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Noticeboard

Weekly Information Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published on Saturday 8 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 will be 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

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The Week Ahead: 3 – 7 December 2007

Date	Commons Chamber	General Committees	Select Committees	Lords Chamber	Lords Select Committees
Mon 3 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPQ – Defence, including Topical Questions Leg – Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill – Remaining stages Adj – Healthcare prioritisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESC – Economic Partnership Agreements (14498/07) PBC – Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) 1st DLC – Draft Criminal Defence Service (Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Affairs Work and Pensions Joint Comm on Human Rights Public Accounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral Questions Leg – Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [HL] (Committee stage 1st day) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Comm on Human Rights EU Sub-Comm B
Tues 4 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPQ – Transport, including Topical Questions Deb – Opposition Day (3rd allotted day) – i) Impartiality of the Civil Service; ii) Performance of the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Adj – Health and Safety in graveyards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PBC – Sale of Student Loans Bill PBC – Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) 2nd DLC – Draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007 3rd DLC – Draft Stamp Duty Land Tax (Zero-Carbon Homes Relief) Regulations 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasury Home Affairs Environmental Audit Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Culture, Media and Sport Public Accounts Environmental Audit Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral Questions Leg – Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [HL] (Committee stage 2nd day) Del Leg – Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Sub-Comm A Economic Affairs
Weds 5 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPQ – International Development; Prime Minister Deb – Standards of conduct in public life Deb – Benefits simplification Adj – Scallop dredging in Lyme Bay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th DLC – Draft Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Additional Authorities) Order 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Development Innovation, Universities and Schools Joint Comm on Human Rights Treasury Transport Foreign Affairs Public Accounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral Questions Deb – on the forthcoming European Council in Lisbon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Comm on Human Rights Communications EU Sub-Comm F
Thurs 6 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPQ – Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, including Topical Questions Business Statement – Leader of the House Topical Debate – the Leg – Consolidated Fund Bill – First, Second and Third readings Deb – On fisheries Adj – Rail services to Enfield North 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 – Sale of Student Loans Bill PBC – Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Public Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral Questions Leg – Local Transport Bill [HL] (Committee stage day 1, Grand Committee) Deb – on the role of DEFRA in supporting farming in the United Kingdom Deb – on the case for an action plan to make opportunity more equal by raising school standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Union Comm EU Sub-Comm C EU Sub-Comm G Constitution
Fri 7 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The House will not be sitting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The House will not be sitting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Order of Oral Questions
(Next Sitting period N.B. All dates are provisional)

Monday 5th November – Thursday 13th December 2007

Mon. 5 Nov	Tues. 6 Nov	Wed. 7 Nov	Thurs. 8 Nov
• None	• None	• None	• None
Mon. 12 Nov	Tues. 13 Nov	Wed. 14 Nov	Thurs. 15 Nov
• Children, Schools and Families	• Health	• Northern Ireland • Prime Minister	• Innovation, Universities and Skills
Mon. 19 Nov	Tues. 20 Nov	Wed. 21 Nov	Thurs. 22 Nov
• Work and Pensions	• Foreign and Commonwealth Office	• Wales • Prime Minister	• Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform
Mon. 26 Nov	Tues. 27 Nov	Wed. 28 Nov	Thu. 29 Nov
• Home Office	• Communities and Local Government	• Scotland • Prime Minister	• Treasury
Mon. 3 Dec	Tues. 4 Dec	Wed. 5 Dec	Thu. 6 Dec
• Defence	• Transport	• International Development • Prime Minister	• Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Mon. 10 Dec	Tues. 11 Dec	Wed. 12 Dec	Thu. 13 Dec
• Culture, Media and Sport • Olympics	• Justice	• Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster • Prime Minister	• Church Commissioners Public Accounts Commission and Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission • Solicitor General • Women and Equality • Leader of the House • House of Commons Commission
Mon. 17 Dec	Tues. 18 Dec	Wed. 19 Dec	Thu. 20 Dec
• Children, Schools and Families	• Health	• None	• None

*Remit-

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The hon. Member representing the House of Commons commission also answers on behalf of the Finance and Services Committee.

The Minister of State for Justice, also answers on behalf of the Lord Chancellor and the Privy Council office

The Secretary of State for Scotland also answers on behalf of the Advocate General.

The Solicitor General also answers on behalf of the Attorney General.

Order of Oral Questions
(Next Sitting period N.B. All dates are provisional)

Monday 7th January – Thursday 28th February 2008

Mon. 7 Jan	Tues. 8 Jan	Wed. 9 Jan	Thurs. 10 Jan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work and Pensions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign and Commonwealth Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Ireland • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities and Skills
Mon. 14 Jan	Tues. 15 Jan	Wed. 16 Jan	Thurs. 17 Jan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Local Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wales • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform
Mon. 21 Jan	Tues. 22 Jan	Wed. 23 Jan	Thurs. 24 Jan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasury
Mon. 28 Jan	Tues. 29 Jan	Wed. 30 Jan	Thu. 31 Jan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture, Media and Sport • Olympics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Development • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Mon. 4 Feb	Tues. 5 Feb	Wed. 6 Feb	Thu. 7 Feb
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children, Schools and Families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Commissioners • Public Accounts Commission and Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission • Solicitor General • Women and Equality • Leader of the House • House of Commons Commission
Mon. 18 Feb	Tues. 19 Feb	Wed. 20 Feb	Thu. 21 Feb
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work and Pensions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign and Commonwealth Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Ireland • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities and Skills
Mon. 25 Feb	Tues. 26 Feb	Wed. 27 Feb	Thu. 28 Feb
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Local Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wales • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

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(Next Sitting period N.B. All dates are provisional)

Monday 3rd March – Thursday 3rd April 2008

Mon. 3 March	Tues. 4 March	Wed. 5 March	Thu. 6 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scotland Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasury
Mon. 10 March	Tues. 11 March	Wed. 12 March	Wed. 13 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture, Media and Sport Olympics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Development Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Mon. 17 March	Tues. 18 March	Wed. 19 March	Thu. 20 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children, Schools and Families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Commissioners Public Accounts Commission and Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission Solicitor General Women and Equality Leader of the House House of Commons Commission
Mon. 24 March	Tues. 25 March	Wed. 26 March	Thu. 27 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign and Commonwealth Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Ireland Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation, Universities and Skills
Mon. 31 March	Tues. 1 April	Wed. 2 April	Thu. 3 April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work and Pensions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities and Local Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wales Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

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**Business of the House of Commons
26 – 30 November 2007**

Monday 26 November

The House sat at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Home Office, including Topical Questions

Statement – Welfare and Skills – Mr John Denham

Legislation – Health and Social Care Bill – Second reading (Agreed)

Programme motion – Health and Social Care Bill (Agreed)

Money resolution – Health and Social Care Bill (Agreed)

Motion – to change membership of Select Committees: Administration; Children, Schools and Families; Health; Northern Ireland Affairs; Regulatory Reform

Adjournment – Flying of the Union Flag on Government buildings – Ian Lucas

The House rose at 9.56 pm

Tuesday 27 November

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

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

09.30-11.00	Coal reserves, clean coal technology and energy policy – Mr William Cash
11.00-12.30	National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence and the use of stents – Frank Cook
12.30-13.00	Post Office closures – Mr Paul Burstow
13.00-13.30	Future of bus services in Preston – Mr Mark Hendrick
13.30-14.00	Age-related wet eye macular degeneration – Mr Peter Bone

The House sat at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Communities and Local Government, including Topical Questions

Presentation of Bill – Planning Bill – Hazel Blears (Bill presented and read a first time)

Legislation – Housing and Regeneration Bill – Second reading (Agreed)

