



# House of Commons

Tuesday 13 October 2015

## PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

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### WELFARE REFORM AND WORK BILL

[SEVENTH AND EIGHTH SITTINGS]

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Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 11, page 12, line 39, leave out “2017” and insert “2022” *Negated on division 44*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 11, page 13, line 10, leave out “one other child” and insert “two other children” *Negated on division 45*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 11, page 13, line 10, leave out “one other child” and insert “three other children” *Not called 46*

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 Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Not called* 47

Clause 11, page 13, line 10, leave out “one other child” and insert “four other children”

Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Not called* 48

Clause 11, page 13, line 10, leave out “one other child” and insert “five other children”

Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Emily Thornberry  
 Owen Smith  
 Debbie Abrahams

*Negated on division* 83

Clause 11, page 13, line 12, at end insert—

“(3C) The limit on the number of children or qualifying young person for whom an individual element of child tax credit can be claimed, as set out in subsection (3B), shall not apply to households where one or more of the child or qualifying young person in that household is disabled. This includes, but is not limited to, those persons in receipt of the disability element of child tax credit.”

Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Emily Thornberry  
 Debbie Abrahams

Hannah Bardell  
 Owen Smith

Corri Wilson

*Not selected* 43

Page 12, line 32, leave out Clause 11

*Clause agreed to on division.*

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

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 12, page 13, line 18, leave out subsections (1) to (4) *Negated on division* **50**

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 12, page 13, line 22, leave out “two” and insert “three” *Not called* **51**

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 12, page 13, line 22, leave out “two” and insert “four” *Not called* **52**

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 12, page 13, line 22, leave out “two” and insert “five” *Not called* **53**

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 12, page 13, line 22, leave out “two” and insert “six” *Not called* **54**

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 Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Chris Leslie  
 Emily Thornberry  
 Owen Smith  
 Debbie Abrahams

*Withdrawn* 18

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.”

Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Emily Thornberry  
 Owen Smith  
 Debbie Abrahams

*Not called* 84

Clause 12, page 13, line 23, at end insert—

“(1B) The limit on the number of children or qualifying young person for whom a child element of universal credit can be claimed, as set out in subsection (1B), shall not apply to households where one or more of the child or qualifying young person in that household is disabled. This includes, but is not limited to, those persons in receipt of the disabled child element of universal credit.”

Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Emily Thornberry  
 Debbie Abrahams

Hannah Bardell  
 Owen Smith

Corri Wilson

*Not selected* 49

Page 13, line 17, leave out Clause 12

*Clause agreed to on division.*

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Neil Coyle

*Withdrawn* 139

Clause 13, page 14, line 21, at end insert—

“(5A) The Secretary of State must make provision for additional personalised and specialist employment support in connection with subsections (1) to (3).

(5B) The Secretary of State must issue guidance on the following—

- (a) the forms of personalised and specialist employment support;
- (b) the means by which a diverse market of suppliers for personalised and specialist employment support can be developed in local areas; and
- (c) information for local authorities seeking to improve local disability employment rates.”

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Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith  
Debbie Abrahams

*Not selected* 20

Page 14, line 1, leave out Clause 13

*Clause agreed to on division.*

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Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Not selected* 55

Page 14, line 25, leave out Clause 14

*Clause agreed to on division.*

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Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Negated on division* 57

Clause 15, page 14, line 31, leave out paragraph (a)

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Negated on division* 62

Clause 15, page 14, line 31, leave out paragraphs (a) to (c) and insert—  
“(a) in section 19(2)(c) for the words “under the age of 1” substitute “who has not yet started primary school”;

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Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Negatived on division* 58

Clause 15, page 14, line 36, after “2,” insert “3 or 4”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Not called* 59

Clause 15, page 14, line 37, leave out paragraph (c)

Anna Turley

*Withdrawn* 101

Clause 15, page 14, line 38, at end insert—

“(d) Insert after section 18—

“(18A) Guidance on lone parents

- (1) The Secretary of State shall, by regulation, provide guidance to Jobcentre Plus setting out how it should support claimants who are lone parents in meeting the work-related requirements that they are subject to.””

Emily Thornberry  
Rushanara Ali  
Debbie Abrahams  
Owen Smith

*Negatived on division* 108

Clause 15, page 14, line 38, at end insert—

“(d) after section 24 (imposition of requirements) after subsection (5) insert—

“(5A) The Secretary of State must, by regulations, make provision to ensure that where a claimant is the responsible carer for a child who is aged under five they are subject to no work-related requirements unless it is possible to make arrangements for affordable and appropriate childcare for the claimant’s child.

