 14 December

The House will not be sitting

* Details known previous Thursday after 1.00pm

** There are no Westminster Hall Adjournment Debates scheduled

*** Details known the previous Monday evening and will appear in Tuesday’s Order Paper
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Provisional Forthcoming Business of the House of Commons
17 – 21 December 2007

Monday 17 December

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Children, Schools and Families, including Topical Questions

Oral Statement – European Council

Legislation – National Insurance Contributions Bill – Second reading

Adjournment – Post Office closures in Adur and Worthing – Tim Loughton

Tuesday 18 December

The House will sit in Westminster Hall between 9.30am-5.00pm

Westminster Hall Private Members’ Debates – *

The House will sit at 11.30am

Oral Questions – Health, including Topical Questions

Motion – on the Christmas Recess

Adjournment – Regulation of debt collection agencies and the death of Mrs Beryl Brazier

Wednesday 19 December

The House will not be sitting

Thursday 20 December

The House will not be sitting

Friday 21 December

The House will not be sitting

*Details known previous Thursday after 1.00pm

** There are no Westminster Hall Adjournment Debates scheduled

*** Details known the previous Monday evening and will appear in Tuesday’s Order Paper
**Forthcoming Business of the House of Lords**
**10 – 14 December 2007**

**Monday 10 December (2.30pm)**

**Oral questions** – Lord Ahmed to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking through the United Nations and European Union to promote the rights to self-determination of the people of Kosovo. Lord Dubs to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they propose to take to encourage shops, offices and other workplaces to save energy by switching off unnecessary electrical equipment such as lights, computers and fax machines especially at night and during weekends and holidays. Lord Morris of Manchester to ask Her Majesty's Government what further consideration they are giving to the problems and needs of veterans of the 1990-91 Gulf War with still medically unexplained illnesses, and of the dependants of those who have died since the conflict. Lord Tebbit to ask Her Majesty's Government why they did not answer Lord Tebbit's Written Question (HL5443) concerning the apportionment of the time of Mr Des Browne MP between his duties as Secretary of State for Defence and Secretary of State for Scotland, tabled on 9 October and due for answer on 23 October, before Prorogation on 30 October, and why they have not written to him on this matter

**Legislation** – Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [HL] (Committee stage 3rd day)

**Legislation** – Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [HL] (Committee stage 1st day, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.30pm)

**Question for short debate** – on the support to be given to Liverpool in preparation for its role as European Capital of Culture 2008 (L. Harrison)

**Tuesday 11 December (2.30pm)**

**Oral questions** – Lord Bishop of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty’s Government what progress they have made towards acceding to the United Nations Convention on the Law of Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (UN Watercourse Convention), which seeks to alleviate tensions between nations with shared water resources. Baroness Stern to ask Her Majesty's Government what projections they have made of the anticipated size of the prison population in England and Wales in 2010. Lord Ezra to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they will be taking new initiatives to stimulate energy saving

**Legislation** – Climate Change Bill (Committee stage 1st day)

**Legislation** – Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [HL] (Committee stage 2nd day, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.30pm)

**Wednesday 12 December (3.00pm)**

**Oral questions** – Baroness Knight of Collingtree to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they have any plans to intervene in the workings of the Family Courts to ensure full reasons are provided for parents whose children are removed from their care. Baroness Finlay of Llandaff to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they are considering making the oral contraceptive pill directly available from community pharmacists. Lord Ramsbotham to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they have any plans to remove Crown immunity from prisons insofar as health and safety legislation is concerned

**Legislation** – Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [HL] (Committee stage 4th day)

**Legislation** – Local Transport Bill [HL] (Committee stage day 2, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.45pm)

**Delegated Legislation** – Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Business (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – motion to approve

**Debate** – on the European Union Committee Report titled European Wine: A Better Deal for All (L. Sewel)
**Thursday 13 December (11.00am)**

**Oral questions** – Lord Avebury to ask Her Majesty’s Government what representations they have received against the use of x-rays as an aid to age determination in immigration control. Earl of Sandwich to ask Her Majesty’s Government what progress they are making with their hearts and minds campaign among the people of Afghanistan. Baroness Gardner of Parkes to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether patients at end of life are receiving the care to which they are entitled under the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare which came into operation on 1 October

**Debate** – on the causes and consequences of conflict in Africa, and to move for papers (L. Alton of Liverpool); on the case of the construction of a Severn Barrage, and to move for papers (L. Livsey of Talgarth)

**Delegated Legislation** – Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007; Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007 – motions to approve

**Delegated Legislation** – Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007; European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement on Enlargement of the European Economic Area) Order 2007; Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007; Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – motions to approve (Grand Committee, Moses Room, 2.00pm)

**Friday 14 December (10.00am)**

**Legislation** – Disabled Persons (Independent Living) Bill [HL] (Second reading)

**Legislation** – Powers of Entry Bill [HL] (Second reading)
Provisional Future Business of the House of Lords  
17 - 21 December 2007

Monday 17 December (2.30pm)

Oral questions – Lord Trefgarne to ask Her Majesty’s Government what is the gross revenue to public funds from taxes and duties paid by motorists; and what proportion of this sum is spent on roads and related items. Baroness Hollis of Heigham to ask Her Majesty’s Government when they will report on their commitment to help women buy back additional National Insurance years. Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they will explain the statement by the Post Office that no Post Office closure decisions will be made before the local elections on 1 May 2008. Earl Attlee to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether the Future Rapid Effect System fleet of future armoured vehicles will be able to operate in all environmental conditions that it might encounter.

