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Noticeboard

Weekly Information Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published on Saturday 12 January 2008

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.

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 Parliament website provides information on parliamentary proceedings, membership of both Houses and general information on a wide range of parliamentary matters. See index for material available on the website.

The Week Ahead: 17 – 21 December 2007

Date	Commons Chamber	General Committees	Select Committees	Lords Chamber	Lords Select Committees
Mon 17 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPQ – Children, Schools and Families, including Topical Questions • Leg – National Insurance Contributions Bill – Second reading • Adj – Post Office closures in Adur and Worthing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children, Schools and Families • Innovation, Universities and Skills • Communities and Local Government • Justice • Public Account • Joint Comm on Human Rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Questions • Leg – Climate Change Bill – Committee stage • Del leg – Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Business (Amendment) Regulations 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Comm on Human Rights
Tues 18 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPQ – Health, including Topical Questions • Motion – on the Christmas Recess Adjournment • Adj – Regulation of debt collection agencies and the death of Beryl Brazier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasury • Home Affairs • International Development • Culture, Media and Sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Questions • Leg – Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill – Second reading • Leg – Local Transport Bill – Grand Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Union Comm • Science and Technology Sub-Comm 1
Weds 19 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
Thurs 20 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
Fri 21 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-

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster also answers on behalf of the Cabinet Office.

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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Order of Oral Questions
(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
10 – 14 December 2007**

Monday 10 December

The House sat at 2.30pm

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

Legislation – Planning Bill – Second reading (on a division, negatived; Motion, on a division, agreed to)

Legislation – Planning Bill – Programme motion (on a division, agreed to)

Legislation – Planning Bill – Money resolution (agreed to)

Adjournment – Olympics and the North East – Dr Ashok Kumar

The House rose at 10.59 pm

Tuesday 11 December

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

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

09.30-11.00	Future funding of canals – Michael Fabricant
11.00-12.30	Malaysian campaign veterans – Mr Don Touhig
12.30-13.00	Protection of vulnerable adults in residential nursing and care homes – Mr Phil Willis
13.00-13.30	Proposed closure of Cadbury's Somerdale factory at Keynsham, North East Somerset – Dan Norris
13.30-14.00	Train services stopping in Penrith from 2008 – David Maclean

The House sat at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Justice, including Topical Questions

Statement – Children's Plan – Ed Balls

Debate – European Affairs (on a division, agreed to)

Adjournment – Funding for schools in Shropshire – Mr Owen Paterson

The House rose at 10.47pm

Wednesday 12 December

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

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

09.30-11.00	Future of UK car manufacturing – Mr Lindsay Hoyle
11.00-11.30	Train services to Nuneaton – Mr Bill Oler
14.30-16.00	Government plans for expansion at Heathrow – Mr John Randall
16.00-16.30	NHS services in Taunton Deane – Mr Jeremy Browne
16.30-17.00	Government funding for the cost of cleaning up chewing gum – Mr Graham Allen

The House sat at 11.30am

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

Statement – Afghanistan – Mr Gordon Brown

Debate – Opposition Day (4th allotted day) – Liberal Democrat motions; i) Northern Rock and the Banking System (Motion, as amended, agreed to); ii) The Military covenant (Motion, as amended, agreed to)

Adjournment – Assisted reproduction services in the NHS – Dr Ian Gibson

The House rose at 8.22pm

Thursday 13 December

The House sat 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

Urgent Question – Capital Gains Tax – Mr Alistair Darling

Business Statement – Leader of the House

Statement – Security Industry Authority – Jacqui Smith

Topical Debate – Financial Services (Low-income Families)

Legislation – Crossrail Bill – Remaining stages (As amended, considered; read a Third time)

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

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

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

The House rose at 6.21pm

Friday 14 December

The House did not sit

**Written Ministerial Statements
10 – 14 December 2007**

- 10.12.07 Pre-Release Access to Statistics – Angela Eagle
- 10.12.07 Advantage West Midlands – Mr Stephen Timms
- 10.12.07 East Midlands Development Agency – Mr Stephen Timms
- 10.12.07 England Regional Development Agency – Mr Stephen Timms
- 10.12.07 Farepak – Mr Gareth Thomas
- 10.12.07 Special Tribunal for Lebanon – David Miliband
- 10.12.07 Social Care Reform – Mr Ivan Lewis
- 10.12.07 Protective Services – Mr Tony McNulty
- 10.12.07 G6 Counter-Terrorism Symposium – Jacqui Smith
- 10.12.07 Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel (Northern Ireland) – Mr Jack Straw
- 10.12.07 Olympics (Baseline Budget) – Tessa Jowell
- 10.12.07 Self-Invested Personal Pensions – Mr Mike O’Brien
- 11.12.07 Economic and Financial Affairs Council – Kitty Ussher
- 11.12.07 Yorkshire Forward – Mr Stephen Timms
- 11.12.07 Defence Exports – Mr John Hutton
- 11.12.07 EU Energy Council – Malcolm Wicks
- 11.12.07 2007 Simplification Plans – Mr Pat McFadden
- 11.12.07 Defence Storage and Distribution Centre – Mr Bob Ainsworth
- 11.12.07 War Pensions Up-rating 2008 – Derek Twigg
- 11.12.07 Exotic Animal Diseases (DEFRA Contingency Plan) – Jonathan Shaw
- 11.12.07 Animal Health and Welfare – Jonathan Shaw
- 11.12.07 Climate Change (UN Framework Convention) – Hilary Benn
- 11.12.07 EU Africa Summit (Lisbon 8 and 9 December 2007) – David Miliband
- 11.12.07 Kosovo – David Miliband
- 11.12.07 Research and Science Budget – Mr John Denham
- 11.12.07 Amalgamation of Divisions of General Commissioners – Bridget Prentice
- 11.12.07 Review of Voting Systems – Mr Michael Wills
- 11.12.07 Autumn Performance Report 2007 – Ruth Kelly
- 12.12.07 Free Cash Machines – Kitty Ussher

