

LORDS AMENDMENTS TO THE
STATISTICS AND REGISTRATION SERVICE BILL

[The page and line references are to HL Bill 53, the bill as first printed for the Lords.]

Clause 3

- 1 Page 2, line 3, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 2 Page 2, line 4, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 3 Page 2, line 7, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 4 Page 2, line 9, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 5 Page 2, line 11, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 6 Page 2, line 13, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

Clause 4

- 7 Page 2, line 29, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 8 Page 3, line 3, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 9 Page 3, line 5, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

Clause 8

- 10 Page 4, line 36, at end insert –
 - “() The Board is to monitor the arrangements for –
 - (a) the release of official statistics, and
 - (b) any access to official statistics in their final form prior to publication.”

Clause 10

- 11 Page 5, line 12, leave out “National”
- 12 Page 5, line 13, at end insert –

“(1A) The Code shall include rules and principles relating to the access to official statistics in their final form prior to publication (“pre-release access”), including –

- (a) the circumstances in which, or descriptions of statistics in relation to which, pre-release access may or may not be granted;
- (b) the persons, or descriptions of persons, to whom pre-release access may be granted;
- (c) the period, or maximum period, during which pre-release access may be granted; and
- (d) the conditions subject to which pre-release access may be granted.

(1B) The Code may make different provision for different cases.”

13 Page 5, line 13, at end insert –

“(1C) The rules and principles for pre-release access required by subsection (1A) shall keep such access to the minimum necessary to meet the needs of Ministers.”

14 Page 5, line 13, at end insert –

“(1D) The Code shall include rules and principles relating to the release of official statistics, including –

- (a) the location from which the release of official statistics may be made;
- (b) the time at which the release of official statistics may be made; and
- (c) the identification of the person or persons who are responsible for the release of official statistics.”

Clause 11

15 Leave out Clause 11

Clause 12

16 Page 6, line 18, leave out “National”

After Clause 12

17 Insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to continue to comply with Code

- (1) The person producing any official statistics which are designated under section 12 as National Statistics must ensure that the Code of Practice for Statistics under section 10 continues to be complied with in relation to the statistics.
- (2) Failure to comply with subsection (1) in relation to any statistics means that the designation of the statistics as National Statistics may not be confirmed under section 13 (but no action shall lie in relation to any such failure).”

Clause 13

18 Page 7, line 6, leave out “National”

After Clause 14

19 Insert the following new Clause –

“Requests for assessment: supplementary

- (1) Where in the case of any official statistics other than statistics produced by the Board –
 - (a) the appropriate authority has not under section 12(1) requested the Board to assess and determine whether the Code of Practice for Statistics has been complied with, and
 - (b) the Board is of the view that it would be appropriate for it to do so, the Board must notify the appropriate authority accordingly.
- (2) Where the appropriate authority is a Minister of the Crown, the Board must lay a copy of its notification under subsection (1) before Parliament.
- (3) A Minister of the Crown, on receiving notification under subsection (1), must provide the Board with –
 - (a) a statement that he intends to make a request under section 12(1) in relation to the statistics; or
 - (b) a statement that he does not intend to make such a request, and must lay a copy of the statement before Parliament.
- (4) A statement under subsection (3)(a) must include a timetable for making the request.
- (5) A statement under subsection (3)(b) must give reasons for not making the request.
- (6) Where the National Statistician determines not to make a request under section 12(1) in relation to any official statistics produced by the Board, he must –
 - (a) make a statement that he does not intend to make such a request, giving reasons, and
 - (b) lay a copy of the statement before Parliament.
- (7) In this section “appropriate authority” has the same meaning as in section 12(1).”

Clause 17

20 Page 8, line 15, leave out subsection (4)

Clause 27

21 Page 11, line 6, leave out “Chancellor of the Exchequer” and insert “Prime Minister”

22 Page 11, line 17, leave out “Chancellor of the Exchequer” and insert “Prime Minister”

23 Page 11, line 24, leave out “Chancellor of the Exchequer” and insert “Prime Minister”

24 Page 11, line 31, leave out “Chancellor of the Exchequer” and insert “Prime Minister”

- 25 Page 11, line 33, leave out “Chancellor of the Exchequer” and insert “Prime Minister”
- 26 Page 11, line 40, leave out “Chancellor of the Exchequer” and insert “Prime Minister”
- 27 Page 12, line 5, leave out “Chancellor of the Exchequer” and insert “Prime Minister”
- 28 Page 12, line 8, leave out “Chancellor of the Exchequer” and insert “Prime Minister”
- 29 Page 12, line 12, leave out “Chancellor of the Exchequer” and insert “Prime Minister”
- 30 Page 12, line 18, leave out “Chancellor of the Exchequer” and insert “Prime Minister”