Legislation – Climate Change Bill [HL] (Committee stage, day 2).

Legislation – Local Transport Bill [HL] (Committee stage, day 3, Grand Committee, Moses Room 3.45pm)

Tuesday 18 December (2.30pm)

Oral questions – Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they have made an assessment of what the impact would be on the United Kingdom’s trade with the European Union and the jobs which depend on it if the United Kingdom were to leave the European Union and continue in free trade and inter-governmental collaboration with the remaining Member States. Baroness Chapman to ask Her Majesty’s Government when sections 32 to 36 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Taxi accessibility regulations) will be brought into force. Lord Tyler to ask Her Majesty’s Government what has been the total cost of Government-funded research into organophosphates and human health since 1992.

Legislation – Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill (Second reading)

Wednesday 19 December (3.00pm)

This House will not be sitting

Thursday 20 December (11.00am)

This House will not be sitting

Friday 21 December (10.00am)

This House will not be sitting
Legislation – General Notes

In the list of Bills which follows, the type of Bill is shown at the left-hand margin next to the title by the following codes:

- **G** Government Bills
- **C** Consolidation Bills
- **B** Private Members’ Bills (under the ballot procedure). The number after refers to position in ballot
- **P** Private Members’ Bills (under SO No 57)
- **T** Private Members’ Bills (under the Ten Minute Rule, SO No 23)
- **L** Private Members’ Bills starting in the House of Lords
- **[HL]** Bill starting in the House of Lords
- **HYBRID** Public Bill which affects private interests of particular persons or corporate bodies as distinct from the private interests of all persons or bodies

**Abbreviations:**

1R First reading: date of presentation (formal, no debate)
2R Second reading (debate on the principle(s) of the Bill)
MR Money resolution (normally taken after 2R only shown in the list if taken at another time)
GM Guillotine Motion
SRC Second Reading Committee (2R taken in Committee: formal 2R in whole House next day unless otherwise stated)
SGC/WGC Scottish or Welsh Grand Committee consideration of principles (equates with SRC)
PBC Public Bill Committee in the House of Commons
Comm Committee of the Whole House
Comm** House of Lords Grand Committee, taken in a committee room
JCCB Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills
JC TLRB Joint Committee on Tax Law Re-write Bills (the date indicates the date on which the Bill was committed to the Joint Committee).
SC Standing Committee
SSC/SSSC Special Standing Committee/Special Scottish Standing Committee on a Bill, where public evidence is taken
CN Committee negatived. (Indicates that there was no debate at committee stage in the House of Lords)
OCD Order of Commitment discharged (no debate at committee stage in the House of Lords)
Rep Report stage (detailed review of the Bill as amended in committee)
3R Third reading (final debate on the Bill)
RS Remaining stages of a bill on the same day (usually report stage and third reading)
LA Lords’ amendments considered in the House of Commons
CA Commons’ amendments considered in the House of Lords
RA Bill formally becomes an Act of Parliament
CH Chapter number
CO Carry-over Motion
RC Re-committal to a Public Bill Committee, or to Committee stage in House of Lords
Prog Programme Motion
ATM Allocation of Time Motion
SelCom Bill referred to a Select Committee
Prov 2R (Rep,3R) Provisional date for 2R of a Bill etc. For Private Members’ Bills (if set down for a Private Members Bill Friday) this is followed, by the position of the Bill in the order of business for that day.
Pri Private sitting (can occur at any stage)
* Indicates proceedings were formal with no debate
# Member in charge has named a date for consideration which is not a Private Members’ Bill Friday, therefore the Bill will not be debated.
Deb adj Debate adjourned
Order for 2nd Reading lapsed Bill has not been printed, therefore does not appear on the order paper on the named day
Dropped Day for the next reading has not been named or time has run out for the Bill to be considered
Withdrawn Member in charge has withdrawn the Bill
Stood over Fewer than 40 Members present at a division, question not decided and business under consideration stood over until next sitting of the House
The following is a list of Public Bills which are before Parliament this session, with the exception of Order Confirmation Bills.

To save space, the list is abbreviated. The title of the Bill is followed by the name of the Member and/or Peer sponsoring it. The letter denotes the type of Bill (see Legislation – General Notes). This is followed by the Bill number(s) with full bill reprints indicated by the use of bold. Then follow the dates of the various stages. All forthcoming, and therefore provisional, dates are italicised. Government Bills are listed in bold type.

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DORMANT BANK AND BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNTS [HL] (G) Lord Davies of Oldham

EDUCATION AND SKILLS (G) Ed Balls
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EMPLOYMENT BILL [HL] (G) Lord Jones of Birmingham
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ENERGY SAVING (DAYLIGHT) (B2) Tim Yeo
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HOUSE OF LORDS [HL] (L) Lord Steel of Aikwood
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HOUSING AND REGENERATION (G)
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Draft Bills under consideration or published during 2007–08 Session

As part of the reforms to the legislative process initiated by the Modernisation Committee, the government now publishes a number of bills each session in draft form, before they are introduced into parliament as formal bills. This enables consultation and pre-legislative scrutiny before a bill is issued formally.

Increasingly, it had become the practice in recent sessions for the House to refer these to a joint committee of the Commons and Lords appointed for the specific purpose of examining and reporting on a named draft bill. On occasions a draft bill may be referred to one of the departmental select committees or a select committee appointed for that specific purpose.

