

# HOUSE OF LORDS

## Administration and Works Committee

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Report of Session 2006–07

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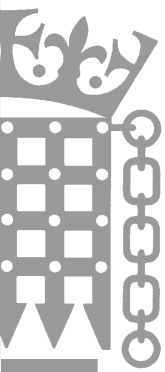
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# FIRST REPORT OF SESSION 2006–07 FROM THE ADMINISTRATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE

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## SMOKING POLICY IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

1. The House of Lords agreed a general ban on smoking on the House's premises, with certain exceptions, on 21 December 2004. The House agreed that smoking should continue to be permitted in Members' offices, where all occupants of a room decide to permit it, and in the Truro Room of the Library. The ban came into effect on 10 January 2005.
2. From 1 July 2007 the Health Act 2006 will ban smoking in enclosed or substantially enclosed premises open to the public and in workplaces. Although the legislation does not apply formally to the House, we recommend that the House should apply the Act by analogy as is the case with health and safety at work legislation.
3. **The Committee recommends that, except as permitted below, smoking should be prohibited in all parts of the Parliamentary estate occupied by the House of Lords.**
4. **In the interests of smokers, the Committee recommends that specified smoking areas should be provided in the following locations within the Lords estate:**
  - Black Rod's Garden
  - State Officer's Court
  - Peers' Inner Court
5. **The Committee also recommends that smoking should be permitted in an area at the end of the Lords Terrace abutting the Commons Terrace.** Given the usage of the Lords Terrace for the consumption of food and drink, this provision should be reviewed if excessive smoking creates a hazard or offence.
6. It is proposed that the new policy on smoking should come into operation on 1 July when the relevant provisions of the Health Act 2006 are commenced by the Secretary of State.
7. The Committee recognises that such a significant change in smoking policy should be a matter for the whole House. Accordingly, the Committee makes this report to the House for debate.