Clause 29

- 31 Page 13, line 2, leave out “National”
- 32 Page 13, line 8, leave out subsections (5) to (8)
- 33 Page 13, line 19, after “section” insert “and section (*Executive office*)”
- 34 Page 13, line 21, leave out subsection (10)

After Clause 29

- 35 Insert the following new Clause—

“Executive office

- (1) The National Statistician must establish an executive office of the Board to assist him in his exercise of—
 - (a) the function of the Board under section 9(1)(a) (development and maintenance of definitions, methodologies, classifications and standards for official statistics),
 - (b) the function of the Board under section 18 (production of statistics),
 - (c) the function of the Board under section 19 (retail prices index),
 - (d) the function of the Board under section 20 (statistical services), and
 - (e) any other function of the Board which he may exercise under section 29(2).
- (2) The executive office is, subject to this Act, to consist of—
 - (a) the National Statistician (who is to be its head),
 - (b) the other executive members of the Board, and
 - (c) such other employees of the Board as the National Statistician may assign to it.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1) the National Statistician may delegate any function of the Board referred to in that subsection to any other member of the executive office.
- (4) The delegation of a function by the National Statistician under subsection (3) does not prevent him from exercising the function himself.”

Clause 30

36 Page 13, line 30, at end insert –

“(3) The Head of Assessment –

- (a) if an executive member of the Board, may not exercise functions of the National Statistician under section 29,
- (b) may not be a member of the executive office of the Board under section (*Executive office*)(2)(b) or (c), and
- (c) may not in any other way take part in the production of statistics by the Board.”

Clause 31

37 Page 13, line 35, leave out subsection (2) and insert –

“() The following may not take part in any assessment or determination of the Board under section 12(1) or 13(1) –

- (a) an executive member of the Board, not being the National Statistician or Head of Assessment;
- (b) a person assigned to the executive office of the Board under section (*Executive office*)(2)(c).”

38 Page 14, line 1, leave out subsection (4)

Clause 33

39 Page 14, line 20, leave out “National”

Clause 44

40 Page 19, line 33, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

41 Page 20, line 22, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

42 Page 20, line 28, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

43 Page 20, line 29, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

44 Page 20, line 36, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

45 Page 20, line 38, leave out subsection (11)

46 Page 21, line 1, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

Clause 47

47 Page 22, line 35, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

48 Page 23, line 1, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

49 Page 23, line 3, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

50 Page 23, line 4, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

51 Page 23, line 9, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

52 Page 23, line 12, leave out subsection (7)

53 Page 23, line 13, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

Clause 48

- 54 Page 23, line 18, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 55 Page 24, line 4, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 56 Page 24, line 11, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 57 Page 24, line 13, leave out subsection (11)
- 58 Page 24, line 14, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

Clause 49

- 59 Page 24, line 44, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 60 Page 25, line 2, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

Clause 50

- 61 Page 25, line 35, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 62 Page 25, line 37, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

Clause 58

- 63 Page 29, line 13, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”

Clause 62

- 64 Page 30, line 20, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 65 Page 30, line 28, at end insert –
 “() A statutory instrument containing an order made by a Minister of the Crown under section 22 that includes consequential or incidental provision amending any relevant legislation is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.”
- 66 Page 30, line 29, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Cabinet Office”
- 67 Page 30, line 30, leave out paragraph (a)
- 68 Page 30, line 32, leave out “order or”
- 69 Page 30, line 35, leave out “or 11”
- 70 Page 30, line 39, leave out “or 11”
- 71 Page 30, line 41, at end insert –
 “() A statutory instrument containing an order made by a Welsh ministerial authority under section 22 that includes consequential or incidental provision amending any relevant legislation is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the National Assembly for Wales.”
- 72 Page 31, line 2, leave out paragraph (b)
- 73 Page 31, line 7, at end insert –
 “() A statutory rule containing an order made by a Northern Ireland department under section 22 that includes consequential or incidental

provision amending any relevant legislation is subject to negative resolution, within the meaning of section 41(6) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954.

- () In this section, “relevant legislation” means –
 - (a) an Act of Parliament;
 - (b) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
 - (c) Northern Ireland legislation;
 - (d) a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales.”

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