Listed below are draft bills that are currently under consideration or that have been published during the 2007/08 Session of Parliament. Further information on draft bills, including those from previous sessions can be viewed on the Parliament website at http://www.parliament.uk/bills/draftbills.cfm. This page links to electronic copies of the draft bills and related publications including select committee reports on the draft bills.

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## Private Legislation: General Notes

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### Provisional date for next stage - date supplied where known, ie prov 2R: 27.1.2004 - provisional second reading 27 January 2004

* an instruction to the committee will be moved at the same time

# Bills with petitions outstanding

Copies of Private Bills can be obtained from the appropriate Agent, details listed below

Rees & Freres, 1 The Sanctuary, London, SW1P 3JT, 020 7222 5381
E-mail: enquiries@1thesanctuary.com

Sharpe Pritchard, Elizabeth House, Fulwood Place, London, WC1V 6HG, 020 7405 4600
E-mail: parliamentary@sharpepritchard.co.uk

Bircham Dyson Bell, 50 Broadway, Westminster, London, SW1H 0BL, 020 7227 7000
E-mail: pamthompson@bdb-law.co.uk

Winckworth Sherwood, 35 Great Peter Street, London, SW1P 3LR, 020 7593 5000
E-mail: agorlov@winckworths.co.uk

Vizards Tweedie, 42 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4JL, 020 7405 1234
E-mail: info@vizardstweedie.co.uk

Email: Helen.kemp@blplaw.com

Members of Parliament may obtain copies of Private Bills from the Vote Office.
Complete List of Private bills before Parliament this Session

The following is a list of Private Bills before Parliament. Private Bills originate outside Parliament and are promoted by bodies seeking special powers not available under the general law. Each Bill starts with a petition to Parliament from the promoter for leave to bring in a Bill; this must be deposited on or before 27 November. Any such petitions will be noted below until they gain a 1st Reading.

Parties affected by a Bill may present a petition against it, clearly stating the grounds of their objection. The petitioning period will be shown beneath the Bill until the deadline has expired.

House of Commons Private Bill Office: Sian Jones (Tel: 020 7219 3250  e-mail: prbohoc@parliament.uk)
House of Lords Private Bill Office: Chris Bolton (Tel: 020 7219 3231  e-mail: prbohol@parliament.uk)

For an explanation of parliamentary consideration of Private Bills see HC10 Factsheet L4

BOURNEMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL [HL] (Sharpe Pritchard)
Commons: 1R:29.11.2007  2R: No date
(petitioning period in the Commons 29.11.2007 – 10.12.2007)

BROADS AUTHORITY (Winckworth Sherwood)
Commons: 1R:23.1.2007  2R: 25.4.2007  OBC: 17 & 18.7.2007

LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TRANSPORT FOR LONDON 04/05 (Sharpe Pritchard)
3R: 15.12.2005
Commons: 1R: 22.11.2006  *2R: 22.11.2006  *3R: 22.11.2006
Lords: 1R: 15.12.2005  2R: 1.2.2006
Prov 3R: No date

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL [HL] (Sharpe Pritchard)
Commons: 1R:29.11.2007  2R: No date
(petitioning period in the Commons 29.11.2007 – 10.12.2007)

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON [HL] 05/06 (Rees & Freres) (the bill is opposed; 4 petitions outstanding against the bill)
Susp: 31.10.2006
Commons: 1R: 2.5.2007  2R: 21.5.2007  Prov OBC: No date
(petitioning period in the Commons 3.5.2007 – 14.5.2007)

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON (SUPPLEMENTAL TOLL PROVISIONS) [HL] (Rees & Freres)
Lords: 1R: 22.1.2007  2R: 26.4.2007  Prov UBC: No date
N.B. Nine petitions for Bills were deposited on 27 November 2007:

Canterbury City Council Bill
Leeds City Council Bill
London Local Authorities Bill
London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No. 2) Bill
London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill
Northern Bank Bill
Nottingham City Council Bill
Reading Borough Council Bill
St. Austell Market Bill

The examination of these bills will be on Tuesday 18th December 2007

Copy of a Draft Provisional Order deposited under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936

Aberdeen City Council Provisional Order
Delegated Legislation

Statutory Instruments

The most common form of delegated legislation, or secondary legislation, is Statutory Instruments. Those requiring parliamentary approval are subject to either the affirmative or negative procedure: this is explained in HCIO Factsheet L7.

The laying of Orders before the House of Commons is recorded in the Statutory Instrument List published by the Journal Office: http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmsilist/cmsilist.htm. This list records when Orders were laid and in the case of affirmative instruments, whether a motion for their approval has been tabled. In the case of Negative Instruments, the number of praying days left (in which a motion calling for the instrument to be annulled may be laid) is noted.

Regulatory Reform Proposals and Orders: Proceedings as at 7 December 2007

Under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 (s 6(1)) the Government is able to make Orders to amend or repeal provisions in primary legislation, which are considered to impose a burden on businesses or others, which could be reduced or removed without removing any necessary protection.

For an explanation of Parliamentary consideration of Regulatory Reform Orders, see HCIO Factsheet No L7

Committee recommendation:
- a) a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House
- b) proposal should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House
- c) the order-making power should not be used in respect of the proposals
- d) draft order should be approved † indicates Committee’s recommendation was agreed after a division
- e) draft order should not be approved
- * indicates stage taken formally, no debate
- # indicates report issued following amendments to draft order

Draft Proposals

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Remedial Orders, Draft Remedial Orders and Urgent Procedure Remedial Orders: Proceedings as at 7 December 2007

Under the Human Rights Act 1998 (s10), if a court makes a declaration of incompatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights in relation to a statute, the Government is able to propose draft Orders or make Orders to amend primary legislation in order to remove any incompatibility. The Joint Committee on Human Rights is required, in accordance with Schedule 2 to the Act, to report to each House its opinion on any such proposal, draft Order or urgent procedure Order within a specified period after it has been laid before Parliament.

