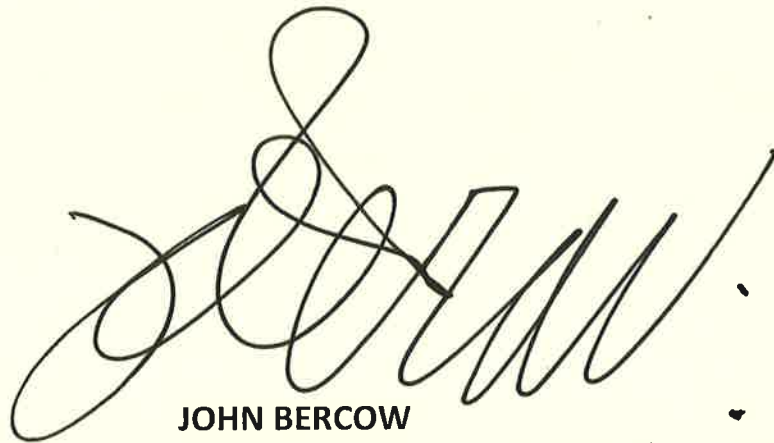


SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

SECURE TENANCIES (VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE) BILL [LORDS]

For the purposes of Standing Order No. 83J, and on the basis of material put before me, I certify that in my opinion the Secure Tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Bill [Lords] (Bill 183) relates exclusively to England on matters within devolved legislative competence, as defined in Standing Order No. 83J.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Bercow', written in a cursive style.

JOHN BERCOW

Speaker

14 March 2018



COUNSEL FOR DOMESTIC LEGISLATION

Mr Speaker

**Advice on Certification Under
Standing Order No. 83J
(English Votes for English Laws)**

Secure Tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Bill [*Lords*]

1. This Bill requires local authorities to grant lifetime tenancies to certain victims of domestic abuse.
2. The entire Bill extends only to England and Wales.
3. **Clause 1** is the only substantive provision of the Bill. It applies to England only, being expressly confined to houses in England. It has no non-minor or non-consequential effect outside England; so it relates exclusively to England for the purposes of Standing Order No. 83J(2), and satisfies the criterion for England-only certification in Standing Order No. 83J(1)(b)(i). It deals with an area of local government housing law that is within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Assembly; so it satisfies the criterion for certification in Standing Order No. 83J(1)(b)(ii).
4. **Clause 2** contains technical provision wholly relating to, and flavoured by, clause 1 – it therefore satisfies the criteria for certification in Standing Order No. 83J(1)(b).

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5. (The Bill does not fall within Standing Order No. 83S – certification of finance Bills, instruments and motions – and therefore the modified terms of Standing Order No. 83J(1) do not apply.)
6. **On the basis of the analysis above, I recommend that you certify the Bill as England-only.**

Daniel Greenberg

14 March 2018