Programme motion – Housing and Regeneration Bill (Agreed)

Money resolution – Housing and Regeneration Bill (Agreed)

Adjournment – Measures to conserve Lymington Marshes and Lymington Harbour – Mr Desmond Swayne

The House rose at 10.48pm

Wednesday 28 November

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

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

09.30-11.00 Funding of further education in South Yorkshire – Mr Eric Illsley
11.00-11.30 Welfare reform – Ms Karen Buck
14.30-16.00 Economic partnership agreements and development – Tony Baldry
16.00-16.30 Operation of Heathrow Airport – Mr Mark Field
16.30-17.00 HIV/AIDS – Dr Gavin Strang

The House sat at 11.30am

Oral Questions – Scotland; Prime Minister

Presentation of Bill – Education and Skills Bill (Bill presented and read a first time)

Debate – Opposition Day (2nd allotted day) – HM Revenue and Customs data loss (Motion, as amended, agreed to); The Government's management of the prisons system (Motion, as amended, agreed to)

Adjournment – Bangladesh – Jeremy Corbyn

The House rose at 7.58pm

Thursday 29 November

The House sat at 10.30am

Oral Questions – Treasury, including Topical Questions

Business Statement – Leader of the House

Statement – Reply – Mr Peter Hain

Topical Debate – The future prospects for apprenticeships in England

Motion – To approve a European Document relating to Asylum (Motion agreed to)

Debate – Government consultation on convicting rapists and protecting victims

Adjournment – Allergy services – Jo Swinson

The House sat in Westminster Hall between 2.30 and 5.30pm

Westminster Hall – Debate on the Third Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 2006-07, on Stamp of Approval? Restructuring the Post Office Network, HC 276

The House rose at 6.27pm

Friday 30 November

The House did not sit

**Written Ministerial Statements
26 – 30 November 2007**

- 26.11.07 EU Youth Council – Beverley Hughes
- 26.11.07 London 2012 Sustainability Plan – Tessa Jowell
- 26.11.07 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (Uganda) – Mr Gordon Brown
- 26.11.07 Crossrail – Ruth Kelly
- 26.11.07 National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) Order – Mr Peter Hain
- 26.11.07 Next Steps to Full Employment – Mr Peter Hain
- 27.11.07 EU Cohesion Policy – Mr Stephen Timms
- 27.11.07 ContactPoint: Funding and Implementation – Kevin Brennan
- 27.11.07 Planning Reform – Hazel Blears
- 27.11.07 General Affairs and External Relations Council – Mr Jim Murphy
- 27.11.07 Allergy Report (Government Response) – Ann Keen
- 27.11.07 EU Education Council – Bill Rammell
- 27.11.07 Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 – Bridget Prentice
- 27.11.07 Strategic Plan for Reducing Re-offending 2008-11 – Mr David Hanson
- 27.11.07 Pre-Trial Witness Interviews – Vera Baird
- 27.11.07 EU Transport Council – Ms Rosie Winterton
- 27.11.07 Local Transport Capital Settlement – Ms Rosie Winterton
- 27.11.07 Mental Health and Employment – Mr Peter Hain
- 28.11.07 Energy Council – Malcolm Wicks
- 28.11.07 Education, Youth and Culture Council – Margaret Hodge
- 28.11.07 Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing – Mr Vernon Coaker
- 28.11.07 Bangladesh (Cyclone Sidr) – Mr Douglas Alexander
- 28.11.07 Convicted Rapists and Protecting Victims – Vera Baird
- 29.11.07 National Minimum Wage – Mr Pat McFadden
- 29.11.07 Competitiveness Council – Mr Stephen Timms
- 29.11.07 Thames Gateway – Yvette Cooper
- 29.11.07 Future Rapid Effect System – Mr Bob Ainsworth
- 29.11.07 Sea King Integrated Operation Support – Mr Bob Ainsworth
- 29.11.07 NATO – David Miliband

- 29.11.07 Abortion Act 1967 (Government Response to Science and Technology Committee Report) – Dawn Primarolo
- 29.11.07 NHS Finance and Performance – Alan Johnson
- 29.11.07 Autumn Performance Report – Jacqui Smith
- 29.11.07 Additional Protective Services (Demonstration Sites) – Mr Tony McNulty
- 29.11.07 Leeds Magistrates Court – Mr Jack Straw
- 29.11.07 Education and Skills Bill (Framework Powers) – Mr Peter Hain

**Forthcoming Business of the House of Commons
3 – 7 December 2007**

Monday 3 December

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Defence, including Topical Questions

Legislation – Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill – Remaining stages

Adjournment – Healthcare provisions – Dr Richard Taylor

Tuesday 4 December

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

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 will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Transport, including Topical Questions

Oral Statement – Publication of the enquiry into the Nimrod crash

Debate – Opposition Day (3rd allotted day) – i) Impartiality of the Civil Service; ii) Performance of the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Adjournment – Health and Safety in graveyards – John Mann

Wednesday 5 December

The House will sit 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 regional programming – Mr John Grogan
16.30-17.00	Planning and housing in Mid Dorset and North Poole constituency – Annette Brooke

The House will sit at 11.30am

Oral Questions – International Development; Prime Minister

Oral Statement – Annual benefit uprating

Debate – Standards of conduct in public life

Debate – Benefits simplification

Adjournment – Scallop dredging in Lyme Bay – Mr Oliver Letwin

Thursday 6 December

The House will sit 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 – ***

Debate – On fisheries

Adjournment – Rail services to Enfield North – Joan Ryan

The House will sit 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

Friday 7 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

**Provisional 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

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates – **

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Justice, including Topical Questions

Adjournment – *

Wednesday 12 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 – Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Prime Minister

Adjournment – *

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, including Topical Questions

Business Statement – Leader of the House

Topical Debate – ***

Adjournment – *

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

**Forthcoming Business of the House of Lords
3 – 6 December 2007**

Monday 3 December (2.30pm)

Oral questions – Lord Barnett to ask Her Majesty’s Government what recent discussions they have had with the Governor of the Bank of England regarding the global credit crunch. Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbots to ask Her Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the progress made in implementing the Charities Act 2006. Lord Naseby to ask Her Majesty’s Government what percentage of spectators will have a roof over them in the new design for the main stadium for the 2012 Olympics. Lord Blaker to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether it is still the intention of the Prime Minister not to attend the forthcoming summit meeting of the leaders of the African Union and European Union countries in Portugal if Mr Mugabe attends

Legislation – Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [HL] (Committee stage 1st day)

Question for short debate – On why adult learners seeking a second qualification at an equivalent or lower level to that already held must pay full cost fees (B. Sharp of Guildford)

Tuesday 4 December (2.30pm)

Oral questions – Lord Quirk to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they will increase the amount of support and encouragement for adults to pursue part-time higher education. Lord Judd to ask Her Majesty’s Government what is their target date for the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Human Trafficking; and what progress has been made on their action plan. Lord Greaves to ask Her Majesty’s Government how many councils in England are subject to a moratorium or severe restrictions on granting planning permission for new housing

Legislation – Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [HL] (Committee stage 2nd day)

Delegated Legislation – Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007 – Motion to approve

Wednesday 5 December (3.00pm)

Oral questions – Lord Faulkner of Worcester to ask Her Majesty’s Government what discussion they have had with the government of Gibraltar about tightening the regulation of on-line gambling. Lord Campbell-Savours to ask Her Majesty’s Government what progress they have made on their proposals for reform of the law on rape. Lord Lamont of Lerwick to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they plan any changes in the extradition arrangements between the United States and the United Kingdom

Debate – on the forthcoming European Council in Lisbon (B. Ashton of Upholland)