Committee recommendation:

a) a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House
b) the proposal should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House
c) the order or draft order should be approved
d) the order should be replaced by a modified order
e) the order or draft order should not be approved

Proposals for Draft Orders

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The Northern Ireland Assembly was restored from 8 May 2007 following a period of suspension from midnight on 14 October 2002. During suspension, legislation, which would otherwise have come within the competence of the Assembly, was made by Order in Council under Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 2000. The 2000 Act was also used to make Orders in Council which, while the Assembly was active, would have been made under section 85 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Orders making provision for certain reserved matters, for example the criminal law).

Unless made without Parliamentary Approval by reason of urgency, draft Orders in Council must be approved by a resolution of both Houses before being made (affirmative procedure). Orders in Council made before Parliamentary approval by reason of urgency (U), must be approved by both Houses within 40 days of being made. Some UK Acts, for example dealing with social security or pensions, provide for corresponding provisions to be made for Northern Ireland by means of an Order in Council under the 2000 Act, subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House (negative procedure (N)), rather than by the normal affirmative procedure.

Where appropriate, proposals for draft Orders in Council are issued for public consultation and on occasions may be considered by the Northern Ireland Grand Committee (G), before the draft Order is laid. Prior to formal approval being sought on the floor of the Commons, draft Orders are normally considered in a Delegated Legislation Committee (D) or, less frequently, by the Northern Ireland Grand Committee. The Northern Ireland Orders Grand Committee (O) would also, from time to time, consider a draft Order before formal approval is sought on the floor of the Lords.

Outstanding Orders are listed below. Details of previous Orders are available in earlier editions of the bulletin.

To distinguish between UK Bills/Acts applying to Northern Ireland and Acts passed by the Assembly, see the positioning of the term ‘Northern Ireland’. Examples of each are given below:
- UK legislation applying to Northern : Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill 2006/07
- Northern Ireland Assembly legislation: Carers and Direct Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 2002

Bills introduced into the Northern Ireland Assembly can be found at the Northern Ireland Assembly website: http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/

For further details on Northern Ireland Legislation can be found in HCIO factsheet available on the internet at: http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/factsheets/l08.cfm

Abbreviations:
- **U**: Urgent Procedure
- **D**: Delegated Legislation Committee
- **G**: Northern Ireland Grand committee
- **A**: Approved
- **O**: Northern Ireland Order Grand Committee
- **N**: Negative Procedure

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| Supply of Information (Register of Deaths) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007 | N/A | 6.12.2007 | | |

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Legislation of the Northern Ireland Assembly (s. 15 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998)

Some Northern Ireland Assembly Bills which include provisions dealing with exempted or reserved matters are required to be laid before Parliament for a period of 20 sitting days before being presented for Royal Assent. If a motion, signed by not less than 20 Members, disapproving of the Bill is tabled in either House during the 20-day period, the Bill shall not be presented for Royal Assent unless the motion is rejected or withdrawn. The date of tabling of any such motion will be shown below.

Assembly Bills of this type which the Secretary of State deems urgent (U) may be presented for Royal Assent before being laid before Parliament. Such Acts of the Assembly are then required to be laid before Parliament for 20 sitting days. If a motion, signed by not less than 20 Members, praying that the Act shall cease to have effect is tabled in either House during the 20-day period the Act and is agreed to, the Act of the Assembly may be repealed by Order in Council. The date of tabling of any such motion will be shown below.

Delegated legislation dealing with certain reserved matters, are subject to Parliamentary procedure at Westminster. The Parliamentary stages of any such legislation are detailed below.

- DLSC - Draft Order considered by a Delegated Legislation Standing Committee in the House of Commons.
- NIGC - Proposal for a draft Order considered in the Northern Ireland Grand Committee.
- U - Urgent Act or Order (not in draft form) laid before Parliament.
- C - Consequential Order (not in draft form) laid before Parliament. (subject to negative procedure)
- * - Taken formally.
- SI - Statutory Instrument Number, shown after title
- P - Provisional date for next stage i.e. PSC: 01.07.2007

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**Transport and Works Act 1992 Orders**

This Act replaces Private Bill procedure for the authorisation of transport works projects

A - Application, made to the TWA Orders Unit at the Department for Transport, date refers to when the application was received in the House

O - Final order, printed as Statutory Instrument, published by The Stationery Office.

