



# House of Commons

## NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including  
**Monday 20 July 2015**

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*New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★*

☆ *Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance*  
*Amendments tabled since the last publication: 1 to 21 and NC1 to NC3*

### PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE

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### WELFARE REFORM AND WORK BILL

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#### NOTE

**This document includes all amendments tabled to date, arranged in the order they relate to the Bill.**

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Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Chris Leslie

★ Clause 1, page 1, line 4, leave out from “and” to end of subsection and insert “for the purposes of this report “full employment” is defined as 80% of the working age population”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To specify that the purpose of reporting on progress toward full employment, full employment is defined as 80% of the working population.*

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 Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 6, at end insert—
- “(1A) In this report the Secretary of State must also set out the progress that has been made toward halving the disability employment gap.”
- Member’s explanatory statement***  
*To require the report on progress towards full employment to also report on progress towards the Government’s stated aim to halve the disability employment gap.*
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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 2, page 1, line 16, at end insert—
- “(aa) information about the uptake of apprenticeships broken down by region, age, ethnicity, disability, sector, qualification and level,  
(ab) a report by the UK Commission on Employment and Skills on the quality of apprenticeship being provided, and”
- Member’s explanatory statement***  
*To specify additional information that must be included in the Secretary of State’s report progress towards meeting the apprenticeship target*
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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 46, at end insert—
- “(2A) The matters by which the progress made by a household that receives relevant support shall be measured under subsection (1)(b) include whether a member of the household is in employment.”
- Member’s explanatory statement***  
*This requires one of the factors which is used to measure whether a household receive support is making progress is whether or a not a member of the household is employed.*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 3, page 3, line 6, at end insert—
- “(4A) A report prepared under this section must include information about the number of households receiving support where a member of the household, who had not previously been in employment during the last 12 month, has entered employment.”
- Member’s explanatory statement***  
*To require the report on support for troubled households to specify the number of households receiving support where a member of the household has become employed.*

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Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 3, page 3, line 6, at end insert—
- “(4A) A report prepared under this section must include information about the total value of expenditure directed at supporting relevant households by—
- (a) local government,
  - (b) central government, and
  - (c) government agencies.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To require the report on support for troubled households to specify how much has been spent to support targeted households by different parts of government.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 5, page 5, leave out lines 16 to 27 and insert—

**“5 Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission: additional functions**

- (1) After Section 8A of the Child Poverty Act 2010 insert—”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To leave the name of the “Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission” unchanged.*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 5, page 6, leave out lines 15 and 16

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*A consequential amendment to amendment 7 to leave the name of the “Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission” unchanged.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 6, page 6, line 38, leave out section 1

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*Leave child poverty targets and measures unchanged.*

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 Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 6, page 7, leave out from beginning of line 25 to end of Clause  
*Member's explanatory statement*  
*Leave child poverty targets and measures unchanged.*
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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 7, page 8, line 36, at end insert—  
“( ) Regulations under this section shall not be made in relation to persons—  
(a) responsible for the care of a child aged below 2;  
(b) responsible for the care of and in receipt of Carers Allowance in respect of, but not living with, a person in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment;  
(c) in temporary accommodation following an incident or incidents of domestic violence.”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*To provide that the benefit cap does not apply to benefit claimants who will find it most difficult to enter work.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 8, page 10, line 22, leave out “in each Parliament” and insert “a year”  
*Member's explanatory statement*  
*To require the Secretary of State to review the level of the benefit cap every year to determine whether it is appropriate to change the level of the cap.*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 8, page 10, line 31, at end insert—  
“(c) an annual report made by the Social Security Advisory Committee on the level of the benefit cap.”  
*Member's explanatory statement*  
*To require the Secretary of State to take into account an annual report by the Social Security Advisory Committee on the level of the benefit cap when undertaking his review of the benefit cap.*

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Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 8, page 10, line 31, at end insert—  
“(3A) The report made by the Social Security Advisory Committee on the level of benefit cap, under subsection 3c, must include an assessment of the impact of the benefit cap on the Discretionary Housing Payments Funds administered by local authorities.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To require the Social Security Advisory Committee’s annual report on the level of the benefit cap to include an assessment of the impact of the benefit cap on Discretionary Housing Payments.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 9, page 11, line 32, leave out from “relevant sums” to end of subsection and insert “are to be reviewed by the Secretary of State having given regard to—  
(a) the rate of inflation, and  
(b) the national economic situation.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To subject the four year freeze in the social security payments set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to an annual review of the levels by the Secretary of State. This review will consider both the rate of inflation and the national economic situation.*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 9, page 11, line 35, leave out from “child benefit” to end of subsection and insert “are to be reviewed by the Secretary of State having given regard to—  
(a) the rate of inflation, and  
(b) the national economic situation.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To subject the four year freeze in child benefit to an annual review of the levels by the Secretary of State. This review will consider both the rate of inflation and the national economic situation.*