Thursday 6 December (11.00am)

Oral questions – Lord Bishop of Ripon and Leeds to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will alleviate any economic problems facing farmers affected by foot-and-mouth disease and blue tongue restrictions by making part payments of the Single Farm Payments at the beginning of the payment window which opens in December. Lord Rosser to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have for promoting women's football. Baroness Warsi to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have received any proposals for a national motto; and, if so, whether such a motto will improve community relations. Baroness Shephard of Northwold to call attention to the role of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in securing the efficient and effective delivery of policies and funds that support and promote the farming industry in the United Kingdom; and to move for papers. Baroness Perry of Southwark to call attention to the case for an action plan to make opportunity more equal in the United Kingdom by raising school standards and increasing the number of good school places; and to move for papers

Legislation – Local Transport Bill [HL] (Committee stage day 1, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 2pm)

Debate – on the role of DEFRA in supporting farming in the United Kingdom, and to move for papers (B. Shephard of Northwold); on the case for an action plan to make opportunity more equal by raising school standards, and to move for papers (B. Perry of Southwark)

**Provisional Future 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, 3.45pm)

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)

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 – Local Authorities (Alcohol Disorder Zones) Regulations 2007; Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007; Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007- motions to approve

Delegated Legislation – Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007; 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- 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)

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
<i>Prov 2R (Rep,3R)</i>	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

Complete list of Public Bills before Parliament this Session

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.

For an explanation of Parliamentary consideration of Public Bills see HCIO Factsheets L1 and L2

ALCOHOL LABELLING [HL] (L)	Lord Mitchell
Lords: (10) *1R: 22.11.2007 <i>Prov 2R: No date</i>	
CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK (SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS) (G)	Ruth Kelly
Commons: (4) *1R: 8.11.2007 2R: 20.11.2007 Prog: 20.11.2007 MR: 20.11.2007 <i>Prov PBC: 4 & 6.12.2007</i>	
CHILD MAINTENANCE AND OTHER PAYMENTS (G)	John Hutton
(introduced in 2006-07 and carried over to 2007-08)	
Commons: (118, 156, 2006-07) 1R: 5.6.2007 2R: 4.7.2007 Prog: 4.7.2007 CO: 4.7.2007 MR: 4.7.2007 PBC: 17, 19 & 24.7; 9, 11 & 16.10.2007	
Commons: (3, 2007-08) 1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 7.11.2007 PBC: No date	
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS [HL] (G)	Lord Adonis
Lords: (8) *1R: 14.11.2007 2R: 26.11.2007 <i>Prov Comm**: No date</i>	
CLIMATE CHANGE [HL] (G)	Lord Rooker
Lords: (9) *1R: 14.11.2007 2R: 27.11.2007 <i>Prov 1R: 11.12.2007</i>	
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND IMMIGRATION (G)	David Hanson
(introduced in 2006-07 and carried over to 2007-08)	
Commons: (130, 2006-07) 1R: 26.6.2007 2R: 8.10.2007 Prog: 8.10.2007 MR: 8.10.2007 CO: 8.10.2007 PBC: 16, 18, 23 & 25.10.2007	
Commons: (1, 2007-08) 1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 7.11.2007 PBC: 20, 22, 27 & 29.11.2007	
CROSSRAIL (HYBRID BILL) (H)	Douglas Alexander
(introduced in 2004-05, carried over to 2005-06, carried over to 2006-07 and carried over to 2007-08)	
Commons: (62, 2004-05) *1R: 22.2.2005 CO: 7.4.2005	
Commons: (1, 2005-06) *1R: 18.5.2005 2R: 19.7.2005 MR: 19.7.2005	
SelCom: 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 & 31.1; 1, 7, 8, 9, 15 & 28.2; 1, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 23, 28, 29 & 30.3; 18, 19, 20 & 27.4; 2, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23 & 24.5; 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29.6; 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 25 & 26.7; 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 & 24.10.2006 CO: 31.10.2006	
Commons: (2, 163, 2006-07) *1R: 16.11.2006 *2R: 16.11.2006	
PBC: 16, 17, 18, 25, 30 & 31.1; 6, 7, 8, 20, 21 & 27.2; 1, 13, 14, 20, 22 & 28.3; 10 & 12.7; 9.10.2007	
CO: 23.10.2007	
Commons: (5, 2007-08) *1R: 8.11.2007 *2R: 8.11.2007 PBC: 22 & 27.11.2007	
DISABLED PERSONS (INDEPENDENT LIVING) [HL] (L)	Lord Ashley of Stoke
Lords: (4) *1R: 7.11.2007 <i>Prov 2R: 14.12.2007</i>	
DORMANT BANK AND BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNTS [HL] (G)	Lord Davies of Oldham
Lords: (2) *1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 21.11.2007 <i>Prov Comm**: 10.12.2007</i>	
EDUCATION AND SKILLS (G)	Ed Balls
Commons: (12) *1R: 28.11.2007 <i>Prov 2R: No date</i>	
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (FINANCE) (G)	Alistair Darling
Commons: (2) *1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 19.11.2007 Prog: 19.11.2007 MR: 19.11.2007 <i>Prov PBC: No date</i>	
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (G)	Alan Johnson
Commons: (9) *1R: 15.11.2007 2R: 26.11.2007 Prog: 26.11.2007 MR: 26.11.2007 <i>Prov PBC: No date</i>	

HOUSE OF LORDS [HL] (L) Lord Steel of Aikwood
Lords: (3) *1R: 7.11.2007 Prov 2R: 30.11.2007

HOUSING AND REGENERATION (G) Hazel Blears
Commons: (8) *1R: 15.11.2007 2R: 27.11.2007 Prog: 27.11.2007 MR: 27.11.2007
Prov PBC: No date

HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY [HL] (G) Lord Darzi of Denham
Lords: (6, 6) *1R: 8.11.2007 2R: 19 & 21.11.2007 Prov Comm: 3.12.2007

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT [HL] (L) Baroness Finlay of Llandaff
Lords: (11) *1R: 28.11.2007 Prov 2R: No date

LOCAL TRANSPORT [HL] (G) Lord Bassam of Brighton
Lords: (1) *1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 20.11.2007 Prov Comm**: 6.12.2007

NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS (G) Alistair Darling
Commons: (7) *1R: 12.11.2007 Prov 2R: No date

PLANNING (G) Hazel Blears
Commons: (11) *1R: 27.11.2007 Prov 2R: 10.12.2007

POWERS OF ENTRY ETC. [HL] (L) Lord Selsdon
Lords: (5) *1R: 7.11.2007 Prov 2R: 14.12.2007

REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AND SANCTIONS [HL] (G) Lord Bach
Lords: (7) *1R: 8.11.2007 2R: 28.11.2007 Prov Comm**: No date

SALE OF STUDENT LOANS (G) John Denham
Commons: (6) *1R: 8.11.2007 2R: 22.11.2007 Prog: 22.11.2007 MR: 22.11.2007
Prov PBC: 4 & 6.12.2007

**Presentation and Publication of Public Bills and Acts
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Presentation of Bills (not yet published by Parliament)

Date	Title and type of Bill	Bill No.
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None

Bills published after presentation

Date	Title and type of Bill	Bill No.	ISBN	Price £
16.11	Housing and Regeneration Bill	8	0215 709233	11.00
16.11	Health and Social Care Bill	9	0215 709241	12.00
27.11	Planning Bill	11	0215 709257	10.00
29.11	Education and Skills	12	0215 709271	9.00

Bills receiving Royal Assent and Acts published

Date	Title	Ch No.
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None

Acts published after Royal Assent date

Date	Title	Ch No.	ISBN	Price £
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None

Public and General Acts 2007 – 2008

Date of Royal Assent	Title	Ch No.	ISBN	Price £
None				

Church of England Measures

Date	Title	Paper No.	ISBN	Price £
None				

Publication of Bills and Acts on the Internet

Public Bills before Parliament	Private Bills before Parliament
http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/pabills.htm	http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/privbill.htm
Full text of Public General Acts since 1988	Full text of Local Acts since 1991
http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts.htm	http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts.htm

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.