- 12.12.07 Housing Revenue Account – Yvette Cooper
- 12.12.07 Social and Affordable Housing – Yvette Cooper
- 12.12.07 Strategic Framework for Funding and Investment – Mr Ivan Lewis
- 12.12.07 Control Order Powers (11 September 2007 to 10 December 2007) – Mr Tony McNulty
- 12.12.07 Offensive Weapons – Mr Vernon Coaker
- 12.12.07 Terrorism Act 2000 – Mr Tony McNulty
- 12.12.07 GAERC (Economic Partnership Agreements) – Mr Gareth Thomas
- 12.12.07 Bereavement Damages – Bridget Prentice
- 12.12.07 Homicide – Maria Eagle
- 12.12.07 Grassroots Grants (Lead National Partner) – Phil Hope
- 13.12.07 Finance Bill – Jane Kennedy
- 13.12.07 Companies Act – Mr Stephen Timms
- 13.12.07 North-West RDA – Mr Stephen Timms
- 13.12.07 Central-Local Concordat – Hazel Blears
- 13.12.07 Local Government Pensions – John Healey
- 13.12.07 Defence Intelligence Staff Estate – Mr Bob Ainsworth
- 13.12.07 Nimrod Review – Des Browne
- 13.12.07 Innovation Strategy – Des Browne
- 13.12.07 Autumn Performance Report – Hilary Benn
- 13.12.07 Animal Pathogens – Hilary Benn
- 13.12.07 The British Council in Russia – David Miliband
- 13.12.07 Guantanamo Bay – David Miliband
- 13.12.07 Russia (Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty) – David Miliband
- 13.12.07 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council – Dawn Primarolo
- 13.12.07 PCTs and the NHS Operating Framework – Alan Johnson
- 13.12.07 Animal (Scientific Procedures) Inspectorate – Meg Hillier
- 13.12.07 Advisory Committee on Civil Costs – Bridget Prentice
- 13.12.07 Young Black People in the Criminal Justice System – Mr Jack Straw
- 13.12.07 Freedom of Information Act – Mr Michael Wills
- 13.12.07 Preventing Deaths in Custody – Maria Eagle

- 13.12.07 Scottish Parliament (Elections) – Des Browne
- 13.12.07 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council – Mr James Plaskitt
- 13.12.07 Disability Benefits (European Court of Justice) – Mrs Anne McGuire
- 13.12.07 Ready for Work – Mr Peter Hain

**Forthcoming Business of the House of Commons
17 – 21 December 2007**

Monday 17 December

The House will sit at 2.30pm

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

Statement – European Council

Statement – Poynter Review (HM Revenue and Customs data loss)

Presentation of Bill – European Union (Amendment) Bill – First reading

Legislation – National Insurance Contributions Bill – Second reading

Motions – to change Select Committee membership, Children, Schools and Families; Innovation, Universities and Skills; and Welsh Affairs

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

Tuesday 18 December

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

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

09.30-11.00	House building and infrastructure – Mr Philip Hollobone
11.00-11.30	Policing of UK airports – Mr David Hamilton
14.30-16.00	Stonehenge World Heritage Site – Robert Key
16.00-16.30	Future operation of the City of London Police – Mr Mark Field
16.30-17.00	Treatment of failed asylum seekers during deportation – Ms Diane Abbott

The House will sit at 11.30am

Oral Questions – Health, including Topical Questions

Ten Minute Rule Bill – Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Function) – Mr Andrew Dismore

Motion – on the Christmas Recess Adjournment

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

Wednesday 19 December

The House will not be sitting

Thursday 20 December

The House will not be sitting

Friday 21 December

The House will not be sitting

*Details known previous Thursday after 1.00pm

** There are no Westminster Hall Adjournment Debates scheduled

*** Details known the previous Monday evening and will appear in Tuesday's Order Paper

**Provisional Forthcoming Business of the House of Commons
7 – 11 January 2008**

Monday 7 January

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Work and Pensions, including Topical Questions

Legislation – Pension Bill – Second reading

Adjournment – *

Tuesday 8 January

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

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates – *

The House will sit at 2.30am

Oral Questions – Foreign and Commonwealth Office, including Topical Questions

Ten Minute Rule Bill – Umbilical Cord Blood (Donation) – Mr David Burrowes

Debate – Opposition Day (5th allotted day) – Subject to be announced

Adjournment – *

Wednesday 9 January

The House will sit in Westminster Hall between 9.30am-2.00pm

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates – *

The House will sit at 11.30am

Oral Questions – Northern Ireland; Prime Minister

Ten Minute Rule Bill – Runaway and Missing Children – Helen Southworth

Legislation – Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill – Remaining stages

Adjournment – *

Thursday 10 January

The House will sit at 10.30am

Oral Questions – Innovation, Universities and Skills, including Topical Questions

Business Statement – Leader of the House

Topical Debate – ***

Debate – Armed Forces Personnel

Adjournment – *

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

Westminster Hall – A debate on the Home Affairs Committee Report on Police Funding

Friday 11 January

The House will not be sitting

*Details known on Tuesday 18th December 2007

** 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
17 – 21 December 2007**

Monday 17 December (2.30pm)

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

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

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

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

Tuesday 18 December (11.00am)

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

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

Legislation – Local Transport Bill [HL] (Grand Committee, 4th day, Moses Room, 12pm)

Wednesday 19 December (3.00pm)

This House will not be sitting

Thursday 20 December (11.00am)

This House will not be sitting

Friday 21 December (10.00am)

This House will not be sitting

**Provisional Future Business of the House of Lords
7 - 10 January 2007**

Monday 7 January (2.30pm)

Oral questions – Lord Dykes to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they expect the Annapolis Conference to lead to the creation of a fully sovereign Palestinian state. Lord Ashley of Stoke to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they have any plans to improve the care of trauma patients in hospital accident and emergency units. Lord Blaker to ask Her Majesty’s Government what is their assessment of developments in the negotiations intended to be facilitated by President Mbeki of South Africa between Zanu PF and the opposition in Zimbabwe. Lord Faulkner of Worcester to ask Her Majesty’s Government what additional funding they are providing to the British Transport Police to enable them to contribute to the multi-agency Olympic Security Directorate

