

Business of the House Commission Bill

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Create a Business of the House Commission to regulate the timetabling of business in the House of Commons; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 The Business of the House Commission

- (1) There shall be a body to be known as the Business of the House Commission to perform functions conferred on it by, or by virtue of, this Act.
- (2) The Commission is to consist of nine members who shall be members of the House of Commons appointed by that House. 5
- (3) No more than one member of the Commission may be a Minister of the Crown.
- (4) The Schedule (which makes further provision about the Commission) has effect.

2 Initial function of the Commission

- (1) The initial function of the Commission shall be, within six months of the date on which this Act is passed, to prepare a report making proposals to regulate the timetabling of business in the House of Commons. 10
- (2) A report prepared in accordance with subsection (1) shall be laid before the House of Commons as soon as practicable after it is agreed to.

3 Further functions of the Commission 15

- (1) A resolution of the House, following on from a report of the Commission under section 2 or this section, may confer functions upon the Commission to regulate the timetabling of business in the House of Commons.
- (2) The Commission may make such further reports as it considers appropriate containing further proposals to regulate the timetabling of business in the House of Commons. 20

- (3) A report prepared in accordance with subsection (2) shall be laid before the House of Commons as soon as practicable after it is agreed to.

4 Commencement and short title

- (1) This Act shall come into force on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.
(2) This Act may be cited as the Business of the House Commission Act 2018.

SCHEDULE

Section 1

THE COMMISSION

- 1 The Commission shall be a body corporate.
- 2 The members of the Commission shall be appointed by a resolution of the House of Commons. 5
- 3 A member of the Commission shall cease to be a member of the Commission if –
 - (a) the member of the Commission ceases to be a member of the House of Commons,
 - (b) a member of the Commission who was not a Minister of the Crown at the time of their appointment becomes a Minister of the Crown, 10
 - (c) a member of the Commission who was a Minister of the Crown at the time of their appointment ceases to be a Minister of the Crown, or
 - (d) another person is appointed by a resolution of the House of Commons in the member's place. 15
- 4 Subject to paragraph 3, a member shall be a member of the Commission for the duration of the Parliament in which that member is appointed.
- 5 The Chair of the Commission shall be chosen by the Commission from amongst its members.
- 6 A Minister of the Crown may not be chosen by the Commission as its Chair. 20
- 7 The Commission may determine its own procedure.
- 8 The Commission may appoint one of its members to act as chair at any meeting of the Commission in place of the Chair.
- 9 The validity of any proceedings of the Commission shall not be affected by any vacancy among the members of the Commission, or by any defect in the appointment of any member of the Commission. 25

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