Title	Date Published	Committee	Committee Reports	Government Response
None				

Private Legislation: General Notes

Abbreviations

1R	First Reading
2R	Second Reading
BC	Bill committed (as yet the type of Committee is not known)
UBC	Bill committed to an unopposed committee (If two dates are given the last is the date on which the committee reported)
OBC	Bill committed to an opposed committee (If two dates are given the last is the date on which the committee reported)
BAC	Bill as amended by the Committee considered (Report stage) (House of Commons only)
3R	Third Reading
CA	Commons' amendments considered by the House of Lords
LA	Lords' amendments considered by the House of Commons
Susp	Motion to suspend the Bill to subsequent Sessions. Related formal proceedings in the new session are marked with an asterisk (*)
Deb	Bill debated, otherwise the stages are taken formally. In the House of Commons this will be at 7 pm
Deb adj	Debate adjourned
Rev	Motion to revive the Bill from previous Sessions debated on the date given
<i>Prov</i>	Provisional date for next stage - date supplied where known, ie <i>prov 2R: 27.1.2004</i> - provisional second reading 27 January 2004
*	an instruction to the committee will be moved at the same time
#	<i>Bills with petitions outstanding</i>

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

Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP, Adelaide House, London Bridge, London, EC4R 9HA, 020 7760 1000
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: prbolhol@parliament.uk)

For an explanation of parliamentary consideration of Private Bills see **HCIO Factsheet L4**

BOURNEMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL [HL] (Sharpe Pritchard)

Lords: 1R:22.1.2007 2R: 20.2.2007 OBC: 3 & 10.7.2007 3R: 29.11.2007
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)

Commons: 1R: 25.1.2005 HC Rev: 19.5.2005 HL Rev: 24.5.2005
Commons: 1R: 25.5.2005 2R: 21.6.2005 OBC: 1, 2 & 3.11.2005* BAC: 8.12.2005
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
Lords: 1R: 22.11.2006 *2R: 22.11.2006 *3R: 22.11.2006 UBC: 5.12 & 25.4.2007
Prov 3R: No date

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL [HL] (Sharpe Pritchard)

Lords: 1R: 22.1.2007 2R: 20.2.2007 OBC: 3 & 10.7.2007 3R: 29.11.2007
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)

Lords: 1R: 23.1.2006 2R: 8.2.2006 OBC: 9.10.2006 OBC: 23.10.2006
Susp: 31.10.2006
Lords: 1R: 16.11.2006 *2R: 16.11.2006 UBC: 13.3.2007 3R: 2.5.2007
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 30 November 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

Date Laid	Title	Lords Committee Report & Recommendation	Commons Committee Report & Recommendation
11.12.2006	Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2006	HL 44 (a)	(a) 6.3.2007 (HC 384)
18.12.2006	Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc Between Ombudsmen) Order 2007	HL 44 (a)	(a) 6.3.2007 (HC 383)
18.12.2006	Regulatory Reform (Deer) Order 2007	HL 44 (a)	(b) 20.3.2007 (HC 411)
18.12.2006	Regulatory Reform (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Order 2006	HL 44 (a)	(a) 13.3.2007 (HC 397)
25.7.2007	Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007		

Draft Orders

Date Laid	Title and SI Number	Lords Committee Report & Recommendation	Commons Report Committee & Recommendation	Consideration L (Lords), C (Commons)
9.5.2007	Draft Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc between Ombudsmen) Order 2007	HL 113(a)	HC 611	26.6.2007 (C) 27.6.2007 (L)
24.5.2007	Draft Regulatory Reform (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Order 2007	HL 126(a)	HC 673	5.7.2007 (C) 3.7.2007 (L)
4.6.2007	Draft Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2007	HL 126(a)	HC 674	25.6.2007 (C)
5.7.2007	Draft Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007	HL 150(a)	HC 948	24.7.2007 (C) 17.7.2007 (L)

Remedial Orders, Draft Remedial Orders and Urgent Procedure Remedial Orders: Proceedings as at 30 November 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

Date Laid	Title	Jnt Cttee on Human Rights: Report & Recommendation
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None

Draft Orders

Date Laid	Title	Jnt Cttee on Human Rights: Report & Recommendation	Lords Consideration	Commons Consideration
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None

Urgent Orders

Date Laid	Title	Jnt Cttee on Human Rights: Report & Recommendation	Lords Consideration	Commons Consideration
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None

Northern Ireland Legislation: proceedings as at 30 November 2007

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/108.cfm

Abbreviations:

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

Title and SI No.	Consultation on Proposal	NIGC	(Draft) Order Laid	Commons	Lords	Privy Council
Draft Guardian's Allowance Uprating (Northern Ireland) Order 2007	N/A		30.1.2007	19.3.2007 (D) 27.3.2007 (A)	22.2.2007 (A)	

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*

Title of Bill or Act	Date Laid	Royal Assent
None		

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

Applications for Orders under the Transport and Works Act 1992

Title of Order	A:	Agent	Final Order
Borough of Poole (Poole Harbour Opening Bridges) Order	13.12.2004	Rees and Freres	2006/No.2310 Made 24.08.06
Cirrus Energy Shell Flat Offshore Wind Farm	28.8.2003	Winckworth Sherwood	Application withdrawn
Docklands Light Railway (Stratford International Extension) Order	21.9.2005	Bircham Dyson Bell	2006/No.2905 Made 01.11.06
East Kent Railway Order	28.2.2006	Winckworth Sherwood	
Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order	18.10.2005	Bircham Dyson Bell	
Felixstowe Dock and Railway (Land Acquisition) Order	15.6.2004	Rees and Freres	
Felixstowe Branch Line and Ipswich Yard Improvement Order	14.12.2005 5.5.2006 (revised)	DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary UK LLP, 3 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7EE, Tel: 020 7153 7205	
London Gateway Logistics and Commercial Centre	14.2.2002	Berwin Leighton Paisner Adelaide House, EC4R 9HA	
Luton Dunstable Translink Order	18.12.2003	Rees and Freres	2006/No.3118 Made 22.11.06
Ouseburn Barrage Order	11.11.2004 27.1.2006 (revised)	Newcastle City Council	2007/No.608 Made 26.02.07
Pontypool and Blaenavon (Phase 1) Railway Order	15.8.2005	Winckworth Sherwood	2006/No.1691 Made 20.06.06
Railtrack (Thameslink 2000)*	21.11.1997	Rees & Freres	2006/No.3117 Made 22.11.06
Railtrack (Thameslink 2000) Variation*	29.9.1999	Rees & Freres	2006/No.3117 Made 22.11.06
Teesport (Land Acquisition) Order	26.5.2006	Rees & Freres	
Docklands Light Railway (Capacity Enhancement and 2012 Games Preparation) Order	2.8.2006	Rees & Freres	2007/No.2297 Made 02.08.07
The Nottingham Express Transit System Order	1.5.2007	Bircham Dyson Bell	

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

General Committees

Factsheets on the Parliament website: http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/factsheets.cfm
 Public Bill Committee debates on the Parliament website: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/stand.htm>
 Other General Committee debates: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/othstn.htm>

