NEW CLAUSE 1; NEW CLAUSE 8; AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSES 9 TO 12

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds
Seema Malhotra
John McDonnell

Caroline Lucas

To move the following Clause—

“Repeal of Tax Credits Regulations 2015
(1) The Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 are repealed.”

Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Neil Gray
Ian Blackford
Corri Wilson
Natalie McGarry
Mhairi Black

Chris Stephens Dr Philippa Whitford

To move the following Clause—

“Tax credit reforms
The measures in this Bill and (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 relating to the award of tax credits and the relevant entitlement within Universal Credit shall not take effect until the
Secretary of State has implemented a scheme for full transitional protection for a minimum of three years for all families and individuals currently receiving tax credits before 5 April 2016, such transitional protection to be renewable after three years with parliamentary approval.”

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Clause 9, page 12, line 2, leave out from “relevant sums” to end of subsection and insert “is to increase in line with the consumer price index.”

Clause 9, page 12, line 6, leave out from “child benefit” to end of subsection and insert “are to increase in line with the consumer price index.”

Clause 9, page 12, line 8, leave out subsections (3) and (4).
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Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Neil Gray
Ian Blackford
Corri Wilson
Natalie McGarry
Mhairi Black
Chris Stephens
Dr Philippa Whitford

Clause 10, page 12, line 36, leave out from “relevant amounts” to end of subsection and insert “is to increase in line with the consumer price index.”

REMAINING NEW CLAUSES AND NEW SCHEDULES; AMENDMENTS TO THE REMAINING CLAUSES OF THE BILL; AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEDULES TO THE BILL AND REMAINING PROCEEDINGS ON CONSIDERATION

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds
Seema Malhotra
John McDonnell

Caroline Lucas

To move the following Clause—

“Assessment of tax credit and benefit reforms on working families

The measures in this Bill shall not take effect until the Secretary of State has laid before both Houses of Parliament an assessment of the cumulative impact and an equalities impact of tax credit and benefit reforms announced in Summer Budget 2015 on working families.”

Paul Blomfield
Neil Coyle
Graham Stuart
Caroline Lucas
Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry

Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

To move the following Clause—

“Personal independence payment: timing of payment

“(1) Schedule 10 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1(1), at start insert “Subject to paragraph ( ),”
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(3) At end of paragraph 1(1), insert the following new paragraph—

“( ) Where a person in receipt of disability living allowance meets the requirements of section 82 of the 2012 Act his or her entitlement to disability living allowance shall terminate immediately and entitlement to personal independence payment shall commence on the same day.”

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds
Caroline Lucas

To move the following Clause—

“Review of application of sanctions

(1) The Secretary of State must before the financial year ending 31 March 2016 provide for a full and independent review of the sanctions regimes attached to working-age benefits, including but not limited to Jobseekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance and Income Support, to determine whether they are effective and proportionate for meeting the Government’s objectives.

(2) The terms of reference for the review must include consideration of—

(a) the application of sanctions to lone parents with dependent children;
(b) the application of sanctions to claimants who are disabled;
(c) the effectiveness of sanctions in moving claimants into sustained work; and
(d) any other matters which the Secretary of State considers relevant.”

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

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.”
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Neil Gray
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Corri Wilson
Natalie McGarry
Mhairi Black

Chris Stephens Dr Philippa Whitford

Not called NC6

To move the following Clause—

“Job quality

(1) The Secretary of State must, in a report issued under section 1 of this Bill information about—

(a) the job quality of new jobs created, as set out in [Definition of job quality] this Act;
(b) the distribution of the quality of jobs by occupation, industry, sector and region; and
(c) the distribution of the quality of jobs by gender, race, disability and age.

(2) Within six months of section 1 of this Act coming into force, the Secretary of State must, by regulation, provide a definition of job quality.

(3) Before issuing regulations under this section the Secretary of State must carry out a public consultation.”

Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Neil Gray
Ian Blackford
Corri Wilson
Natalie McGarry
Mhairi Black

Chris Stephens Dr Philippa Whitford Caroline Lucas

Not called NC7

To move the following Clause—

“Changes to the benefit cap

Changes to the Benefit Cap shall not be made until the Secretary of State has carried out an assessment of the impact on its effect on poverty and laid a report before the House of Commons, The Scottish Parliament, The Northern Ireland Assembly and the National Assembly for Wales.”
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Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Neil Gray
Ian Blackford
Corri Wilson
Natalie McGarry
Mhairi Black

Chris Stephens  Dr Philippa Whitford  Not called NC9

To move the following Clause—

“Universal credit and carers

Claimants in receipt of universal credit who are responsible carers for children are not subject to work focused interviews or work preparation requirements until their youngest child starts school.”

Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Neil Gray
Ian Blackford
Corri Wilson
Natalie McGarry
Mhairi Black

Chris Stephens  Dr Philippa Whitford  Caroline Lucas  Not called NC10

To move the following Clause—

“Changes to age of eligible claimants of housing benefit

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 is amended as follows.

After section 130(1) insert—

“(1A) The Secretary of State shall not make provision about eligibility for housing benefit in respect of the age of a claimant except by primary legislation.””

Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Neil Gray
Ian Blackford
Corri Wilson
Natalie McGarry
Mhairi Black

Chris Stephens  Dr Philippa Whitford  Not called NC11

To move the following Clause—
Entitlement to housing costs element of universal credit for 18-21 year olds

(1) Entitlement to the housing cost element of Universal Credit shall not be restricted for those 18 to 21 year olds who fall into the following categories—

(a) those who have previously been in work;
(b) a person who lives independently;
(c) those with a disability or mental health problem receiving Employment Support Allowance or Income Support;
(d) those with dependent children;
(e) pregnant women;
(f) those who are owed a rehousing duty under—
   (i) section 193 of the Housing Act 1996;
   (ii) section 9 of the Homelessness etc. (Scotland) Act 2003;
   (iii) section 73 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014;
(g) those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who are being assisted by local authority housing teams;
(h) those who are living in statutory or voluntary sector homelessness accommodation;
(i) those who have formerly been homeless and have been supported by voluntary or statutory agencies into accommodation;
(j) those who have formerly been homeless between the ages of 16 and 21;
(k) a person without family or whom social services have found that a home environment is not suitable for them to live in; care leavers and
(l) those leaving custody.

(2) Within three months of section [Entitlement to housing costs element of universal credit for 18-21 year olds] of this Act coming into force, the Secretary of State must, by regulation, provide definitions of—

“a person who lives independently”;
“risk of homelessness” and
“a person without family”.

Review of application of sanctions

(1) The Secretary of State must on commencement of this bill, commence a full and independent review of the sanctions regimes attached to working-age benefits, including but not limited to Jobseekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance and Income Support, to measure the impact on—

(a) to lone parents with dependent children;
(b) claimants who are disabled;
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(c) moving claimants into continuous work;
(d) homeless;
(e) protected characteristics;
(f) long term health conditions;
(g) claimants with mental health disorders and
(h) any other matters which the Secretary of State considers relevant.”

Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Neil Gray
Ian Blackford
Corri Wilson
Natalie McGarry
Mhairi Black
Chris Stephens      Dr Philippa Whitford

Clause 1, page 1, line 3, leave out “Parliament” and insert “the House of Commons, the Scottish Parliament, the Northern Ireland Assembly and the National Assembly for Wales”

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

Clause 1, page 1, line 6, after subsection (1) insert—
“(1A) The Secretary of State must lay a report before Parliament annually on the progress which has been made towards reducing underemployment, and the report must set out how the Secretary of State has interpreted “underemployment” for these purposes.”

Mr David Burrowes

Clause 1, page 1, line 6, at end insert—
“(1A) The Secretary of State must, in the report laid before parliament under Section (1) above, set out the progress which has been made towards halving the gap between the rates of employment of disabled and non-disabled people.
(1B) The Secretary of State must in this report include further information as to—
(a) the overall rates of employment and
(b) the progress of these rates of employment the groups of disabled people set out in subsection (1C) below.
(1C) These groups of disabled people are working age people with—
(a) a learning disability;
(b) autism;
(c) mental health problems;
(d) Regulations may set out other groups of disabled people which are currently marginalised within the labour force and require a specific focus.”
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Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Neil Gray
Ian Blackford
Corri Wilson
Natalie McGarry
Mhairi Black
Chris Stephens
Dr Philippa Whitford

Clause 1, page 1, line 6, at end insert—
“(1A) The Secretary of State will appear before a Committee in each of the Scottish Parliament, Northern Ireland Assembly and the National Assembly for Wales to answer questions about the report.”

Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Neil Gray
Ian Blackford
Corri Wilson
Natalie McGarry
Mhairi Black
Chris Stephens
Dr Philippa Whitford

Clause 1, page 1, line 7, leave out subsection (2)

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds
Caroline Lucas

Clause 4, page 4, line 41, at end insert—
“(e) children living in low-income households.
(f) children living in material deprivation.”

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds
Caroline Lucas

Clause 4, page 5, line 8, at end insert—
“(g) low income.
(h) material deprivation.”

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 5, page 6, line 1, leave out from “describe” to end of line 5.

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Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 5, page 6, line 18, leave out “the United Kingdom” and insert “England or Northern Ireland”.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 6, line 23, leave out “10” and insert “11”.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 6, line 24, at end insert—
“( ) In the italic heading before section 11, omit “Scottish Ministers and”.”

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 6, line 25, leave out subsection (2).

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 7, line 29, at end insert—
“( ) In section 13 (consultation: Scotland and Northern Ireland)—
(a) in subsection (3), omit “a Scottish strategy or”;
(b) in subsection (3), for “devolved administration”, wherever occurring, substitute “relevant Northern Ireland department”;
(c) omit subsection (3)(a);
(d) omit subsection (4);
(e) in the section heading, omit “Scotland and”.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 7, line 30, after “circumstances)” insert “(a)”.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 7, line 30, at end insert—
“(b) for subsection (3) substitute—
“(3) In preparing a Northern Ireland strategy, the relevant Northern Ireland department must have regard to—
(a) the resources that are or may be available to the Northern Ireland departments, and
(b) the effect of the implementation of the strategy on those resources.”.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 7, line 37, leave out “Part 9 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or”.
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Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 8, line 1, leave out “in relation to Northern Ireland”.

