



House of Commons

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PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

MODERN SLAVERY BILL

[FOURTH AND FIFTH SITTINGS]

Fiona Mactaggart
Diana Johnson
Mr David Hanson
Phil Wilson

Not selected 44

Page 2, line 1, leave out Clause 2.

Clause agreed to on division.

Diana Johnson
Mr David Hanson
Phil Wilson
Sarah Champion

Not called 54

Clause 3, page 3, line 16, at end insert—

“(d) is in a situation where their employment could reasonably be constituted as slavery, wherever in the world they are employed, if their employment is related to services or goods for sale in the UK”.

Mr David Burrowes

Withdrawn 31

Clause 3, page 3, line 19, leave out from “(5)” to the end of line 20 and insert—
“where”—

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment removes the burden on the prosecution to demonstrate that an offender chose the victim because of his or her particular vulnerability.

Karen Bradley

Agreed to 1

Clause 3, page 3, line 21, after “she”, insert “is a child,”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment, together with amendments 2, 3 and 4, relate to the definition of groups who can be exploited without force, threats or deception because they were selected due to particular

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vulnerability. The amendments apply this to a child rather than a young person, and are intended as a clarification.

Karen Bradley

Agreed to 2

Clause 3, page 3, line 21, leave out “is young”

Mr David Burrowes

Not called 32

Clause 3, page 3, line 21, leave out “young” and insert “a child”

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment removes the burden on the prosecution to demonstrate that an offender chose the victim because of his or her particular vulnerability and clarifies that this section applies to children under the age of 18.

Karen Bradley

Agreed to 3

Clause 3, page 3, line 23, at beginning insert “an adult, or”

Mr David Burrowes

Not called 33

Clause 3, page 3, line 23, leave out “a person” and insert “an adult”

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment is consequential on inserting a specific reference to a child in this subsection.

Karen Bradley

Mr David Burrowes

Agreed to 4

Clause 3, page 3, line 23, leave out “youth”

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment is consequential on inserting a specific reference to a child in this subsection.

Mr David Burrowes

Not called 35

Clause 3, page 3, line 24, at end insert—

“(7) In this section—

“child” means any person below 18 years of age;

“services” or “benefits of any kind” can include forced begging or criminal activities.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment clarifies the definition of a child and some of the types of behaviour which can be included under the clause.

Fiona Mactaggart

Diana Johnson

Mr David Hanson

Phil Wilson

Not selected 45

Page 2, line 27, leave out Clause 3.

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Clause, as amended, agreed to on division.

Fiona Mactaggart

Not selected **46**

Page **3**, line **25**, leave out Clause 4.

Clause agreed to.

Fiona Mactaggart

Withdrawn **64**

Clause **5**, page **4**, line **3**, at end insert—

“(3A) A person guilty of an offence under section (Procuring sex for payment) is liable on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine or both.”

Fiona Mactaggart

Not selected **47**

Page **3**, line **31**, leave out Clause 5.

Clause agreed to.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 9 September at 9.25 am