Current Public Bill Committees, details of membership

Bill	Status	Membership
Criminal Justice and Immigration		Issue 1 p25; Issue 2 p28
Crossrail		Issue 3 p29
Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions)		This issue
Sale of Student Loans		This issue

Dates in italics denote expected reporting date of Public Bill Committee as stated in the Programme Motion if made

Membership:

Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions)

Chairmen: Mr David Marshall and Mr Peter Atkinson

Paul Clark	Barry Gardiner	Andrew Gwynne	Stephen Hammond
Mr Tom Harris	Mr Adam Holloway	Mr John Horam	Mr Greg Knight
Susan Kramer	Mr John Leech	Ian Lucas	Chris Mole
Chris Ruane	Anne Snelgrove	Sir Peter Soulsby	Mark Tami
Jeremy Wright			

Sale of Student Loans

Chairmen: Miss Ann Begg

Mr David Anderson	Mr Tom Boswell	Mr Ian Cawsey	Mrs Nadine Dorries
Mr Robert Ffello	Mr Michael Foster	Mr John Hayes	Huw Irranca-Davies
Marin Linton	Rob Marris	Mr Gordon Marsden	Margaret Moran
Bill Rammell	Sarah Teather	Angela Watkinson	Mark Williams
Mr Rob Wilson			

**General Committee Meetings
26 – 30 November 2007**

Monday 26 November

ESC	EU Documents Nos. 13112/07 and Addenda 1, 13113/07 and 13237/1/07 relating to Global Navigation Satellite System and the European Institute of Technology
1 st DLC	Draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007
2 nd DLC	Draft Regulators' Compliance Code for the Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007 and the Draft Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007
3 rd DLC	Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 2007 and the Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Faroes) Order 2007

Tuesday 27 November

PBC	Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill (13 th and 14 th Sittings: Clauses 71-75, 77, 79, 82, 84, 86-90, 93-122 agreed; Clauses 76, 78, 80-81, 85, 91-92, 123 agreed as amended; Clause 83 agreed on division; Schedule 14, 17-20 agreed; 15-15 agreed as amended)
PBC	Crossrail Bill (3 rd and 4 th Sittings: Clauses 30-66 agreed; Schedule 11-16 agreed)

Wednesday 28 November

4 th DLC	Secure Training Centre (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007. No. 1709)
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Thursday 29 November

PBC	Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill (15 th and 16 th Sittings: Clauses 124, 126, 129 agreed; Clauses 127-128 agreed as amended; Schedule 21-23 agreed as amended)
5 th DLC	Guidance Issued Under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

Friday 30 November

None

Select Committees

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Membership:

Administration

Helen Jones discharged; Mr John Heppell added

Children, Schools and Families

Joan Ryan discharged; Mrs Sharon Hodgson added

Health

Mr Ronnie Campbell; Stephen Hesford added

Northern Ireland Affairs

John Battle discharged; Stephen Pound added

Regulatory Reform

Mr Andy Slaughter discharged; Judy Mallaber added

Select Committee Meetings 26 – 30 November 2007

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Monday 26 November 2007

Scottish Affairs

Subject: Poverty in Scotland

Witnesses: Convention of Scottish Local Authorities; Stewart Maxwell, Minister for Communities and Sport, Scottish Executive

Joint Committee on Human Rights

Subject: Human Rights Policy

Witnesses: Michael Wills MP, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Subject: Badgers and cattle TB

Witnesses: Professor Gareth Enticott, Cardiff University and Dr Chris Cheeseman; Professor John McInerney OBE

Public Accounts

Subject: Sustainable employment: supporting people to stay in work and advance

Witnesses: Adam Sharples, Department for Work and Pensions, Stephen Marston, Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills, Mark Haysom, Learning and Skills Council and Lesley Strathie, Jobcentre Plus

Tuesday 27 November 2007

Home Affairs*

Subject: (i) UK Immigration Issues and the Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU: Twelve months on (ii) The Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU: Twelve months on

Witnesses: (i) Liam Byrne MP, Minister for Borders and Immigration, Home Office; (ii) Mr Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, Under-Secretary of State for European Affairs of Romania

Environmental Audit

Subject: Are Biofuels Sustainable?

Witnesses: Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Malcolm Fendick, Head of Cleaner Fuels and Vehicles Division and Chief Mechanical Engineer, and Rupert Furness, Head of Biofuels Branch, Department for Transport

Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

Subject: The UK Construction Industry

Witnesses: Union for Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians; ConstructionSkills; Unite – the union

Culture, Media and Sport

Subject: Tourism

Witnesses: Tourism Alliance; South West Regional Development Agency, South East England Development Agency and North West Regional Development Agency

Defence

Subject: Medical Care for the Armed Forces

Witnesses: Derek Twigg MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence and Ben Bradshaw MP, Minister of State for Health Services, Department of Health

Welsh Affairs*

Subject: Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Witnesses: Bill Goldsworthy OBE, Chair, Agri-Food Partnership, Norma Barry, Director of the Food and Market Development Division and Professor David Hughes; Age Concern Cymru

Scottish Affairs

Subject: Poverty in Scotland

Witnesses: Caroline Flint MP, Minister of State, Department for Work and Pensions, and Rt Hon Jane Kennedy MP, Financial Secretary, HM Treasury

Wednesday 28 November 2007

Innovation, Universities and Skills

Subject: Higher Education issues

Witnesses: Bill Rammell MP, Minister of State, Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, and Professor David Eastwood, Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England

Work and Pensions

Subject: The Health and Safety Commission and Executive

Witnesses: Judith Hackitt CBE, Chair, Health and Safety Commission and Geoffrey Podger CB, Chief Executive, Health and Safety Executive

Modernisation of the House of Commons

Subject: Scrutiny of the Draft Queen's Speech

Witnesses: Rt Hon Alan Williams MP, Chairman, Liaison Committee, Rt Hon Alan Beith MP, Chairman, Justice Committee, Dr Tony Wright MP, Chairman, Public Administration Committee and Robert Wilson, Clerk, Liaison Committee

Defence

Subject: Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07

Witnesses: Bill Jeffrey CB, Permanent Under Secretary of State, and Trevor Woolley CB, Finance Director, Ministry of Defence

Foreign Affairs

Subject: Global Security: Iran

Witnesses: Dr Kim Howells MP, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Antony Phillipson, Iran Coordinator, and Paul Arkwright, Head of Counter Proliferation Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Procedure

Subject: E-petitions

Witnesses: Douglas Carswell MP, Andrew Miller MP, and Richard Allan, Cisco Systems

Transport*

Subject: The future of BAA

Witnesses: British Airways, American Airlines, Air France, easyJet, BAA, Ferrovial; Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Transport

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs *

Subject: Flooding

Witnesses: Association of British Insurers, Norwich Union and Royal SunAlliance; Ofwat

Public Accounts

Subject: Government on the internet: progress in delivering information and services online

Witnesses: Alexis Cleveland, Cabinet Office, Alan Bishop, Chief Executive, Central Office of Information and John Suffolk, Chief Information Officer

Thursday 29 November 2007

Treasury

Subject: The November 2007 Inflation Report

Witnesses: Mervyn King, Governor of the Bank of England, Rachel Lomax, Deputy Governor (Monetary analysis), Charlie Bean, Executive Director and Chief Economist, and Professor Tim Besley and Professor David Blanchflower, External Monetary Policy Committee Members

Health

Subject: Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2007

Witnesses: Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP, Secretary of State for Health

Public Administration*

Subject: Lobbying

Witnesses: John Grogan MP, Peter Luff MP and Stephen Pound MP

Friday 30 November 2007

None

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Forthcoming Select Committee Meetings 3 – 7 December 2007