Agreed to 11

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 8, line 3, leave out from “1995” to end of line 6.

Agreed to 12

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 8, line 7, at end insert—
“( ) For the heading to Part 1 substitute “Strategies: Northern Ireland”.

Agreed to 13

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 8, leave out lines 19 to 22.

Agreed to 14

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 8, line 31, after “(extent)” insert—
“(a) omit subsection (2);
(b) in subsection (3), for “Section 12” substitute “Part 1”.

Agreed to 15

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Clause 6, page 8, line 32, at end insert—
“( ) In Schedule 1 (Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission), in paragraph 1(1) (membership), omit paragraphs (b) and (c).

Agreed to 16

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Chris Stephens Dr Philippa Whitford

Clause 7, page 8, line 39, leave out subsection (2)

Not called 35

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Mhairi Black

Chris Stephens Dr Philippa Whitford

Clause 7, page 9, line 2, leave out “£23,000 or £15,410” and insert “£26,000 or
£18,200”

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Clause 7, page 9, line 3, leave out “£20,000 or £13,400” and insert “£26,000 or £18,200”

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

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Clause 7, page 9, line 17, leave out paragraph (b)

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Clause 7, page 9, line 19, leave out paragraph (c)
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Clause 7, page 9, line 21, leave out paragraph (d) Not called 41

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Natalie McGarry
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Clause 7, page 9, line 27, leave out paragraph (f) Not called 42

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Clause 7, page 9, line 39, leave out paragraph (k) Not called 43

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Clause 7, page 9, line 41, leave out paragraph (l) Not called 44

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Corri Wilson
Natalie McGarry
Mhairi Black

Chris Stephens  
Dr Philippa Whitford

Clause 7, page 9, line 44, leave out paragraph (n) Not called 45
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Clause 7, page 9, line 46, leave out paragraph (o)

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Clause 7, page 9, line 48, leave out paragraph (p)

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Clause 7, page 10, line 1, leave out subsection (6)

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Chris Stephens   Dr Philippa Whitford   Caroline Lucas

Page 13, line 1, leave out Clause 11
Clause 11, page 13, line 8, leave out “2017” and insert “2022”

Clause 13, page 14, line 26, at end insert—

“(3A) The Secretary of State may not lay an order under section 31 to bring the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) into force until he has laid before both Houses of Parliament a report giving his estimate of the impact of those provisions on persons who would otherwise be entitled to start claiming the work-related activity component of employment and support allowance.

(3B) No order bringing subsections (2) and (3) into force shall be made unless a draft of the order has been laid before and approved by a resolution of both Houses of Parliament.”
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Mr David Burrowes

Clause 13, page 14, line 29, at end insert—

“(5A) The Secretary of State must make provision for additional personalised and specialist employment support in connection with the changes made by 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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Neil Gray

Page 14, line 39, leave out Clause 14

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Page 15, line 1, leave out Clause 15

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Clause 15, page 15, line 4, leave out paragraph (a)

Clause 15, page 15, line 4, 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””

Clause 15, page 15, line 9, after “2,”, insert “3 or 4”

Clause 15, page 15, line 10, leave out paragraph (c)

Clause 15, page 15, line 13, leave out paragraph (a)
Clause 15, page 15, line 13, 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”;

Clause 15, page 15, line 15, leave out paragraph (b)

Page 15, line 18, leave out Clause 16

Page 16, line 7, leave out Clause 17
Clause 17, page 16, line 13, at end insert—
“(4) The regulations must make provision for persons applying for a loan to have access to financial advice, which must be provided free of charge by an organisation independent of the qualifying lender.”

Clause 17, page 16, line 29, at end insert—
“(3A) The regulations must provide for persons in receipt of Support for Mortgage interest at the time the regulations come into force to continue to receive these payments for a period of no less than 12 months before they are required to apply for a loan.”

Clause 18, page 18, line 5, leave out “repealed.” and insert “amended as follows—
(a) insert at the end of subsection 1—
“(1AA) In addition to the conditions set out in subsection 1 a “relevant beneficiary” must be an individual in receipt of pension credit (see section 1 of the State Pension Credit Act 2002).”

Clause 18, page 18, line 6, leave out subsections (2) and (3)

Clause 21, page 21, line 12, at end insert—
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“(7A) 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 and local government.”

Owen Smith
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Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds
Caroline Lucas

Clause 21, page 21, line 12, at end insert—
“(7A) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of this section coming into force, produce a report outlining the impact of the reduction in social housing rents on the availability of accessible and supported housing.”

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds
Caroline Lucas

Clause 22, page 21, line 21, at end insert—
“(c) the accommodation is specified accommodation, as defined in the Housing Benefit and Universal Credit (Supported Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.”

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Schedule 2, page 30, line 17, leave out “in which the tenancy begins” and insert “falling after the beginning of the tenancy”

Bill read the third time on division, and passed.