Legislation – Employment Bill [HL] (Second reading)

Tuesday 8 January (2.30pm)

Oral questions – Lord Barnett to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they have changed the remit to the Bank of England with regard to the funding of commercial banks and building societies. Lord Taverne to ask Her Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to renegotiate the current extradition treaty with the United States. Lord Astor of Hever to ask Her Majesty’s Government how many soldiers were deployed on overseas operations in the course of the year 2007 in breach of the harmony guidelines; and what proportion of the trained strength of the army this figure represents. Baroness Howe of Idlicote to ask Her Majesty’s Government what progress has been made in implementing the National Audiology Action Plan contained within the Department of Health report, Improving access to audiology services in England; how they intend to ensure that audiology is regarded as a priority area by strategic health authorities and primary care trusts; and what specific role they envisage for the independent sector

Legislation – Climate Change Bill [HL] (Committee stage, day 3)

Legislation – Children and Young Persons Bill [HL] (Grand Committee, day 1, Moses Room 3.30pm)

Question for short debate – on the progress made in implementing the National Audiology Action Plan (B. Howe of Idlicote)

Wednesday 9 January (3.00pm)

Oral questions – Lord Selkirk of Douglas to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they will ensure that in future all service personnel will be paid the correct salary on time. Lord Naseby to ask Her Majesty’s Government how many NHS prescribable medicines are restricted to Scotland and not available in England. Lord Rotherwick to ask Her Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to improve the conditions of the internal rivers and their flood plains in England and Wales

Legislation – Crossrail Bill (Second reading)

Thursday 10 January (11.00am)

Oral questions – Lord Harrison to ask Her Majesty’s Government what steps they will take, in light of the recent report by FairPensions, to ensure disclosure of voting records by institutional investors and to ensure they reveal their social and environmental policies in making those investments. Baroness Sharples to ask Her Majesty’s Government how many allotments have been lost over the past ten years; and whether any new allotments have been established in the same period. Lord Dubs to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they have any new initiatives to improve road safety.

Debates – on the United Kingdom’s commitment to participate in the United States missile defence system and to move for papers (L. Wallace of Saltaire); on the Action Plan for Community Empowerment: Building on Success report and to move for papers (L. Greaves)

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) Lords: (10) *1R: 22.11.2007 <i>Prov 2R: No date</i>	Lord Mitchell
ANIMALS ACT 1971 (AMENDMENT) (B6) Commons: (18) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 14.3.2008 (1)</i>	Stephen Crabb
BOROUGH FREEDOM (B15) Commons: (23) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 1.2.2008 (4)</i>	Derek Conway
BRITISH BOARD OF FILM CLASSIFICATION (ACCOUNTABILITY TO PARLIAMENT AND APPEALS) (B4) Commons: (16) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 29.2.2008 (1)</i>	Julian Brazier
BROADCASTING (TELEVISION LICENCE FEE ABOLITION) (P) Commons: (39) *1R: 10.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 17.10.2008 (1)</i>	Christopher Chope
CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK (SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS) (G) Commons: (4) *1R: 8.11.2007 2R: 20.11.2007 Prog: 20.11.2007 MR: 20.11.2007 PBC: 4.12.2007 <i>Prov Rep: No date</i>	Ruth Kelly
CHILD MAINTENANCE AND OTHER PAYMENTS (G) (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 Rep: 3.12.2007 3R: 3.12.2007 Lords: (12, 2007-08) *1R: 4.12.2007 <i>Prov 2R: 18.12.2007</i>	John Hutton
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS [HL] (G) Lords: (8) *1R: 14.11.2007 2R: 26.11.2007 <i>Prov Comm**: 8.1.2008</i> <i>Prov Comm**: 14.1.2008</i> <i>Prov Comm**: 16.1.2008</i>	Lord Adonis
CLIMATE CHANGE [HL] (G) Lords: (9) *1R: 14.11.2007 2R: 27.11.2007 Comm: 11.12.2007 <i>Prov Comm: 17.12.2007</i> <i>Prov Comm: 8.1.2008</i> <i>Prov Comm: 14.1.2008</i>	Lord Rooker
CONSOLIDATED FUND (G) Commons: (14) *1R: 5.12.2007 2R: 6.12.2007 3R: 6.12.2007 Lords: () *1R: 6.12.2007 2R: 12.12.2007 CN: 12.12.2007 3R: 12.12.2007 *RA: 13.12.2007 (Ch. 31)	Jane Kennedy
CONSOLIDATED FUND ACT 2007	
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND IMMIGRATION (G) (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 <i>Prov Rep: 9.1.2008</i> <i>Prov 3R: 9.1.2008</i>	David Hanson

