



# House of Commons

Thursday 17 September 2015

## PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

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### WELFARE REFORM AND WORK BILL

[FIFTH AND SIXTH SITTINGS]

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

Clause 4, page 4, line 33, after paragraph (b) insert—

“(ba) children living in low income working households.”

*Negated on division* 77

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

Clause 4, page 4, line 35, leave out “4” and insert “1, 2, 3 and 4”

*Not called* 78

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

Clause 4, page 4, line 37, leave out “4” and insert “1, 2, 3 and 4”

*Not called* 79

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

Clause 4, page 4, line 37, after paragraph (d) insert—

“(e) key health indicators for children in England;

(f) key health indicators for disadvantaged children in England.”

*Not called* 80

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

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Not called*    **81**

Clause 4, page 5, line 3, after paragraph (f) insert—  
    “(g) low income”

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Not called*    **82**

Clause 4, page 5, line 3, after paragraph (f) insert—  
    “(g) key health indicators”

Anna Turley

*Withdrawn*    **98**

Clause 4, page 5, line 10, at end insert—

- “(5A) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, publish and lay before Parliament the first life chances strategy for England.
- (5B) Before the end of the period to which the strategy relates, the Secretary of State must review the strategy and publish and lay before Parliament a revised strategy.”

*Clause agreed to.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Withdrawn*    **7**

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—”

Priti Patel

*Agreed to*    **86**

Clause 5, page 5, line 23, leave out from “which” to end of line 24 and insert  
    “section 5 of the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2015 comes into force.”

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Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Not called* 8

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

*Clause, as amended, agreed to on division.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Negatived on division* 9

Clause 6, page 6, line 18, leave out subsection 1

Anna Turley

*Not called* 97

Clause 6, page 6, line 19, at end insert—

“(1A) In section 2 (Duty of Secretary of State to ensure that targets in sections 3 to 6 are met) for “2020” substitute “2030”.”

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Not called* 10

Clause 6, page 7, leave out from beginning of line 25 to end of Clause

Priti Patel

*Agreed to* 87

Clause 6, page 8, line 23, at end insert—

“(c) in the section heading omit “Regulations and”.”

*Clause, as amended, 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

*Negated on division* **25**

Clause 7, page 8, line 32, leave out subsection (2)

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Negated on division* **104**

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, Personal Independence Payment or Attendance Allowance;
- (c) in temporary accommodation following an incident or incidents of domestic violence.”

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Negated on division* **26**

Clause 7, page 8, line 38, leave out “£23,000 or £15,410” and insert “£26,000 or £18,200”

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Negated on division* **27**

Clause 7, page 8, line 39, leave out “£20,000 or £13,400” and insert “£26,000 or £18,200”

Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Emily Thornberry  
Dawn Butler  
Wes Streeting  
Stephen Pound  
Mr Steve Reed

*Negatived on division* 67

Clause 7, page 9, line 5, at end insert—

- “(5C) Regulations under this section must provide for an exemption from the benefit cap for persons living in temporary accommodation into which they have been placed by a local authority which has found them to be in priority need (as defined in Part 7 of the House Act 1996 and the Homelessness (Priority Need for Accommodation)(England) Order 2002).”

Emily Thornberry  
Dawn Butler  
Wes Streeting  
Stephen Pound  
Mr Steve Reed

*Negatived on division* 68

Clause 7, page 9, line 5, at end insert—

- “(5C) Regulations under this section must provide for an exemption from the benefit cap for claimants of Jobseeker’s Allowance, including income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance (as defined in section 1 (4) of the Jobseekers Act 1995) where the claimant has not received a reasonable offer of a job.”

Emily Thornberry  
Dawn Butler  
Wes Streeting  
Stephen Pound  
Mr Steve Reed

*Negatived on division* 69

Clause 7, page 9, line 5, at end insert—

- “(5C) Regulations under this section must provide an exemption from the benefit cap for persons in receipt of —
- (a) carer’s allowance (see section 70 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992),
  - (b) employment and support allowance, including income-related employment and support allowance (as defined in section 1(7) of the Welfare Reform Act 2007) (see section 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007),
  - (c) incapacity benefit (see section 30A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992),
  - (d) income support (see section 124 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992),
  - (e) severe disablement allowance (see section 68 of the Social Security, Contributions and Benefits Act 1992).”

Emily Thornberry  
Dawn Butler  
Wes Streeting  
Stephen Pound  
Mr Steve Reed

*Not called* 70

Clause 7, page 9, line 5, at end insert—

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

“(5C) Regulations under this section must provide for an exemption from the benefit cap for persons in receipt of Universal Credit who are not subject to all work-search requirements as set out in Section 22 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012.”

Emily Thornberry

*Not called* 107

Clause 7, page 9, line 5, at end insert—

“(5C) Regulations under this section must provide for an exemption from the benefit cap for persons in employment, as defined by the Office for National Statistics.”

