
Committee Stage: Tuesday 7 September 2021

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill (Committee Stage Decisions)

This document sets out the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause considered at committee stage. A glossary with key terms can be found at the end of this document.

FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS

Michelle Donelan

Agreed to

That—

1. the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 7 September) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 7 September;
 - (b) at 3.30 pm and 5.30pm on Monday 13 September;
 - (c) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Wednesday 15 September;
 - (d) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 16 September;
 - (e) at 3.30 pm and 5.30pm on Monday 20 September;
 - (f) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Wednesday 22 September;
2. the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

Date	Time	Witness
Tuesday 7 September	Until no later than 10.30 am	Professor Kathleen Stock OBE, Professor of Philosophy, University of Sussex; Dr Arif Ahmed, Reader in Philosophy, University of Cambridge and Fellow of Gonville and Caius College
Tuesday 7 September	Until no later than 11.25 am	Trevor Philips OBE; Professor Nigel Biggar, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology at the University of Oxford
Tuesday 7 September	Until no later than 2.45 pm	Professor Stephen Whittle, Professor of Equalities Law, Manchester Metropolitan University
Tuesday 7 September	Until no later than 3.30 pm	Shakespeare Martineau
Tuesday 7 September	Until no later than 4.15 pm	Policy Exchange

Date	Time	Witness
Tuesday 7 September	Until no later than 5.00 pm	Free Speech Union
Monday 13 September	Until no later than 4.15 pm	Professor Eric Kaufmann, Professor of Politics, Birkbeck College, University of London; Professor Matthew Goodwin, Professor of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent and Director of the Centre for UK Prosperity at the Legatum Institute
Monday 13 September	Until no later than 4.45 pm	British Future
Monday 13 September	Until no later than 5.15 pm	Office for Students
Monday 13 September	Until no later than 6.00 pm	Jonathan Grant, Professor of Public Policy, King's College London; Paul Layzell, Principal, Royal Holloway, University of London
Monday 13 September	Until no later than 6.45 pm	Antisemitism Policy Trust; National Union of Students

3. proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clauses 1 to 9; the Schedule; Clauses 10 to 12; new Clauses; new Schedules; remaining proceedings on the Bill;
4. the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Thursday 23 September.

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That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

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Agreed to

That, at this and any subsequent meeting at which oral evidence is to be heard, the Committee shall sit in private until the witnesses are admitted.

The following Witnesses gave oral evidence:

Professor Kathleen Stock OBE, Professor of Philosophy, University of Sussex, and Dr Arif Ahmed MBE, Reader in Philosophy and Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University

Trevor Phillips OBE and Professor Nigel Biggar CBE, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, Oxford University

Professor Stephen Whittle OBE, Professor of Equalities Law, Manchester Metropolitan University

Smita Jamdar, Partner and Head of Education, Shakespeare Martineau

Thomas Simpson, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Public Policy, University of Oxford, and Associate Fellow, Policy Exchange

Dr Bryn Harris, Chief Legal Counsel, Free Speech Union

Adjourned until Monday 13 September at 3.30 pm

Glossary

Added: New Clause agreed without a vote and added to the Bill.

Agreed to: agreed without a vote.

Agreed to on division: agreed following a vote.

Negated: rejected without a vote.

Negated on division: rejected following a vote.

Not called: debated in a group of amendments, but not put to a decision.

Not moved: not debated or put to a decision.

Question proposed: debate underway but not concluded.

Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.

Not selected: not chosen for debate by the Chair.