CROSSRAIL (HYBRID BILL) (H) (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 Lords: (, 2004-05) CO: 7.4.2005 CO: 7.4.2005 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 Lords: (, 2005-06) CO: 6.11.2006 CO: 6.11.2006 CO: 6.11.2006 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 Lords: (, 2006-07) CO: 25.10.2007 Commons: (5, 2007-08) *1R: 8.11.2007 *2R: 8.11.2007 PBC: 22 & 27.11.2007 Rep: 13.12.2007 3R: 13.12.2007	Douglas Alexander
CROWN EMPLOYMENT (NATIONALITY) (P) Commons: (43) *1R: 10.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 1R: 6.6.2007 (2)</i>	Andrew Dismore
DISABLED PERSONS (INDEPENDENT LIVING) [HL] (L) Lords: (4) *1R: 7.11.2007 <i>Prov 2R: 14.12.2007</i>	Lord Ashley of Stoke
DISQUALIFICATION FROM PARLIAMENT (TAXATION STATUS) (B20) Commons: (24) *1R: 5.12.2007 <i>Prov 2R: 25.1.2008 (3)</i>	Gordon Prentice
DORMANT BANK AND BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNTS [HL] (G) Lords: (2) *1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 21.11.2007 Comm**: 10 & 11.12.2007 <i>Prov Comm**: No date</i>	Lord Davies of Oldham
DRUGS (RECLASSIFICATION) (P) Commons: (37) *1R: 10.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 29.2.2008 (2)</i>	Christopher Chope
DRUGS (ROADSIDE TESTING) (P) Commons: (38) *1R: 10.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 9.5.2008 (2)</i>	Christopher Chope
EDUCATION AND SKILLS (G) Commons: (12) *1R: 28.11.2007 <i>Prov 2R: 14.1.2008</i>	Ed Balls
EMPLOYMENT (G) Lords: (13) *1R: 6.12.2007 <i>Prov 2R: 7.1.2008</i>	Lord Jones of Birmingham
ENERGY SAVING (DAYLIGHT) (B2) Commons: (21) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 7.3.2008 (2)</i>	Tim Yeo
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AIRPORTS) (B17) Commons: (34) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 14.3.2008 (2)</i>	Justine Greening
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (TRANSFERS AT SEA) (B8) Commons: (20) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 25.1.2008 (2)</i>	Mark Lazarowicz
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (FINANCE) (G) Commons: (2) *1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 19.11.2007 Prog: 19.11.2007 MR: 19.11.2007 <i>Prov PBC: No date</i>	Alistair Darling
EUROPEAN UNION (AUDIT OF BENEFITS AND COSTS OF UK MEMBERSHIP) (P) Commons: (41) *1R: 10.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 20.6.2008 (1)</i>	Christopher Chope
FIXED TERM PARLIAMENT (B12) Commons: (30) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 16.5.2008 (1)</i>	David Howarth
FOOD PRODUCTS (MARKETING TO CHILDREN) (B7) Commons: (19) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 25.4.2008 (1)</i>	Nigel Griffiths
FORCES WIDOWS' PENSIONS (EQUALITY OF TREATMENT) (B13) Commons: (31) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 1.2.2008 (3)</i>	Michael Mates

FOREIGN NATIONALS (STATISTICS) (B19) Commons: (36) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)	<i>Prov 2R: 9.5.2008 (1)</i>	William Cash
HEALTH AND SAFETY (OFFENCES) (B9) Commons: (29) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)	<i>Prov 2R: 1.2.2008 (2)</i>	Keith Hill
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (G) Commons: (9) *1R: 15.11.2007 2R: 26.11.2007 <i>Prov PBC: No date</i>	Prog: 26.11.2007 MR: 26.11.2007	Alan Johnson
HOUSE OF LORDS [HL] (L) Lords: (3) *1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 30.11.2007	<i>Prov Comm: 17.1.2008</i>	Lord Steel of Aikwood
HOUSING AND REGENERATION (G) Commons: (8) *1R: 15.11.2007 2R: 27.11.2007 PBC: 11 & 13.12.2007	Prog: 27.11.2007 MR: 27.11.2007	Hazel Blears
HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY [HL] (G) Lords: (6, 6) *1R: 8.11.2007 2R: 19 & 21.11.2007 <i>Prov Rep: 15.1.2008</i>	Comm: 3, 4, 10 & 12.12.2007	Lord Darzi of Denham
KIDNEY TRANSPLANT [HL] (L) Lords: (11) *1R: 28.11.2007	<i>Prov 2R: No date</i>	Baroness Finlay of Llandaff
LEASEHOLD REFORM (B14) Commons: (32) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)	2R: 22.2.2008 (2)	Simon Hughes
LOCAL TRANSPORT [HL] (G) Lords: (1) *1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 20.11.2007 <i>Prov Rep: 16.1.2008</i>	Comm**: 6 & 12.12.2007	Lord Bassam of Brighton
NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS (G) Commons: (7) *1R: 12.11.2007	<i>Prov 2R: 17.12.2007</i>	Alistair Darling
PEDLARS (STREET TRADING REGULATIONS) (P) Commons: (44) *1R: 10.12.2007 (Not printed)	<i>Prov 2R: 1.2.2007 (5)</i>	Brian Iddon
PENSIONS (G) Commons: (25) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)	<i>Prov 2R: 7.1.2008</i>	Peter Hain
PLANNING (G) Commons: (11) *1R: 27.11.2007 2R: 10.12.2007 <i>Prov PBC: No date</i>	Prog: 10.12.2007 MR: 10.12.2007	Hazel Blears
PLANNING AND ENERGY (B1) Commons: (17) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)	<i>Prov 2R: 25.1.2008 (1)</i>	Michael Fallon
POWERS OF ENTRY ETC. [HL] (L) Lords: (5) *1R: 7.11.2007	<i>Prov 2R: 14.12.2007</i>	Lord Selsdon
PRIVATE EQUITY (TRANSFER OF UNDERTAKINGS AND PROTECTION OF EMPLOYMENT) (B5) Commons: (28) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)	<i>Prov 2R: 7.3.2008 (1)</i>	John Heppell
PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDINGS (ENERGY PERFORMANCE) (B18) Commons: (35) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)	2R: 25.4.2008 (2)	Anne Snelgrove
REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AND SANCTIONS [HL] (G) Lords: (7) *1R: 8.11.2007 2R: 28.11.2007	<i>Prov Comm**: 17.1.2008</i>	Lord Bach
ROAD TRAFFIC (CONGESTION REDUCTION) (P) Commons: (42) *1R: 10.12.2007 (Not printed)	<i>Prov 2R: 13.6.2008 (2)</i>	Christopher Chope
SALE OF STUDENT LOANS (G) Commons: (6) *1R: 8.11.2007 2R: 22.11.2007 PBC: 4.12.2007	Prog: 22.11.2007 MR: 22.11.2007 <i>Prov Rep: No date</i>	John Denham