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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 (at 4.40 pm); 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 (at 5.20pm)

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 (at 5.00 pm)

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

Tuesday 4 December

Treasury

Subject: Financial Transparency and Stability

Witnesses: Goldman Sachs International, Deutsche Bank London, UBS Investment Bank, and Citigroup Global Markets Limited; PricewaterhouseCoopers (at 10.30 am); National Association of Pension Funds, Association of British Insurers, Investment Management Association, Hermes Equity Ownership Service (at 11.15 am)

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 (at 11.30 am)

Environmental Audit

Subject: 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review

Witnesses: Green Alliance; Friends of the Earth and WWF (at 11.00 am)

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 (at 11.15 am); Federation of Master Builders (at 12.00 pm)

Culture, Media and Sport*

Subject: London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Witnesses: Lord Coe KBE, Chairman, Paul Deighton, Chief Executive, LOCOG, John Armitt, 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 (at 11.45 am)

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) (at 10.15 am)

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 (at 3.30 pm); Transport Salaried Staffs' Association and Unison (at 4.15 pm)

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 (at 11.15 am)

Public Administration

Subject: Parliamentary Scrutiny of Public Appointments

Witnesses: Janet Gaymer CBE, Commissioner for Public Appointments

Friday 7 December

None

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(Subject Matters are in brackets)

MONDAY 3 DECEMBER

EUROPEAN UNION SUB-COMMITTEE B

4.15pm

Evidence will be heard from Mr Malcolm MEP.
(EU Reform Treaty)

JOINT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

(a) 4.15pm (b) 4.45pm

Evidence will be heard from (a) Martin Howe QC; Professor Francesca Klug, London School of Economics; and Professor Sandra Fredman, Oxford University; and from (b) Katie Ghose, Director, British Institute for Human Rights; Jago Russell, Policy Officer, Liberty; and Roger Smith, Director, Justice.
(British Bill of Rights)

TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER

EUROPEAN UNION SUB-COMMITTEE A

10.40am

Evidence will be heard from Alberto Corinti, Comité Européen des Assurances.
(Solvency II)

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(a) 3.35pm (b) 4.15pm (c) 4.45pm

Evidence will be heard from (a) Professor Christine Whitehead, LSE; Ms Helen Williams, Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods, National Housing Federation; Mr Mike Hardy, Managing Director, Longhurst Homes; and Mr Adam Sampson, Chief Executive, Shelter; and from (b) Mr Don Flynn, Migrant Rights Network; and Ms Denise MacDowell, Migrant Workers North-West; and from (c) Mr Martin Wolf, Financial Times.
(Economic Impact of Immigration)

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER

JOINT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

(a) 9.45am (b) 10.30am

Evidence will be heard from (a) witnesses tbc; and from (b) witnesses tbc.
(Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights)

EUROPEAN UNION SUB-COMMITTEE F

10.40am

Evidence will be heard from the Refugee Council; the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE); and the Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA).
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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

(a) 10.45am (b) 11.45am

Evidence will be heard from (a) Ms Jenny Abramsky, Head of Audio and Music, Mr Mark Damazer, Controller, Radio 4 and BBC 7; and Mr Bob Shennan, Controller, Radio Five Live, Sports Extra and Asian Network, BBC; and from (b) Mr John Perkins, Managing Director, Mr Jon Godel, Editor, and Mr Peter Murphy, Political Editor, Independent Radio News.
(Media Ownership and the News)

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER

EUROPEAN UNION SUB-COMMITTEE G

10.00am

Evidence will be heard from Sir Liam Donaldson, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health.
(Organ donation and transplantation)

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

10.30am

Evidence will be heard from the Lord Chief Justice (annual appearance).

EUROPEAN UNION SUB-COMMITTEE C

10.35am

Evidence will be heard from Professor Alan Dashwood, Cambridge University; and Mr Charles Grant, Centre for European Reform.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

2.15pm

Evidence will be heard from Mr Mark Thompson, Director-General, BBC.
(Media Ownership and the News)

EUROPEAN UNION COMMITTEE

(a) 4.00pm (b) 5.00pm

Evidence will be heard from (a) Sir David Edward, and from (b) Professor Helen Wallace.
(Impact of the EU Reform Treaty)

Select Committees: Publications received since the last Bulletin

All publications are available from The Stationery Office.
 HC numbers refer to House of Commons papers session 2007-08 unless otherwise stated.
 Cm numbers refer to papers in the Command series.
 HLP numbers refer to House of Lords papers.
 Select Committee Reports (Section B) are also on the parliamentary website <http://www.parliament.uk>
 NAO & NIAO Reports are the forerunner of Public Accounts Committee inquiries.

(A) Select Committee Evidence

Date Received	Committee	Subject	Witnesses	Date Heard	Paper No and ISBN	Price £
26.11	European Scrutiny	Consumer protection: sale of timeshare	Mr Gareth Thomas MP and Kevin Davis	17.10	HC 1080-i 0215 037527	3.00
26.11	Work and Pensions	The Pension Service	Ms Alexis Cleveland Ms Janet Grossman Mr Nigel Richardson	27. 6	HC 799 0215 037565	9.50

(B) Select Committee Reports

Date Received	Committee	Details of Original Report	HC Paper and ISBN	Price £
27.11	European Scrutiny	3 rd , European Union Intergovernmental Conference: Follow-up report	HC 16-iii 0215 037480	15.50
29.11	European Scrutiny	2 nd , Report of Session 2007-08	HC 16-ii 0215 037541	14.50
26.11	Foreign Affairs	2 nd , Global Security: Russia	HC 51 0215 037411	25.20
27.11	Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments	2 nd , Report of Session 2007-08	HL Paper 10 HC 38-II 010 4011720	4.50
27.11	Public Accounts	63 rd , HM Treasury: Tendering and benchmarking in PFI	HC 754 0215 5037350	10.00
29.11	Public Accounts	61 st , Managing the Defence Estate: Quality and Sustainability	HC 537 0215 037473	10.00
29.11	Scottish Affairs	1 st , Effects of tax increases on the oil industry	HC 35 0215 037572	14.50
26.11	Treasury	2 nd , The 2007 Pre-Budget Report Volume I	HC 54-II 0215 037503	12.00
26.11	Treasury	2 nd , The 2007 Pre-Budget Report Volume II	HC 54-I 0215 037497	11.00

(C) Government Responses to Select Committee Reports

Date Received	Committee	Details of Original Report	HC Paper or Cm No of response	Price £
26.11	Defence	1 st , The work of Defence Estates [HC 535]	HC 109 0215 037534	6.00
27.11	Joint Committee on Human Rights	20 th , Highly Skilled Migrants: Changes to the Immigration Rules [HL 173: HC 993]	Cm 7268 010 1726825	5.15
29.11	Science and Technology	Scientific Developments Relating to the Abortion Act 1967 [HC 1045-1]	Cm 7278 010 1727822	5.15
26.11	Treasury	1 st , The efficiency programme in the Chancellor's departments [483-I]	HC 62 0215 5037558	6.00

(D) National Audit Office (NAO): Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO)

Date Received	Title	Paper No and ISBN	Price £
27.11	Improving the efficiency of central government's office property	HC 8 010 2951462	13.90
29.11	Improving corporate functions using shared services	HC 9 010 2951479	13.90
29.11	Ministry of Defence, The Landing Ship Dock (Auxiliary) Project	HC 98-III 010 2951509	7.70
29.11	Ministry of Defence, Major Projects Report 2007 Project Summary Sheets	HC 98-II 010 2951493	23.15
29.11	Ministry of Defence, Major Projects Report 2007	HC 98-I 010 2951486	13.90

