

High Speed Rail (Preparation) Bill

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanatory notes to the Bill, prepared by the Department for Transport, are published separately as Bill 10 – EN.

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Secretary Patrick McLoughlin has made the following statement under section 19(1)(a) of the Human Rights Act 1998:

In my view the provisions of the High Speed Rail (Preparation) Bill are compatible with the Convention rights.

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[Note: The Bill was presented under S.O No. 50.]

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Make provision authorising expenditure in preparation for a high speed railway transport network.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Preparatory expenditure

- (1) *The Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, incur expenditure in preparation for a high speed railway transport network.*
- (2) The network referred to in subsection (1) is a network which—
 - (a) involves the construction of railway lines connecting at least— 5
 - London,
 - Birmingham,
 - the East Midlands,
 - Sheffield,
 - Leeds, and 10
 - Manchester, and
 - (b) connects with the existing railway transport network.
- (3) The expenditure which may be incurred under subsection (1) includes expenditure on— 15
 - (a) preparation for the construction of any railway line and any other infrastructure proposed to be included at any time in the network referred to in subsection (1), and
 - (b) preparation for the provision of services as part of that network.
- (4) The expenditure mentioned in subsection (3) includes expenditure incurred— 20
 - (a) on pre-construction activity (such as surveying and design),
 - (b) in acquiring property, and
 - (c) in providing compensation in respect of property likely to be affected.
- (5) In this Act, references to incurring expenditure include incurring liabilities.

- (6) *Expenditure incurred under this section is to be defrayed out of money provided by Parliament.*

2 Financial reports

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare a report on expenditure under section 1 in relation to each financial year. 5
- (2) Each report must contain details of—
- (a) expenditure incurred under section 1 during the financial year to which the report relates;
 - (b) total expenditure incurred under section 1 up to the end of that year;
 - (c) sums or assets received in that year in connection with expenditure incurred under section 1. 10
- (3) In this section, “financial year” means—
- (a) the period beginning with the day on which this Act is passed and ending with 31 March 2015, and
 - (b) each subsequent period of 12 months. 15
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay each report under this section before Parliament as soon as is reasonably practicable after the end of the financial year to which it relates.
- (5) No report is required in relation to a financial year in which there is nothing to record under subsection (2)(a) and (c). 20

3 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales and to Scotland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the High Speed Rail (Preparation) Act 2013.

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*Presented by Secretary Patrick McLoughlin
supported by
The Prime Minister,
The Deputy Prime Minister,
Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Secretary Vince Cable,
Secretary Iain Duncan Smith,
Secretary Eric Pickles, Secretary Owen Paterson,
Secretary Edward Davey and Mr Simon Burns.*

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