SOUND RECORDINGS (COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION) (B16) Commons: (33) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 7.3.2008 (3)</i>	Pete Wishart
SOVEREIGNTY OF PARLIAMENT (EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES) (P) Commons: (40) *1R: 10.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 13.6.2008 (1)</i>	Christopher Chope
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (INFORMATION) (B2) Commons: (26) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 1.2.2008 (1)</i>	Sharon Hodgson
TEMPORARY AND AGENCY WORKERS (EQUAL TREATMENT) (B3) Commons: (27) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 22.2.2008 (1)</i>	Andrew Miller
VOTING AGE (REDUCTION) (B22) Commons: (22) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 6.6.2008 (1)</i>	Julie Morgan

**Presentation and Publication of Public Bills and Acts
10 – 14 December 2007**

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 £
11.12	Employment Bill [HL]	13	010 843668	4.00

Bills receiving Royal Assent and Acts published

Date	Title	Ch No.
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13.12 Consolidation Fund Act 2007

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 http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/pabills.htm	Private Bills before Parliament http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/privbill.htm
Full text of Public General Acts since 1988 http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts.htm	Full text of Local Acts since 1991 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: prboloh@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 was 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 14 December 2007

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

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

Committee recommendation:

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

Draft Proposals

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	HL 11 (b)	(a) 3.12.2007 (HC 135)

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) 3.07.2007 (L)
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 14 December 2007**

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

Committee recommendation:

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

Proposals for Draft Orders

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 14 December 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)	
Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2008	N/A		4.12.2007			
Supply of Information (Register of Deaths) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007	N/A		6.12.2007			

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	Reported	Issue 1 p25; Issue 2 p28
Crossrail	Reported	Issue 3 p29
Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions)	Reported	Issue 4 p33
Sale of Student Loans	Reported	Issue 4 p33
Housing and Regeneration Bill	<i>31/01/2008</i>	Issue 5 p32; This issue
Health and Social Care Bill	<i>24/01/2008</i>	Issue 5 p32
Planning Bill		This issue

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

Membership:

Housing and Regeneration Bill

Joan Walley discharged; Lyn Brown nominated in substitution

Planning Bill

Chairmen: Sir John Butterfill and Mr Eric Illsley

Mr Richard Benyon	Mr Clive Betts	Tom Brake	Paul Clark
Mr David Curry	Mr Parmjit Dhanda	James Duddridge	Mrs Louise Ellman
Jeff Ennis	Jim Fitzpatrick	John Healey	Mrs Jacqui Lait
Mr Elfyn Llwyd	Anne Main	Alun Michael	Chris Mole
Robert Neill	Mr Jamie Reed	John Robertson	Dan Rogerson
Mr Dave Watts			

**General Committee Meetings
10 – 14 December 2007**

Monday 10 December

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

Tuesday 11 December

4 th DLC	Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007
ESC	Funding of Political Parties (11559/07)
PBC	Housing and Regeneration Bill

Wednesday 12 December

WGC	Welsh Grand Committee to consider the matter of the Government's Legislative Programme as outlined in the Queen's Speech
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Thursday 13 December

5 th DLC	Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007
PBC	Housing and Regeneration Bill
PBC	Planning Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Friday 14 December

None

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**Forthcoming General Committee Meetings
17 – 21 December 2007**

There are currently no General Committees schedules for this week

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Select Committees

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http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/factsheets.cfm

An index to the Select Committee home pages together with links to further pages containing information about their work and publications is on the Parliament website at:
http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/parliamentary_committees16.cfm

Membership:

Select Committee Meetings 10 – 14 December 2007

For confirmation of committee meetings, venues and times see Select Committee home pages on the Internet (www.parliament.uk) or telephone the Committee Office general enquiry lines: **Tel 020 7219 3267/4300**

Monday 10 December 2007

Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

Subject: The UK Construction Industry

Witnesses: National Specialist Contractors Council and Specialist Engineering Contractors' Group; Home Builders Federation

Children, Schools and Families

Subject: Testing and Assessment

Witnesses: Sir Michael Barber, McKinsey & Company, and Professor Peter Tymms, Director of Curriculum, Evaluation and Management, School of Education, University of Durham

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Subject: Badgers and cattle TB

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

Public Accounts

Subject: Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Managing risk in overseas territories

Witnesses: Sir Peter Ricketts KCMG, Permanent Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Dr Minouche Shafik, Director General, Country Programmes, Department for International Development

Tuesday 11 December 2007

Treasury*

Subject: (i) Private Equity (ii) Financial Stability and Transparency

Witnesses: (i) Sir David Walker (ii) Sir Callum McCarthy, Chairman and Hector Sants, Chief Executive, Financial Services Authority, and Loretta Minghella, Financial Services Compensation Scheme

Environmental Audit

Subject: 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review

Witnesses: Centrica Energy plc, Scottish Power and Carbon Capture & Storage Association; Aviation Environment Federation

Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

Subject: Creating a Higher Value-Added Economy

Witnesses: Professor Peter Cooke, University of Buckingham and Mr Eric Wallbank, Ernst & Young

Home Affairs

Subject: The Government's Counter-Terrorism Proposals

Witnesses: Rt Hon Jacqui Smith MP, Home Secretary, Home Office

Welsh Affairs

Subject: Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Witnesses: International Business Wales; Welsh Local Government Association

Communities and Local Government*

Subject: Existing housing stock and climate change

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

Wednesday 12 December 2007

Justice

Subject: Towards Effective Sentencing

Witnesses: Lord Carter of Coles; Anne Owers CBE, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, Andrew Bridges, HM Chief Inspector of Probation, Paul Tidball, Prison Governors Association, and Juliet Lyon, Prison Reform Trust/Criminal Justice Alliance

Children, Schools and Families

Subject: The Work of Ofsted

Witnesses: Christine Gilbert CBE, HM Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills, Vanessa Howlison, Director, Finance, Miriam Rosen, Director, Education, Michael Hart, Director, Children, and Melanie Hunt, Director, Learning and Skills, Ofsted