Agent - See Private Legislation—General Notes for contact details

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**Applications for Orders under the Transport and Works Act 1992**

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*These two proposed Orders have since been consolidated into one which if made, would be entitled “The Network Rail (Thameslink 2000) Order”*
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General Committees


Public Bill Committee debates on the Parliament website: [http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/stand.htm](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/stand.htm)

Other General Committee debates: [http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/othstn.htm](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/othstn.htm)

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Membership:

**Housing and Regeneration Bill**

Chairmen: Mr Roger Gale and Mr Joe Benton

Liz Blackman  Alistair Burt  Andrew George  Andrew Gwynne
Paul Holmes  Mr Nick Hard  Mr Andrew Love  Margaret Moran
Mr Nick Raynsford  Grant Shapps  Mr Andy Slaughter  Ms Angela C. Smith
Mr Robert Syms  Joan Walley  Mr Iain Wright  Sir George Young
Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods

**Health and Social Care Bill**

Chairmen: Mr Jim Hood and Derek Conway

Mr Ben Bradshaw  Angela Browning  Richard Burden  Rosie Cooper
Mr Stephen Crabb  Sandra Gidley  Stephen Hesford  Kelvin Hopkins
Mr Brian Jenkins  Dr Ashok Kumar  Steve McCabe  Judy Mallaber
Anne Milton  Laura Moffatt  Greg Mulholland  Mr Stephen O’Brien
Jeremy Wright
General Committee Meetings
3 – 7 December 2007

Monday 3 December

PBC
Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) (Programming Sub-Committee)

1st DLC
Draft Criminal Defence Service (Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2007

ESC
Economic Partnership Agreements (14498/07)

Tuesday 4 December

PBC
Sale of Student Loans Bill (1st & 2nd Sitting: Clauses 2-13 agreed; Clause 1 agreed as amended)

PBC
Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) (1st Sitting: Clauses 1-6 agreed)

2nd DLC
Draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007

3rd DLC
Draft Stamp Duty Land Tax (Zero-Carbon Homes Relief) Regulations 2007

Wednesday 5 December

4th DLC

Thursday 6 December

5th DLC
To consider the Government’s Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993

PBC
Housing and Regeneration Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Friday 7 December

None
Forthcoming General Committee Meetings
10 – 14 December 2007

Monday 10 December

1st DLC Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007, 4.30pm, Room 9
2nd DLC Draft Conduct of employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2007, 4.30pm, Room 11
3rd DLC Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement on Enlargement of the European Economic Area) Order 2007, 4.30pm, Room 12

Tuesday 11 December

4th DLC Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007, 10.30am, Room 9
ESC Funding of Political Parties (11559/07), 10.30am, Room 10
PBC Housing and Regeneration Bill, 10.30am & 4pm, Boothroyd Room, PCH

Wednesday 12 December

WGC Welsh Grand Committee to consider the matter of the Government’s Legislative Programme as outlined in the Queen’s Speech, 9am & 2pm, Room 10

Thursday 13 December

5th DLC Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007, 8.55am, Room 9
6th DLC Draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) Regulations 2007, 8.55am, Room 12
PBC Housing and Regeneration Bill, 9am & 1pm, Grimond Room

Friday 14 December

None

Please note: The time and location of general committee meetings may be changed at short notice. This list is correct as at press (12 noon Friday). Recorded information about forthcoming select and general committee meetings over the next two sitting days is available on Tel: 020 7219 2033. Further enquiries may be made to the Committee Office general enquiry lines, Tel: 020 7219 3267/4300/0284
Select Committees

A complete list of Select Committee membership and a Factsheet (P2) on the work of Select Committees is available on request from the House of Commons Information Office. The list and Factsheet are also on the Parliament website at:
http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/factsheets.cfm

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Membership:
Select Committee Meetings
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Monday 3 December

**Foreign Affairs**
Subject: Overseas Territories
Witnesses: The Hon Ralph O’Neil, Premier, British Virgin Islands and Hon Kurt Tibbetts, Leader of Government Business, Cayman Islands; Councillor Mike Summers OBE, Falkland Islands, Leslie Jaques OBE, Commissioner, Pitcairn Islands, the Hon Brian W Isaac, Member of the Executive Council, St Helena, The Hon Osbourne Fleming, Chief Minister, Anguilla, Dr The Hon Lowell Lewis, Chief Minister, Montserrat, and Dr The Hon Michael E Misick, Premier, Turks and Caicos Islands

**Work and Pensions**
Subject: The Best Start in Life? Alleviating deprivation, improving social mobility and eradicating child poverty
Witnesses: Caroline Flint MP, Minister for Employment and Welfare Reform, Rt Hon Jane Kennedy MP, Financial Secretary to the Treasury and Jonathan Portes, Director, Children and Poverty Directorate

**Joint Committee on Human Rights**
Subject: A British Bill of Rights
Witnesses: Martin Howe QC, Professor Francesca Klug, Centre for the Study of Human Rights, LSE and Professor Sandra Fredman, Oxford University; British Institute for Human Rights, Liberty and Justice

**Public Accounts**
Subject: The privatisation of Qinetiq
Witnesses: Bill Jeffrey CB, Permanent Under Secretary, and Trevor Woolley, Finance Director, Ministry of Defence, Peter Schofield, Shareholder Executive and Sir John Chisholm, Chairman, Qinetiq

**Welsh Affairs**
Subject: Globalisation and its Impact on Wales
Witnesses: NFU Cymru and Farmers’ Union of Wales; Professor Noel Lloyd and Professor Robert Pearce; Shelter Cymru

Tuesday 4 December

**Treasury**
Subject: Financial Transparency and Stability

**Home Affairs**
Subject: (i) Home Office Annual Report 2007 (ii) Security Industry Authority
Witnesses: (i) Sir David Normington KCB, Permanent Secretary, Home Office; (ii) Andy Drane, Deputy CEO, Security Industry Authority

**Environmental Audit**
Subject: 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review
Witnesses: Green Alliance; Friends of the Earth and WWF

**Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform**
Subject: The UK Construction Industry
Witnesses: Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, and Constructing Excellence; Building Research Establishment, Building Services Research and Information Association, and Construction Industry Research and Information Association; Federation of Master Builders

