



House of Commons

Thursday 17 September 2015

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

WELFARE REFORM AND WORK BILL

[FIFTH AND SIXTH SITTINGS]

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Withdrawn 98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.

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Withdrawn 7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.”

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.

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.

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

Negated 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

Negated 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

Negated 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)

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**

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.

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.

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.,

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