Innovation, Universities and Schools

Subject: Government Chief Scientific Adviser Designate: Introductory Hearing

Witnesses: Professor John Beddington CMG

Environmental Audit

Subject: 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review

Witnesses: Angela Eagle MP, Exchequer Secretary, Rebecca Lawrence, Head of Energy, Environment and Agriculture Team, Lindsey Whyte, Head of Environment and Transport Tax Team, HM Treasury

Environmental Audit Sub-Committee on Environmental Information

Subject: Environmental Labelling

Witnesses: Sustainable Development Commission; Tesco; Energy Saving Trust

European Scrutiny

Subject: (i) Police Cooperation in Criminal Matters (ii) European Arrest Warrant

Witnesses: Meg Hillier MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office

Foreign Affairs*

Subject: European Council

Witnesses: Rt Hon David Miliband MP, Secretary of State, and officials Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Transport

Subject: Ticketing on Public Transport

Witnesses: Campaign for Better Transport, London TravelWatch, TravelWatch SouthWest, Passenger Focus; Tom Harris MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*

Subject: Flooding

Witnesses: Richard Benyon MP, David Curry MP, Martin Horwood MP, Laurence Robertson MP, and Angela C: Smith MP; Met Office, UK Climate Impacts Programme, and Centre for Ecology and Hydrology

Public Accounts

Subject: Improving corporate functions using shared services

Witnesses: Alexis Cleveland, Director-General, Cabinet Office, Peter Coates, Director of Finance, National Health Service and Phil Wheatley, Director-General, HM Prison Service

Thursday 13 December 2007

Liaison*

Subject: Prime Minister

Witnesses: Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP, Prime Minister

Health

Subject: Modernising Medical Careers

Witnesses: Professor Alan Crockard, and Professor Shelley Heard; British Medical Association, and the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin; Methods Consulting

International Development

Subject: DFID and the World Bank

Witnesses: Rainforest Foundation UK, WWF and Christian Aid; Helen Collinson, and International Alert and ActionAid UK

Friday 14 December 2007

None

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**Forthcoming Select Committee Meetings
17 – 21 December 2007**

Monday 17 December 2007

Children, Schools and Families

Subject: Testing and Assessment

Witnesses: Dr Ken Boston, Chief Executive, Qualifications and Curriculum Authority

Innovation, Universities and Schools

Subject: UK Centre for Medical Research and Innovation

Witnesses: Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, Medical Research Council, Professor Malcolm Grant, University College London, Ms Lynne Robb, Cancer Research UK, and Dr Mark Walport, Wellcome Trust

Joint Committee on Human Rights

Subject: Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights

Witnesses: Professor Clive Walker, University of Leeds

Communities and Local Government

Subject: Local Government Finance (Waste)

Witnesses: John Healey MP, Minister for Local Government, Department for Communities and Local Government and Joan Ruddock MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Justice

Subject: Towards Effective Sentencing

Witnesses: Rt Hon Jack Straw MP, Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor

Public Accounts

Subject: Loss of data by HM Revenue and Customs

Witnesses: David Hartnett CB, Acting Chairman and Nick Lodge, Director of Data Security, HM Revenue and Customs

Tuesday 18 December 2007

Treasury

Subject: Financial Stability and Transparency

Witnesses: The British Bankers Association and the Building Societies Association; Mervyn King, Governor of the Bank of England, and Sir John Gieve, Deputy Governor (Financial Stability)

Home Affairs

Subject: Police Pay

Witnesses: Chief Inspector Jan Berry, Chair, Police Federation

International Development

Subject: Maternal Health

Witnesses: Baroness Vadera, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for International Development

Culture, Media and Sport

Subject: Tourism

Witnesses: VisitLondon; VisitWales and VisitScotland (at 11:30 am)

Wednesday 19 December 2007

None

Thursday 20 December 2007

None

Friday 21 December 2007

None

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House of Lords Committees: Forthcoming Public Meetings

Enquiries about Lords Committees may be put to the Lords Committee Office 020 7219 2940
(Subject Matters are in brackets)

Monday 17 December

Joint Committee on Human Rights

4.15pm

Evidence will be heard from Professor Clive Walker, Professor of Criminal Justice Studies, University of Leeds

Tuesday 18 December

Science and Technology Sub-Committee 1

11.10am

Evidence will be heard from Tricia Henton, Director of Environment Protection; Liz Parkes, Head of Water, Environment Agency.; and Malcolm Fergusson, Senior Fellow, Climate and Pollution Team, Institute for European Environmental Policy.
(Waste Reduction)

European Union Committee

4.15pm

Evidence will be heard from Jim Murphy MP, Minister for Europe.
(Impact of the EU Reform Treaty)

Wednesday 19 December 2007

None

Thursday 20 December 2007

None

Friday 21 December 2007

None

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 £
None						

(B) Select Committee Reports

Date Received	Committee	Details of Original Report	HC Paper and ISBN	Price £
11.12	Defence	3 rd , UK/US Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty	HC 107 0215 037695	14.50
11.12	Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments	4 th , Report of Session 2007-08	HL Paper 22 HC 38-iv 010 4012031	3.00
12.12	Northern Ireland Affairs	1 st , The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Volume I	HC 118-I 0215 037701	13.50
13.12	Northern Ireland Affairs	1 st , The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Volume II Oral and written evidence	HC 118-II 0215 037725	20.50

(C) Government Responses to Select Committee Reports

Date Received	Committee	Details of Original Report	HC Paper or Cm No of response	Price £
11.12	Treasury	2 nd , Private equity [HC 579-i]	HC 145 0215 037688	3.00

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

Date Received	Title	Paper No and ISBN	Price £
11.12	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Rural Payments Agency, A progress update in resolving the difficulties in administering the single Payment Scheme in England	HC 10 010 2951578	13.90

Date Received	Title	Paper No and ISBN	Price £
11.12	Report on the NHS Summarised Accounts 2006-07: Achieving Financial Balance	HC 291-I 010 2951653	13.90
12.12	Partnering for success: Preparing to deliver the 14-19 education reforms in England	HC 99 010 2951585	13.90
13.12	Compensating victims of violent crime	HC 100 010 2951592	13.90

The Stationery Office (TSO) All papers listed in this section can be ordered from the Stationery Office. Contact details are shown on the back cover of this Bulletin

Select Committees: Current Inquiries

Select Committee evidence is published as a House of Commons Paper; there is generally a delay of 4-6 weeks before the material is available. When published it is also made available on the Parliament website. All HC paper numbers shown are from the 2007-08 session unless otherwise stated. Select Committees may also publish uncorrected transcripts of Ministers' evidence on the website as soon as the transcript is available. Hard copies of Select Committee publications can be purchased from The Stationery Office, contact details are shown on the back page of this bulletin.