**Culture, Media and Sport**
Subject: London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games
Witnesses: Lord Coe KBE, Chairman, Paul Deighton, Chief Executive, LOCOG, John Armit, Chairman, and David Higgins, Chief Executive, Olympic Delivery Authority; Lord Moynihan, Chairman, Simon Clegg CBE, Chief Executive, British Olympic Association and Phil Lane, Chief Executive, British Paralympic Association
Public Accounts
Subject: The National Audit Office’s Corporate Plan
 Witnesses: Sir John Bourn KCB, Comptroller and Auditor General and officials of the National Audit Office

Environmental Audit
Subject: The Challenge of Climate Change
 Witnesses: Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State, Anne Sharp, Director, Domestic Climate Change and Energy, Marie Pender, Head of Climate Change Agreements and Carbon Reduction Commitment, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Justice*
Subject: Protection of Private Data
 Witnesses: Richard Thomas, Information Commissioner, and David Smith, Deputy Information Commissioner

Wednesday 5 December

International Development
Subject: Maternal Health
 Witnesses: Professor Charlotte Watts, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; HLSP; Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

Innovation, Universities and Schools
Subject: The role of the Government Chief Scientific Adviser
 Witnesses: Professor Sir David King

Joint Committee on Human Rights
Subject: Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights
 Witnesses: Sue Hemming, Head of Counter Terrorism Division, CPS, Mr Ali Bajwa, barrister, 25 Bedford Row

Treasury Sub-Committee
Subject: (i) Adjudicator’s Office: administration and expenditure in 2006–07, (ii) HM Revenue & Customs: administration and expenditure in 2006–07
 Witnesses: (i) Dame Barbara Mills DBE QC, the Adjudicator and officials, (ii) David Hartnett, Acting Chairman and officials, HMRC

Transport
Subject: Ticketing on Public Transport
 Witnesses: Passenger Transport Executive Group, Local Government Association; Transport for London; Transport Salaried Staffs’ Association and Unison

Foreign Affairs
Subject: Developments in the EU
 Witnesses: Rt Hon Lord Owen

Public Accounts
Subject: The Carbon Trust
 Witnesses: Helen Ghosh, Permanent Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Tom Delay, Chief Executive, The Carbon Trust

Thursday 6 December

Health
Subject: Modernising Medical Careers
 Witnesses: Professor Sir John Tooke and Sir Jonathan Michael, Tooke Review Panel; RemedyUK and Fidelio

Public Administration
Subject: Parliamentary Scrutiny of Public Appointments
 Witnesses: Janet Gaymer CBE, Commissioner for Public Appointments
None

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Monday 10 December 2007

Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform
Subject: The UK Construction Industry
Witnesses: National Specialist Contractors Council and Specialist Engineering Contractors’ Group; Home Builders Federation (at 4:45pm)

Children, Schools and Families
Subject: Testing and Assessment
Witnesses: Sir Michael Barber, McKinsey & Company, and Professor Peter Tymms, Director of Curriculum, Evaluation and Management, School of Education, University of Durham

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Subject: Badgers and cattle TB
Witnesses: Rt Hon Lord Rooker, Minister for Sustainable Food and Farming and Animal Health, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Public Accounts
Subject: Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Managing risk in overseas territories
Witnesses: Sir Peter Ricketts KCMG, Permanent Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Dr Minouche Shafik, Director General, Country Programmes, Department for International Development

Tuesday 11 December 2007

Treasury*
Subject: (i) Private Equity (ii) Financial Stability and Transparency
Witnesses: (i) Sir David Walker (ii) Sir Callum McCarthy, Chairman and Hector Sants, Chief Executive, Financial Services Authority, and Loretta Minghella, Financial Services Compensation Scheme (at 11:00am)

Environmental Audit
Subject: 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review
Witnesses: Centrica Energy plc, Scottish Power and Carbon Capture & Storage Association; Aviation Environment Federation (at 11:00am)

Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform
Subject: Creating a Higher Value-Added Economy
Witnesses: Professor Peter Cooke, University of Buckingham and Mr Eric Wallbank, Ernst & Young

Home Affairs
Subject: The Government’s Counter-Terrorism Proposals
Witnesses: Rt Hon Jacqui Smith MP, Home Secretary, Home Office

Welsh Affairs
Subject: Globalisation and its impact on Wales
Witnesses: International Business Wales; Welsh Local Government Association (11:15am)

Communities and Local Government*
Subject: Existing housing stock and climate change
Witnesses: Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP, Minister for Housing, Department for Communities and Local Government and Joan Ruddock MP, Parliamentary Under-secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Wednesday 12 December 2007

Justice
Subject: Towards Effective Sentencing
Witnesses: Lord Carter of Coles; Anne Owens CBE, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, Andrew Bridges, HM Chief Inspector of Probation, Paul Tidball, Prison Governors Association, and Juliet Lyon, Prison Reform Trust/Criminal Justice Alliance (at 10:00am)
Children, Schools and Families
Subject: The Work of Ofsted
Witnesses: Christine Gilbert CBE, HM Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills, Vanessa Howlison, Director, Finance, Miriam Rosen, Director, Education, Michael Hart, Director, Children, and Melanie Hunt, Director, Learning and Skills, Ofsted

Innovation, Universities and Schools
Subject: Government Chief Scientific Adviser Designate: Introductory Hearing
Witnesses: Professor John Beddington CMG

Environmental Audit
Subject: 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review
Witnesses: Angela Eagle MP, Exchequer Secretary, Rebecca Lawrence, Head of Energy, Environment and Agriculture Team, Lindsey Whyte, Head of Environment and Transport Tax Team, HM Treasury