Emily Thornberry  
Dawn Butler  
Wes Streeting  
Stephen Pound  
Mr Steve Reed

*Negated on division* 71

Clause 7, page 9, line 6, leave out subsection (3)

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Negated on division* 28

Clause 7, page 9, line 9, leave out paragraph (a)

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Negated on division* 29

Clause 7, page 9, line 11, leave out paragraph (b)

Emily Thornberry  
Dawn Butler  
Wes Streeting  
Stephen Pound  
Mr Steve Reed

*Not called* 72

Clause 7, page 9, line 11, leave out paragraphs (b), (e), (h), (i) and (l)

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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 7, page 9, line 13, leave out paragraph (c)

*Negated on division* 30

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 7, page 9, line 15, leave out paragraph (d)

*Negated on division* 31

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 7, page 9, line 21, leave out paragraph (f)

*Negated on division* 32

Dawn Butler  
 Emily Thornberry

Clause 7, page 9, line 23, leave out paragraph (g)

*Not called* 76

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 7, page 9, line 33, leave out paragraph (k)

*Negated on division* 33

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

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 7, page 9, line 35, leave out paragraph (l)

*Negated on division* **34**

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 7, page 9, line 38, leave out paragraph (n)

*Negated on division* **35**

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 7, page 9, line 40, leave out paragraph (o)

*Negated on division* **36**

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

Clause 7, page 9, line 42, leave out paragraph (p)

*Negated on division* **37**

Priti Patel

Clause 7, page 9, line 43, at end insert—

“(4A) Subsection (11) (benefits that regulations may not prescribe as welfare benefits) is omitted.”

*Agreed to* **88**



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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* 38

Clause 7, page 9, line 44, leave out subsection (5)

Priti Patel

*Agreed to* 89

Clause 7, page 9, line 45, at end insert—

“(5A) Paragraph 52 of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act 2014 is omitted.”

Priti Patel

*Agreed to* 90

Clause 7, page 10, line 2, leave out “and (3)” and insert “to (4A) and (5A)”

*Clause, as amended, agreed to on division.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Negated on division* 12

Clause 8, page 10, line 22, leave out “in each Parliament” and insert “a year”

Neil Coyle

*Withdrawn* 94

Clause 8, page 10, line 30, at end insert—

“(aa) the impact of the benefit cap on disabled persons and carers.”

Emily Thornberry  
Dawn Butler  
Wes Streeting  
Stephen Pound  
Mr Steve Reed

*Negated on division* 73

Clause 8, page 10, line 31, leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

“(b) The relationship between the level of the cap and average earnings, and

(c) Regional variations in the cost of housing.”

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

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Not called* **13**

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.”

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Not called* **14**

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.”

Emily Thornberry  
Dawn Butler  
Wes Sterling  
Stephen Pound  
Mr Steve Reed

*Not called* **105**

Clause **8**, page **10**, line **31**, at end insert—

“(c) any reports on the impact of the benefit cap on the wellbeing of children made by the:

- (i) Children’s Commissioners for England;
- (ii) Children’s Commissioner for Wales;
- (iii) Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People; and
- (iv) Commissioner for Children and Young People, Northern Ireland, following the introduction of the benefit cap in Northern Ireland.”

Priti Patel

*Agreed to* **91**

Clause **8**, page **11**, line **13**, at end insert—

“( ) Section 176 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (consultation with representative organisations) does not apply in relation to regulations under subsection (4).”

*Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.*

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Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Withdrawn* 15

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.”

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Not called* 39

Clause 9, page 11, line 32, leave out from “relevant sums” to end of subsection and insert “is to increase in line with the consumer price index.”

Neil Coyle

*Not called* 95

Clause 9, page 11, line 33, at end insert—

“(1a) Notwithstanding subsection (1), for each of the tax years ending with 5 April 2017, 5 April 2018, 5 April 2019 and 5 April 2020, the amount of each of the relevant sum claimable by persons with a disability, as defined by the Equality Act 2000, is to increase in line with inflation.”

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Not called* 16

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.”

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Not called* 40

Clause 9, page 11, line 35, leave out from “child benefit” to end of subsection and insert “are to increase in line with the consumer price index.”

**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* 41

Clause 9, page 11, line 37, leave out subsections (3) and (4)

*Clause, agreed to on division.,*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

*Not called* 17

Clause 10, page 12, line 21, leave out 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.”

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

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

*Not called* 42

Clause 10, page 12, line 21, leave out from “relevant amounts” to end of subsection and insert “is to increase in line with the consumer price index.”

Neil Coyle

*Not called* 96

Clause 10, page 12, line 22, at end insert—

- “(1a) Notwithstanding subsection (1), for each of the tax years ending with 5 April 2017, 5 April 2018, 5 April 2019 and 5 April 2020, the amount of each of the relevant amounts claimable by persons with a disability, as defined by the Equality Act 2000, is to increase in line with inflation.”

*Clause agreed to.*

*Schedule agreed to.*

[Adjourned until Tuesday 13 October at 9.25am