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Select Committees: Current Inquiries

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http://www.parliament.uk/what_s_on/hoc_news4.cfm

COMMITTEE	INQUIRY	STAGE & NOTES
Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee (formerly Trade & Industry)	Economic Relations with Turkey	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions end November
	Creating a Higher Value-added Economy	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions end November
	The UK Construction Industry	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 4 December
	Europe moves East: The impact of the 'new' EU Member States on UK business	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	The Future of UK Manufacturing Industry: Public Procurement	Report published 8 November: awaiting Government response
Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Subcommittee	Royal Mail	One-off oral evidence session concluded
	Implementation of the report of the Women and Work Commission	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
Children, Schools and Families (formerly Education & Skills)	Departmental Restructuring and Public Expenditure on Education and Skills	One-off oral evidence concluded
	The Work of Ofsted	Written evidence invited: oral evidence in progress Deadline for submissions 4 December: next evidence session 12 December
	Special Educational Needs: separation of assessment of need from funding of provision	inquiry announced
	The future sustainability of the higher education sector: purpose, funding and structures	Oral evidence concluded
Communities & Local Government (Formerly ODPM)	The Work of the Children's Commissioner	One-off oral evidence concluded
	DCLG Annual Report 2007	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Existing Housing stock & Climate Change	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 11 December
	Introductory hearing with the new Secretary of State: Rt Hon Hazel Blears MP	One-off oral evidence concluded
	The Supply of Rented Housing	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
Culture, Media & Sport	Ordnance Survey	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Planning White Paper	One-off oral evidence session concluded
	BBC Annual Report 2006-07	Oral evidence concluded
	On-Course Horserace Betting	Oral evidence session concluded: report in preparation
	Ticket Touting	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Tourism	Oral evidence in progress
Defence	London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games	Continuing scrutiny: Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 4 December
	Defence Equipment 2007	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 29 January
	MoD Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07	Oral evidence concluded
	UK Operations in Iraq	Report in preparation
	Medical Care for the Armed Forces	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	UK Defence: commitments and resources	Oral evidence concluded

	UK Operations in Iraq	Report to be published 3 December
	Defence Equipment 2007	Oral evidence in progress
	The Work of the Defence Estates	Government response published 23 November
	Costs of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Winter Supplementary Estimate 2007-08	Report to be published 5 December
	The Future of NATO and European Defence	Written evidence invited: Oral evidence in progress Deadline for submissions 3 December: Next evidence session 11 December
Environmental Audit	Climate change and local, regional and devolved government	Inquiry announced
	Pre-Budget 2007 and Comprehensive spending review	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 4 December
	Challenge of Climate change	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 4 December
	Reducing carbon emissions from UK business: The role of the Climate Change Levy and Agreements	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Are biofuels sustainable?	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Personal Carbon Allowances	Oral evidence in progress
Environmental Audit Sub-committee	Environmental Labelling	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 12 December
Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	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 Next evidence session 12 December
	Climate Change: international policy post-2012	Inquiry announced
	Defra's Departmental Report 2007	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Badgers and cattle TB: final report of the ISG	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 10 December
	Environmental Liability Directive	Inquiry announced
	The potential of England's rural economy	Written evidence invited
	Climate Change: citizen's agenda	Oral evidence in progress
Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Sub-committee	Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions extended to the end of November
European Scrutiny	Temporary Workers Directive	Oral evidence in progress
	Intergovernmental Conference for a Reform Treaty	Oral evidence concluded
	Consumer protection: sale of timeshare	Oral evidence concluded
	The Conclusions of the European Council and the Council of Ministers	Report in preparation
	Special Framework of Assistance for traditional suppliers of bananas	One-off oral evidence session concluded
	European Union Intergovernmental Conference: Follow up report	Report published 27 November
Foreign Affairs	Global Security: Iran	Oral evidence in progress
	European Council	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 12 December
	Developments in the European Union	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 5 December
	Global Security: Russia	Report published 25 November (HC 51)
	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

	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation Written evidence published 17 May: HC 503-II
	Dental Contracts	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 6 December
	Modernising Medical Careers	Oral evidence in progress Written evidence published 14 November: HC 25-II Next evidence session 6 December
	The Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Health	Oral evidence concluded
Home Affairs	Home Office Annual Report	One-off oral evidence session announced Evidence session 4 December
	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	Oral evidence concluded, Report in Preparation
	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	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	A British Bill of Rights	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 3 December
	The Use of Restraint in Secure training Centres	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
Innovation, Universities & Skills	Sainsbury Review	Oral evidence concluded
International Development	Role of the Government Chief Scientific Adviser	One-off oral evidence session announced One-off evidence session to take place 5 December
	Introductory hearing with the Government Chief Scientific Adviser designate	One-off oral evidence session announced One-off evidence session to take place 12 December
	Development Assistance in Insecure Environments: Afghanistan	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 15 November
	DFID and the World Bank	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 13 December
	Maternal Health	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 5 December
	Cross-departmental working on development	Report to be published 4 December
	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
	Judicial Appointments Commission	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation 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
Modernisation of the House of Commons	Scrutiny of the draft Queen's Speech	Oral evidence in progress
	Regional accountability	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions was 23 November
	Recall and dissolution	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions was 30 November
	Debating departmental objectives and annual reports	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 7 December

Northern Ireland Affairs	Northern Ireland Prison Service	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	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
Public Accounts	The compensation for former Icelandic water trawlermen	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	The Budget for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	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	One-off oral evidence session announced Evidence session 12 December
	Overseas Territories	One-off oral evidence session announced Evidence session 10 December
	The Carbon Trust	One-off oral evidence session announced Evidence session 5 December
	The privatisation of Qintiq	One-off oral evidence session announced Evidence session
	Housing Marker Renewal: Pathfinders	Report in preparation
	The Pensions Regulator	Report in preparation
	Sustainable employment: Helping people gain skills in work	Oral evidence session concluded: Report in preparation
	Government on the internet: Progress in delivering Information and Services Online	One-off oral evidence session concluded: Report in preparation
	DEFRA: The delays in administering the 2005 Single Payment System Scheme in England	One-off oral evidence session announced
	Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform - Coal Health Compensation Scheme	Report in preparation
	Pay Modernisation: A new contract for NHS consultants in England	Report in preparation Report published 22 November
	Managing the Defence Estate: Quality	Report in preparation
	Filing of VAT and Company Tax returns	Report in preparation
	Rural Poverty in Developing Countries	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	The BBC's Management of risk	Report in preparation
	Prescribing costs in Primary Care	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Building for the Future: Sustainable Construction and refurbishment on the government estate	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	HM Treasury: Tendering and benchmarking in PFI	Report published 27 November
	Environment Agency Flood Risk Management: building and maintaining flood defences in England	Report in preparation
	Upgrade of the Bangor to Belfast Railway	Report in preparation
	Helping newly registered businesses meet their tax obligations	Report published 25 November
	Department for Transport: Vehicle Excise Duty	Report in preparation
	The performance of the government as a shareholder	Report in preparation
	Passport Agency- Biometric passports	Report in preparation
	Department of Health	Oral evidence in progress
	National programme for IT	Report in preparation
	Department for Work and Pensions: Helping people from workless households into work	Report in preparation
	HMRC Standard Report: Tax Credits: PAYE	Report in preparation
	Department of Health: Improving services and support for support for people with dementia	Report in preparation
	Patient choice at the point of GP referral	Report in preparation

	Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2006	Government Response published 29 November
	DEFRA: The delays in administering the 2005 Single	Government Response published 29 November
	Improving Procurement in Further Education	Government Response published 29 November
	Clinical Governance in Primary Care Trusts	Government Response published 29 November
	The shareholder Executive and Public Sector Businesses	Government Response published 29 November
Public Administration	Propriety and Honours: Lesson learned	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Freedom of Information	One-off oral evidence session concluded
	Third Sector Commissioning	Oral evidence concluded
	Public Services: Putting People First	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Lobbying	Oral evidence in progress
Regulatory Reform	Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007	Laid on 25 July
	Draft Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007	Report published 23 July
	Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Public Service Vehicles) Order 2006	Report Published on 7 February 2006: Awaiting Draft Order to be laid
	Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007	Report published on 2 April: Awaiting Draft Order to be laid
Scottish Affairs	Experience of the Scottish Elections	One-off oral evidence session concluded
	Poverty in Scotland	Oral evidence in progress
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	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)	Continuing scrutiny: Report to be published Joint Committee 3rd Report 2007-08 to be published 4 December
Quadripartite Committee	The UK 2005 Annual Report on Strategic Export Controls	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 17 January
Transport	Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Draft Local Transport Bill	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	The Department for Transport's Annual Report 2007	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 30 January
	Rail white paper	Oral evidence session in progress 1st oral evidence session 9 January
	Delivering a sustainable railway: a 30-year strategy for the railways?	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 9 January
	The future of BAA	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Ticketing on public transport	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 5 December
	The Transport Innovation Fund	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	The Public Private Partnership and London Underground	Oral evidence in progress
	Freight Transport	Oral evidence in progress 1st oral evidence session 16 January
	Transport Security: Travelling without Fear	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
Treasury	Private Equity	New inquiry announced; written evidence invited; oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 11 December
	2007 Pre-Budget Report	Report published 26 November
	The 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review	Report to be published 3 December
	Financial Stability and Transparency	Oral evidence in progress Next oral evidence session 4 December
	The November 2007 Inflation Repo	One-off oral evidence completed
	Private Equity	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation

	Progress on the efficiency programme in the Chancellor's departments	Inquiry announced: written evidence invited
	Private Equity (follow up)	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 12 December
Treasury Sub-committee	Climate change and the Stern review	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	HM Revenue and Customs: administration and expenditure 2006-07	Written evidence invited: oral evidence in progress Deadline for submissions 3 December: evidence session 5 December
	HM Revenue and Customs: administration and expenditure 2006-07	Written evidence invited: oral evidence in progress Deadline for submissions 3 December: evidence session 5 December
	Royal Mint Annual Report 2006-07	Oral evidence concluded
	Office of Government Commerce: expenditure and administration in 2006-07	Oral evidence concluded
	Counting the Population	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 28 November
Welsh Affairs	Globalisation and its Impact on Wales	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 3 December
	Provision of Cross-Border Public Services for Wales	Inquiry announced
	Energy in Wales: Follow-up	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council	Oral evidence in progress
	Orders in Council	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Welsh Prisoners in the Prison Estate	Government Response published 26 November Cm 7286
Work & Pensions	Personal Accounts	One-off oral evidence session concluded
	Health and Safety Commission and Executive	one-off oral evidence Session concluded
	The Best start in Life	Oral evidence in progress
	Child Poverty	Oral evidence in progress

White Papers and Green Papers received since last Bulletin

WHITE PAPERS are issued by the Government as statements of policy, and often set out proposals for legislative changes, which may be debated before a Bill is introduced. Some White Papers may invite comments.

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None

Green Papers

None

Regulatory Impact Assessments received since the last Bulletin

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None

Other Papers

None

European Communities Documents to be considered

EU documents recommended for debate by the European Scrutiny Committee

Progress of documents to be considered by the House is noted in the “European Union Documents” list, in the Vote Bundle, and on the parliament website at: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmeudoc/cmeudoc.htm>.

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This includes draft Regulations and Directives, Decisions of the Council and Budgetary documents. The Committee examine the documents for political and legal implications, and decides whether it should be considered further in European Standing Committee, or for the most important documents, on the floor of the House. Recommendations for further consideration are noted in the list of “Memoranda” in the days Votes and Proceedings. Reports of the European Scrutiny Committee are available from TSO or on the parliament website at:

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Global navigation satellite system and the European Institute of Technology (13112/07 and Addendum 1, 13113/07 and 13237/1/07) – 26.11.07

Freight transport (14277/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, 14175/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, 14165/07 and 14266/07 and Addenda 1 and 2)

European Standing Committee B

Financial Management (11724/07 and Addenda 1 and 2)

Financial Management (13117/07 and Addendum 1 and 13118/07 and Addendum 1)

The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (COM(2007)598)

Economic Partnership Agreements (14498/07, 14968/07 and Addendum 1) – 3.12.2007

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Funding of political parties (11559/07)

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Early Day Motion is a colloquial term for a notice given by a Member for which no date has been fixed for debate. This section records the date, number, primary sponsor and title of EDMs tabled in the last week. For information about the text and signatories see 'Notices of Motions' section of the Vote Bundle, the EDM Database at <http://www.parliament.uk> or contact the House of Commons Information Office (Tel: 020 7219 4272) who will advise. For information on Early Day Motions see HCIO Factsheet P3 at: http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/factsheets.cfm

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State of the Parties in the House of Commons as at 30 November 2007

Labour	352	Social Democratic Labour Party (Messrs Durkan, McDonnell, McGrady)	3
Conservative	194	Independent Labour Clare Short	1
Liberal Democrat	63	Independent Conservative Andrew Pelling	1
Scottish National Party / Plaid Cymru (SNP - Messrs Robertson, Salmond, Weir, Wishart, MacNeil & Hosie / PC - Messrs Llwyd, Price, H Williams)	9	Independent Dr Richard Taylor Dai Davies Robert Wareing	3
Democratic Unionist Party (Messrs Campbell, Dodds, Donaldson, McCrea, Paisley, P Robinson, Ms Iris Robinson, Simpson, Wilson)	9	Respect George Galloway	1
Ulster Unionist (Lady Hermon)	1	The Speaker and 3 Deputies (Sir Alan Haselhurst, CWM; Mrs Sylvia Heal, 1 st DCWM; Sir Michael Lord, 2 nd DCWM)	4 (Do not normally vote)
Sinn Fein (Messrs Adams, Doherty, McGuinness, Murphy & Ms Gildernew)	5 (Have not taken their seats and cannot 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

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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By-Elections and new MPs since the General Election of May 2005

Vacancy	Cause	By - Election	New Member	Date of introduction	Maiden Speech
Cheadle	Death of Patsy Calton (LD) (29.5.2005)	14.7.2005	Mark Hunter (LD)	19.7.2005	21.7.2005
Livingston	Death of Robin Cook (Lab) (6.8.2005)	29.9.2005	Jim Devine (Lab)	10.10.2005	25.10.2005
Dunfermline and West Fife	Death of Rachel Squire (Lab) (5.1.2006)	9.2.2006	Willie Rennie (LD)	13.2.2006	1.3.2006
Blaenau Gwent	Death of Peter Law (Ind) (25.4.2006)	29.6.2006	Dai Davies (Ind)	4.7.2006	20.7.2006
Bromley & Chislehurst	Death of Eric Forth (Con) (18.5.2006)	29.6.2006	Bob Neill (Con)	3.7.2006	19.7.2006
Sedgefield	Resignation of the Rt Hon Tony Blair (Lab) (27.6.2007)	19.7.2007	Phil Wilson (Lab)	23.7.2007	8.10.2007
Ealing Southall	Death of Piara Khabra (Lab) (19.6.2007)	19.7.2007	Virendra Kumar Sharma (Lab)	23.7.2007	8.10.2007

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