Environmental Audit Sub-Committee On Environmental Information
Subject: Environmental Labelling
Witnesses: Sustainable Development Commission; Tesco (at 3:10pm); Energy Saving Trust (at 3:50pm)

European Scrutiny
Subject: (i) Police Cooperation in Criminal Matters (ii) European Arrest Warrant
Witnesses: Meg Hillier MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office

Foreign Affairs*
Subject: European Council
Witnesses: Rt Hon David Miliband MP, Secretary of State, and officials Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Transport
Subject: Ticketing on Public Transport
Witnesses: Campaign for Better Transport, London TravelWatch, TravelWatch SouthWest, Passenger Focus; Tom Harris MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport (at 3:45pm)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*
Subject: Flooding
Witnesses: Richard Benyon MP, David Curry MP, Martin Horwood MP, Laurence Robertson MP, and Angela C: Smith MP; Met Office, UK Climate Impacts Programme, and Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (at 4:00pm)

Public Accounts
Subject: Improving corporate functions using shared services
Witnesses: Alexis Cleveland, Director-General, Cabinet Office, Peter Coates, Director of Finance, National Health Service and Phil Wheatley, Director-General, HM Prison Service

Thursday 13 December 2007

Liaison*
Subject: Prime Minister
Witnesses: Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP, Prime Minister

Health
Subject: Modernising Medical Careers
Witnesses: Professor Alan Crockard, and Professor Shelley Heard; British Medical Association, and the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (at 11:00am); Methods Consulting (at 12 noon)

International Development
Subject: DFID and the World Bank
Witnesses: Rainforest Foundation UK, WWF and Christian Aid; Helen Collinson, and International Alert And ActionAid UK (at 3:30pm)
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(Subject Matters are in brackets)

Monday 10 December

European Union Sub-Committee B
4:15pm
Evidence will be heard from (a) Professor Michael Waterson, Professor of Economics, University of Warwick; and from (b) Mr Kevin Mooney, Partner, Simmons & Simmons

Tuesday 11 December

Science and Technology Sub-Committee
11.10am
Evidence will be heard from Professor Martin Charter, Centre for Sustainable Design, University College for the Creative Arts; Dr Tim Cooper, Sheffield Hallam University; Mr Bob Lisney, LRL Consultancy Services; Professor Simon Pollard, Centre for Resource Management and Efficiency, Cranfield University

Economic Affairs
3.35pm
Evidence will be heard from (a) Dr Heaven Crawley, Swansea University; Professor Alan Findlay, Dundee University; and Mr Neil Jarman, Institute for Conflict Research; and from (b) Sir Simon Milton, Local Government Association; Cllr Colin Barrow, Westminster City Council; Andrew Blake-Herbert, Slough Barrow Council; Mr Mick Gallagher, Boston Borough Council, and Ms Tracy Turner, Chair, SOLACE Migrant Workers Group

European Union
4.15pm
Evidence will be heard from Sir Stephen Wall GCMG LVO, Vice-Chair, Business for New Europe

Wednesday 12 December

Communications
10.30am
Evidence will be heard from Mr Peter Freeman, Chairman; Mr Martin Stanley, Chief Executive; and Ms Rachel Merelie, Inquiry Director, Competition Commission

European Union Sub-Committee F
10.40am
Evidence will be heard from Liam Byrne MP, Minister of State, Home Office

Constitution
10.45am
Evidence will be heard from the Attorney General

European Union Sub-Committee D
11.00am
Evidence will be heard from (a) Callton Young, Director of Sustainability and Competitiveness and Ruth Rawling, Vice President Public Affairs, Cargill and Chairman of Trade Policy and CAP Committee, Food and Drinks Federation; Heather Jenkins, Head of Buying, Waitrose; and a representative from Sainsbury’s (tbc); and from (b) a Consumers Association (tbc)

European Union Sub-Committee E
4.15pm
Evidence will be heard from the Bar Council

Joint Committee on Human Rights
4.15pm
Evidence will be heard from Ivan Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Health; and Anne McGuire MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Work and Pensions

Thursday 13 December

European Union Sub-Committee G
10.00am
Evidence will be heard from Mr Chris Rudge, Managing and Transplant Director, UK Transplant; and Ms Triona Norman, Transplantation Policy Lead, Department of Health; and Gareth Jones, Director of Scientific Development and Bioethics Division, Department of Health
Select Committees: Publications received since the last Bulletin

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| Defra priorities | One-off oral evidence session concluded |
| Waste Strategy for England 2007 | Written evidence invited  
Deadline for submissions extended to end November |
| Flooding | Oral evidence in progress  
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| Climate Change: international policy post-2012 | Inquiry announced |
| Badgers and cattle TB: final report of the ISG | Oral evidence in progress  
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| The potential of England’s rural economy | Written evidence invited |
| Environmental Audit Sub-Committee |  |
| Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 | Written evidence invited  
Deadline for submissions extended to the end of November |
| Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Sub-committee |  |
| Temporary Workers Directive | Oral evidence in progress |
| Intergovernmental Conference for a Reform Treaty | Oral evidence concluded |
| Consumer protection: sale of timeshare | Oral evidence concluded  
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Developments in the European Union
Oral evidence in progress
Next evidence session 5 December

Overseas Territories
Written evidence invited
Deadline for submissions extended to 31 January

Health
Health Inequalities
Inquiry announced: Written evidence invited
Deadline for Submissions 9 January