(5B) The regulations in subsection (5A) must provide a definition of “affordable and appropriate childcare”.””

Neil Coyle

*Negatived on division* 140

Clause 15, page 14, line 38, at end insert—

“(d) in section 22(1) after “section” insert “, except if the claimant is the responsible carer of a disabled child aged 3 or 4.

- (1B) The Secretary of State must lay regulations determining what a disabled child is for the purpose of this section and may include, but will not be limited to a child—

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- (a) in receipt of an Education, Health and Care Plan,
- (b) in receipt of a Statement of Special Educational Needs,
- (c) identified by their local authority as having special educational needs,
- (d) with child in need status,
- (e) meeting the definition of disabled under the Equality Act 2010.”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Not called* **60**

Clause **15**, page **14**, line **40**, leave out paragraph (a)

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Negated on division* **63**

Clause **15**, page **14**, line **40**, leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert—

- “(a) in regulation 91 (claimants subject to work-focused interview requirement only), for the word “3” substitute “5 or when the child starts primary school”;
- (b) in regulation 91A (claimants subject to work preparation requirement) for the words “3 or 4” substitute “who has not yet started primary school”;

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Not called* **61**

Clause **15**, page **14**, line **42**, leave out paragraph (b)

Emily Thornberry  
Debbie Abrahams  
Owen Smith

*Negated on division* **131**

Clause **15**, page **14**, line **43**, at end insert—

- “(3) Claimants subject to new requirements as a result of the measures contained in subsections (1) and (2) of this clause must, at a time no later than three months before subsections (1) and (2) come into force, receive written notification of the lone parent flexibilities issued as guidance to Jobcentre Plus staff.”

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Emily Thornberry  
Debbie Abrahams  
Owen Smith

*Negated on division* 132

Clause 15, page 14, line 43, at end insert—

- “(3) The Secretary of State must, at time no later than three months before subsections (1) and (2) come into force, issue guidance on the lone parent flexibilities to Jobcentre Plus managers, such guidance must include provision on the training of Jobcentre Plus staff in advance of the new work-related requirements coming into force.”

Emily Thornberry  
Debbie Abrahams  
Owen Smith

*Negated on division* 133

Clause 15, page 14, line 43, at end insert—

- “(3) The Secretary of State may not impose a work search requirement on any claimant in receipt of Universal Credit, who is a lone parent, in circumstances which include but are not limited to the following—
- (a) the claimant’s adviser determines that there is an inadequate number of suitable employment vacancies within reasonable daily travelling distance of the claimant’s home;
  - (b) the claimant is responsible for the care of a child during that child’s school holidays, and it is not reasonable to expect the claimant to make alternative arrangements;
  - (c) the claimant is responsible for the care of a child during any period in which that child is excluded from school, or is otherwise not receiving education pursuant to arrangements made by a local education authority, and it is not reasonable to expect the claimant to make alternative arrangements;
  - (d) any child care expenses which would be necessarily incurred by the claimant as a result of carrying out the requirement imposed would represent an unreasonably high proportion of the income the claimant could expect to receive while carrying out the requirement in question;
  - (e) the claimant is enrolled on a course of study leading to a vocational qualification, or is otherwise undertaking engaged in vocational training;
  - (f) the claimant has become a lone parent within the last six months;
  - (g) any other circumstances in which the claimant’s adviser may consider the imposition of a work search requirement to be unreasonable in light of that claimant’s individual circumstances.”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Not selected* 56

Page 14, line 28, leave out Clause 15



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*Clause agreed to on division.*

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Priti Patel

Clause 16, page 15, line 4, leave out “pay mortgage interest in relation to property” and insert “make owner-occupier payments in respect of accommodation” *Agreed to 110*

Priti Patel

Clause 16, page 15, line 13, leave out “amounts secured by a mortgage” and insert “liabilities” *Agreed to 111*

Priti Patel

Clause 16, page 15, line 16, leave out “the mortgage relates to amounts used” and insert “a person’s liability to make owner-occupier payments was incurred” *Agreed to 112*

Priti Patel

Clause 16, page 15, line 18, leave out from “about” to “in” in line 19 and insert “—  
(a) determining or calculating the amount of a person’s liabilities;  
(b) the maximum amount of a person’s liabilities” *Agreed to 113*

Priti Patel

Clause 16, page 15, line 24, after second “a” insert “mortgage of or” *Agreed to 114*

Priti Patel

Clause 16, page 15, line 24, at end insert “a legal or beneficial interest in” *Agreed to 115*

[Adjourned until Thursday at 11.30 am