The website address for Select Committee publications is:

<http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/cm/cmselect.htm>

More details of current Select Committee inquiries can be found on the Parliament website:

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	
	Recent developments in trade	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 8 January	
	Creating a Higher Value-added Economy	Oral evidence in progress	
	The UK Construction Industry	Oral evidence in progress	
	Departmental Annual Report & Accounts 2007	One-off oral evidence session concluded	
	Trade with India: One year on	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 8 January	
	Europe moves East: The impact of the 'new' EU Member States on UK business	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	Post Office closure programme	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 10 January	
	Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Sub-Committee	Implementation of the report of the Women and Work Commission	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
		Children, Schools and Families (formerly Education & Skills)	Testing and Assessment
Special Educational Needs: separation of assessment of need from funding of provision	inquiry announced		
Communities & Local Government (Formerly ODPM)	Community Cohesion and Migration	Inquiry announced Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 18 January	
	The Supply of Rented Housing	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	Ordnance Survey	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
Culture, Media & Sport	Harmful Content on the Internet and in Video Games	Inquiry announced Written evidence invited	
	European Commission White Paper on Sport	Inquiry announced Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 14 January	
	On-Course Horserace Betting	Oral evidence session concluded: report in preparation	
	Ticket Touting	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	Tourism	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics Games	Continuing scrutiny: Oral evidence in progress	
	Defence	UK/US Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation Report published 11 December
		The Iran hostages incident: the lessons learned	Report published 14 December
		Defence Equipment 2007	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 29 January
		UK Operations in Iraq	Report in preparation
Medical Care for the Armed Forces		Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
Defence Equipment 2007		Oral evidence in progress	
The Future of NATO and European Defence		Oral evidence in progress	
Environmental Audit	Climate change and local, regional and devolved government	Inquiry announced	
	Pre-Budget 2007 and Comprehensive Spending Review	Oral evidence in progress	

	Challenge of Climate change	Oral evidence in progress
	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 9 January
Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	Defra's Departmental Report 2007 & Defra priorities	Oral evidence in progress
	Waste Strategy for England 2007	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions extended to end November
	Flooding	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 9 January
	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
	The potential of England's rural economy	Written evidence invited
	Climate Change: citizen's agenda	Government response to be published 18 December
Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Sub-committee	Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966	Written evidence invited
European Scrutiny	Temporary Workers Directive	Oral evidence in progress
	Intergovernmental Conference for a Reform Treaty	Oral evidence concluded
	European Union Intergovernmental Conference: Follow up report	Government Response to be published 17 December
	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
Foreign Affairs	Global Security: Iran	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	European Council	Oral evidence in progress
	Developments in the European Union	Oral evidence in progress
	Overseas Territories	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions extended to 31 January
Health	Health Inequalities	Inquiry announced: Written evidence invited Deadline for Submissions 9 January
	Dental Contracts	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 6 December
	Modernising Medical Careers	Oral evidence in progress Written evidence published 16 November
Home Affairs	Police Pay	One-off oral evidence session announced Next evidence session 18 December
	Security Industry Authority	One-off oral evidence concluded, Report in Preparation
	UK Immigration Issues	One-off oral evidence concluded, Report in Preparation
	The Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU: Twelve months on	Oral evidence concluded, Report in Preparation
	The Governments Counter-Terrorism Proposals	Report published 13 December: awaiting government Response
	Domestic Violence	Oral evidence in progress
	A Surveillance Society?	Oral evidence in progress

	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
	Counter-terrorism policy and human rights (CTP)	Continuing Scrutiny: Report to be published 13 December, Next evidence session 17 December
	A British Bill of Rights	Oral evidence in progress
Innovation, Universities & Skills	The Use of Restraint in Secure training Centres	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Sainsbury Review	Oral evidence concluded
	Funding for Equivalent or Lower Qualifications (ELQs)	Inquiry announced, Written evidence invited
	UK Centre for Medical Research and Innovation	One-off evidence session to take place 17 December
International Development	Biosecurity in UK research laboratories	Inquiry announced, Written evidence invited
	Development Assistance in Insecure Environments: Afghanistan	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 17 January
	DFID and the World Bank	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 10 January
Justice (formerly Constitutional Affairs)	Maternal Health	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 18 December
	Renewable Energy Generation Technologies	Inquiry announced written evidence invited
	Towards Effective Sentencing	Oral evidence in progress
	Devolution: A Decade On	Oral evidence in progress Next oral evidence session 15 January
Liaison	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
	Oral evidence from the Prime Minister – 13 December 2007	Oral evidence concluded Uncorrected transcript available on the internet
Modernisation of the House of Commons	Scrutiny of the draft Queen's Speech	Oral evidence in progress
	Debating departmental objectives and annual reports	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 7 December
Northern Ireland Affairs	Northern Ireland Prison Service	Report published 12 December
Procedure Public Accounts	Inquiry into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland	Inquiry announced: written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 21 January
	E-petitions	Written evidence invited: Oral evidence in progress
	Securing Host Nation Sporting Success in 2012	One-off oral evidence session announced 2 April
	Increasing employment rates for ethnic minorities	One-off oral evidence session announced 31 March
	Pay modernisation in the NHS – GPs Contracts	One-off oral evidence session announced 26 March
	Improving the management of resources in the DEFRA family	One-off oral evidence session announced 19 March
	Major Projects Report 2007	One-off oral evidence session announced 17 March
	Community Orders	One-off oral evidence session announced 12 March
	Government preparations for digital switchover	One-off oral evidence session announced 10 March
	Improving opportunities for young people: Delivering the 14-19 education reforms in England	One-off oral evidence session announced 5 March
	Efficiency and effectiveness of direct budget support for foreign aid	One-off oral evidence session announced 3 March
	Caring for vulnerable babies: The re-organisation of neonatal services in England	One-off oral evidence session announced 27 February
	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Preparing for decommissioning	One-off oral evidence session announced 25 February
	The delivery of the Administrative Burdens Reduction Programme, 2007	One-off oral evidence session announced 20 February
Leaving the Services	One-off oral evidence session announced 18 February	
Managing change in operational PFI projects	One-off oral evidence session announced 6 February	