Dental Contracts
Written evidence invited
Deadline for submissions 6 December

Modernising Medical Careers
Next evidence session 13 December: Written evidence invited 14 November: HC 25-II

The Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Health
Oral evidence concluded

Home Affairs
Home Office Annual Report
One-off oral evidence session concluded

Security Industry Authority
One-off oral evidence concluded, Report in Preparation

UK Immigration Issues
One-off oral evidence concluded, Report in Preparation

The Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU: Twelve months on
Oral evidence concluded, Report in Preparation

Counter-Terrorism Proposals
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Domestic Violence
Oral evidence in progress

A Surveillance Society?
Oral evidence in progress
Next evidence session 11 December

Towards Effective Sentencing
Oral evidence in progress

Joint Committee on Human Rights
The human rights of adults with learning difficulties

A British Bill of Rights
Oral evidence in progress

The Use of Restraint in Secure training Centres

Innovation, Universities & Skills
Sainsbury Review
Oral evidence concluded

Funding for Equivalent or Lower Qualifications (ELQs)
Inquiry announced, Written evidence invited

UK Centre for Medical Research and Innovation
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17 December

Biosecurity in UK research laboratories
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Introductory hearing with the Government Chief Scientific Adviser designate
Inquiry announced, Written evidence invited

Role of the Government Chief Scientific Adviser
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International Development
Development Assistance in Insecure Environments: Afghanistan
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DFID and the World Bank
Oral evidence in progress
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Maternal Health
Oral evidence in progress
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Development and Trade: cross-departmental working
Report published 4 December: awaiting Government response

Renewable Energy Generation Technologies
Inquiry announced written evidence invited

Justice (formerly Constitutional Affairs)
Towards Effective Sentencing
Oral evidence in progress
Next evidence session 12 December

Devolution: A Decade On
Oral evidence in progress
### Liaison

- **Judicial Appointments Commission**
  - Uncorrected oral evidence on website: HC 416-I & II

- **Ministry of Justice: Aims and objectives**
  - Oral evidence concluded
  - Uncorrected oral evidence on website: HC 938 i

- **Oral evidence from the Prime Minister**
  - Oral evidence concluded

- **Scrubtany of the draft Queen’s Speech**
  - Oral evidence in progress
  - Written evidence invited
  - Deadline for submissions 7 December

### Modernisation of the House of Commons

- **Debating departmental objectives and annual reports**
  - Oral evidence concluded

### Northern Ireland Affairs

- **Northern Ireland Prison Service**
  - Report to be published 12 December

- **Inquiry into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland**
  - Inquiry announced: written evidence invited
  - Deadline for submissions 21 January

### Procedure

- **E-petitions**
  - Written evidence invited: Oral evidence in progress

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- **The compensation for former Icelandic water trawlermen**

- **The Budget for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games**

- **Implementing crisis resolution home treatment services in England**
  - One-off oral evidence session announced
  - Evidence session 17 December

- **Review of Shared Services in Central Government**
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- **Overseas Territories**
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- **The privatisation of Qintiq**
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### Housing Marker Renewal: Pathfinders

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### Government on the internet: Progress in delivering Information and Services Online

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### Building for the Future: Sustainable Construction and refurbishment on the government estate

### Environment Agency Flood Risk Management: building and maintaining flood defences in England

### Upgrade of the Bangor to Belfast Railway

### Department for Transport: Vehicle Excise Duty

### The performance of the government as a shareholder

### Passport Agency- Biometric passports

### Department of Health

### National programme for IT

### Department for Work and Pensions: Helping people from workless households into work

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| Patient choice at the point of GP referral | Report in preparation |
| Propriety and Honours: Lesson learned | Report published 15 June: Government response published 21 November |
| Machinery of Government Changes | One-off oral evidence session concluded |
| Freedom of Information | Oral evidence in progress |
| Public Services: Putting People First | Oral evidence in progress |
| Lobbying | |
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| Draft Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007 | Report published 23 July |
| Draft Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007 | Report Published on 7 February 2006: Awaiting Draft Order to be laid |
| Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Public Service Vehicles) Order 2006 | Report published on 2 April: Awaiting Draft Order to be laid |
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| Effects of tax increases on the oil industry | |
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| Business under Standing Order No 151, followed as necessary by meetings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments for business under Standing Order No 151(10) | Joint Committee 4th Report 2007-08 to be published 11 December |
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| The UK 2005 Annual Report on Strategic Export Controls | Next evidence session 17 January |
| The Department for Transport’s Annual Report 2007 | Oral evidence in progress |
| Rail white paper | Next evidence session 30 January |
| Delivering a sustainable railway: a 30-year strategy for the railways? | Oral evidence in progress |
| The future of BAA | Next oral evidence session 9 January |
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**Other Papers**

Summary of Responses to the Counter Terrorism Bill Consultation [Cm 7269], ISBN: 010 1726924, £9.25

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European Communities Documents to be considered
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The total number of women MPs is 126
(Lab 95; Con 17; LD 9; DU 1; SF 1; UU 1; DCWM 1; Ind Lab 1)
CWM: Chairman of Ways and Means
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2nd DCWM: 2nd Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means

The Speaker and 3 Deputies (Sir Alan Haselhurst, CWM; Mrs Sylvia Heal, 1st DCWM; Sir Michael Lord, 2nd DCWM) 4 (Do not normally vote)

Vacant seats 0

Total number of seats 646

Current working Government Majority (352 Labour MPs less 285 of all other parties – excludes Speaker & Deputies and Sinn Fein) 67

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