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 Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 10, page 12, line 21, leave from “relevant amounts” to end of subsection and insert “are to be reviewed by the Secretary of State having given regard to—
- (a) the rate of inflation, and
  - (b) the national economic situation.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To subject the four year freeze in the tax credits set out in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to an annual review of the levels by the Secretary of State. This review will consider both the rate of inflation and the national economic situation.*

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Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Chris Leslie

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- ★ Clause 12, page 13, line 23, at end insert “unless this would result in an amount no longer being paid in respect of a child or young person who was born before 6 April 2017, in which case a payment shall still be made in respect of this child or young person.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To ensure that the reduction of the child element of Universal Credit to two children only affect children born after 6 April 2017.*

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Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Chris Leslie

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- ★ Page 14, line 1, leave out Clause 13

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This prevent the changes to the work-related component of the employment and support allowance.*

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Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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★ Clause 16, page 15, line 25, at end insert—

“(7A) The waiting period before a person can apply for a loan under this section shall be 13 weeks.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To require that the waiting period before an application for a loan for mortgage interest can be made is 13 weeks.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

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★ Clause 19, page 19, line 25, after subsection (9) insert—

“(9A) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of this section coming into force, produce a plan to offset the impact of lower social rents on housing associations.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To require the Secretary of State to produce a plan to offset the impact of lower social rents on housing associations, so that their ability to build new affordable homes is not affected.*

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*NEW CLAUSES*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

NC1

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Report on impact of benefit cap reductions**

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish and lay before Parliament before the end of the financial year ending with 31 March 2017 a report on the impact of the benefit cap reductions introduced by this Bill.
- (2) The report must include an assessment of the impact on each of the measures of child poverty defined in the Child Poverty Act 2010.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause requires the Secretary of State to review impact of lower benefit cap after 12 months.*

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 Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

NC2

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Local Housing Allowance**

- (1) For each of the tax years ending with 5 April 2017, 5 April 2018, 5 April 2019 and 5 April 2020, the amount paid to claimants of the Local Housing Allowance is be reviewed by the Secretary of State.
- (2) In reviewing these sums the Secretary of State shall have regard to—
  - (a) the rate of inflation,
  - (b) the national economic situation, and
  - (c) the levels of market rent.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause requires the Secretary of State to review the level of the Local Housing Allowance annually, in light of the rate of inflation, levels of market rent and the national economic situation.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie

NC3

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Exemptions to changes in child tax credit and child element of universal credit**

- (1) The limit on the number of children for which child tax credit or the child element of universal credit can be claimed, as provided for clauses 11 and 12 of this Act, do not apply in the following circumstances—
  - (a) where the number of children exceeds two because the third (or subsequent) child was part of a multiple birth at the same time as the second qualifying child;
  - (b) where a third (or subsequent) child becomes a member of a household as a result of being fostered or adopted into that household;
  - (c) in exceptional circumstances as defined by the Social Security Advisory Committee, including but not limited to—
    - (i) the claimant becoming unemployed;
    - (ii) the death of one of the parents in the claimant household; and
    - (iii) one of the parents in the claimant household leaving the household following a breakdown in relationship.



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**Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued***

- (2) The Secretary of State shall, by regulation, establish an appeals process by which an individual can appeal a decision as to whether an exemption set out in this clause applies in their individual situation.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This New Clause exempts households from the limit on the number of children for whom child tax credit or the child element of universal credit can be claimed where the limit was exceeded as a result of; multiple births, a household fostering or adopting a child, or in exceptional circumstances defined by the Social Security Advisory Committee. It also requires the Secretary of State to establish an appeals mechanism for decisions made under this section.*

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ORDER OF THE HOUSE [20 JULY 2015]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Welfare Reform and Work Bill:

*Committal*

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

*Proceedings in Public Bill Committee*

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 15 October.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

*Consideration and Third Reading*

4. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

*Other proceedings*

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed.
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