Progress in tackling benefit fraud	One-off oral evidence session announced 4 February
The cancellation of Bicester Asylum Centre	One-off oral evidence session announced 30 January
Management of Large Business Corporation Tax by HMRC	One-off oral evidence session announced 28 January
DEFRA Single Payment Scheme: follow-up	One-off oral evidence session announced 23 January
Report on the NHS Summarised Accounts 2006-07: Achieving financial balance	One-off oral evidence session announced 21 January
Compensating victims of violent crime	One-off oral evidence session announced 16 January
Use of office property by government departments	One-off oral evidence session announced 14 January
BBC Procurement	One-off oral evidence session announced 9 January
Data loss at HM Revenue and Customs	One-off oral evidence session announced 17 December
The compensation for former Icelandic water trawlermen	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
The Budget for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics 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 POSTPONED
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
Managing the Defence Estate: Quality	Report in preparation
Rural Poverty in Developing Countries	Oral evidence concluded: 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
Environment Agency: Building and maintaining flood defences in England	Report to be published 18 December
Upgrade of the Bangor to Belfast Railway	Report in preparation
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	Report in preparation
Patient choice at the point of GP referral	Report in preparation
Public Administration Propriety and peerages	Report to be published 18 December
Freedom of Information	One-off oral evidence session concluded
Third Sector Commissioning	Oral evidence in progress
Public Services: Putting People First	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
Lobbying	Oral evidence in progress

Regulatory Reform	Draft Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007	Report published 3 December; Awaiting Draft order to be laid	
	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 concluded: Report in preparation	
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)	Joint Committee 5th Report 2007-08 published 11 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	
	Transport Security: Travelling without Fear	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	
	The Transport Innovation Fund	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	The London Underground and the Public-Private Partnership Agreements	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	Freight Transport	Inquiry announced Next evidence session 16 January	
	Transport Security: Travelling without Fear	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	Treasury	Financial Stability and Transparency	Oral evidence in progress
		Private Equity	Government Response published on 10 December
		Progress on the efficiency programme in the Chancellor's departments	Inquiry announced: written evidence invited
Private Equity (follow up)		Oral evidence in progress	
Treasury Sub-committee	Climate change and the Stern review	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	HM Revenue & Customs: administration and expenditure in 2006-07	Oral evidence concluded	
	The Adjudicator's Office: administration and expenditure in 2006-07	Oral evidence concluded	
Welsh Affairs	Counting the Population	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 28 November	
	Globalisation and its Impact on Wales	Oral evidence in progress	
	Provision of Cross-Border Public Services for Wales	Inquiry announced	
Work & Pensions	Energy in Wales: Follow-up	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council	Oral evidence in progress	
	The Best start in Life	Oral evidence in progress	
	Child Poverty	Oral evidence in progress	

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None

Green Papers

None

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Date	Title	Contact
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Other Papers

None

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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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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)

Funding of political parties (11559/07) – 11/12/2007

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10 – 14 December 2007**

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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10.12.07	518	Dr Ashok Kumar	DESIGN IN THE NORTH EAST
10.12.07	519	Mr Hugo Swire	ZIMBABWE
10.12.07	520	Mark Durkan	SUPERMARKETS AND ALCOHOLIC LOSS LEADERS
10.12.07	521	John Hemming	RESEARCH OF DAVID SOUTHALL
10.12.07	522	Pete Wishart	DARA ALMONDBANK
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10.12.07	524	John McDonnell	STUDENT ARRESTS IN IRAN
10.12.07	525	Mr Nigel Evans	DEATH PENALTY FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS IN IRAN
10.12.07	526	Jon Trickett	EU CROSS-BORDER HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTIVE
10.12.07	527	John McDonnell	POLICE PAY
10.12.07	528	John McDonnell	PROBATION SERVICE
10.12.07	529	John Hemming	CHARLES ROY TAYLOR
10.12.07	530	Ann Clwyd	RACE RELATIONS ACT 1976
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10.12.07	532	Mr Michael Clapham	PLEURAL PLAQUES AND THE LAW LORDS' DECISION
11.12.07	533	Mr Gordon Prentice	CONDUCT OF LORD BLACK OF CROSSHARBOUR AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS
11.12.07	534	Dr Ian Gibson	CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
11.12.07	535	Lempik Öpik	VISIT OF ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER
11.12.07	536	Mr Lindsay Hoyle	PRISON OFFICERS
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11.12.07	538	Mr Lindsay Hoyle	POLICE PAY (No.2)
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11.12.07	548	Mr Fraser Kemp	SIGN UP TO SAVE A LIFE CAMPAIGN
11.12.07	549	Mr Fraser Kemp	SUNDERLAND YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS SCHEME
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11.12.07	554	Tim Farron	PIGEON FANCYING
11.12.07	555	Anne Main	BANGLADESH
11.12.07	556	Mr Boris Johnson	LONDON ASSEMBLY
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12.12.07	558	Mr Dai Davies	JOE AND ENZO CALZAGHE
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State of the Parties in the House of Commons as at 14 December 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)
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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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