

Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Bill

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON LORDS AMENDMENTS

What these notes do

- 1 These Explanatory Notes relate to the Lords Amendments to the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Bill as brought from the House of Lords on 5 September 2019 (Bill 435).
- 2 These Explanatory Notes have been prepared by the Cabinet Office in order to assist the reader of the Bill with the Lords amendments, and to help inform debate on the Lords amendments. They do not form part of the Bill and have not been endorsed by Parliament.
- 3 These Explanatory Notes, like the Lords amendments themselves, refer to Bill 187, the Bill as first printed for the Lords on the 20 June 2019.
- 4 These Explanatory Notes need to be read in conjunction with the Lords amendments and the text of the Bill. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Lords amendments.
- 5 Lords Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 were tabled in the name of the Minister.
- 6 Lords Amendments 5 and 9 were tabled by Lord Blunkett, and were supported by the Government.
- 7 In the following Commentary, an asterisk (*) appears in the heading of any paragraph that deals with a non-Government amendment.

Commentary on Lords amendments

Lords Amendments to Clause 2: The Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body

Lords Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9

- 8 Lords Amendment 1 would place a duty on the Sponsor Body to require the Delivery Authority, when considering the awarding of a contract in respect of the carrying out of the Parliamentary building works, to have regard to (i) the prospective contractor's policy relating to corporate social responsibility and (ii) the prospective contractor's policies and procedures relating to employment, including those relating to the blacklisting of employees.
- 9 Lords Amendment 2 would place a duty on the Sponsor Body to promote public understanding of the purposes of the Restoration and Renewal Programme. The purposes of

the Restoration and Renewal Programme can be found on the Programme's website¹.

- 10 Lords Amendment 3 would require the Sponsor Body in performing its duties under subsection 2(a) and (b), to make arrangements to seek the views of (a) people employed in or for the purposes of either House of Parliament, (b) people working for members of either House of Parliament (whether or not for payment), and (c) members of the public.
- 11 Lords Amendments 4 and 6 would ensure consistent references to the Parliamentary building works in subsection 2(5).
- 12 Lords Amendment 5* would require the Sponsor Body in exercising its functions to have regard to the need to ensure that, after completion of the Parliamentary building works, all parts of the Palace of Westminster used by people working in it or open to people visiting it, are accessible to people with disabilities.
- 13 Lords Amendment 7 would require the Sponsor Body in exercising its functions to have regard to the need to ensure that the Parliamentary building works are carried out with a view to facilitating improved public engagement with Parliament and participation in the democratic process, especially by means of remote access to Parliament's educational and outreach facilities and programmes.
- 14 Lords Amendment 8 would require the Sponsor Body in exercising its functions to have regard to the special architectural, archeological and historical significance of the Palace of Westminster.
- 15 Lords Amendment 9* would require the Sponsor Body in exercising its functions to have regard to the need to ensure that opportunities to secure economic or other benefits of the Parliamentary building works are available in all areas of the United Kingdom.

Lords Amendments to Schedule 1: The Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body

Lords Amendments 10, 11 and 12

- 16 Lords Amendments 10 and 12 would amend paragraph 27 of Schedule 1 in order that the Sponsor Body must lay its reports before Parliament and publish them in whatever way it considers appropriate.

Lords Amendment 11 would amend paragraph 27 of Schedule 1 in order that the Sponsor Body's reports must include information about persons awarded contracts in respect of the carrying out of the Parliamentary building works, in particular as regards their size and the areas in which they operate.

¹ <https://restorationandrenewal.parliament.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/RR-Vision-and-Strategic-Themes.pdf>

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