

Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests (Appointment by Parliament) Bill

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Make provision about the appointment by Parliament of an Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the King'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 Appointment by the Prime Minister of an Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests

- (1) The Prime Minister must appoint an Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests ("Independent Adviser").
- (2) The principal duty of the Independent Adviser is to advise the Prime Minister on matters relating to the Ministerial Code. 5
- (3) The terms and conditions of the appointment of the Independent Adviser are to be determined by the Prime Minister.
- (4) If the Prime Minister has not appointed an Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests— 10
 - (a) within three months of the day on which this Act is passed, or
 - (b) within three months of the day on which the post becomes vacant,Parliament may appoint an Independent Adviser.
- (5) The appointment of an Independent Adviser under subsection (4) is to be made by resolution of each House of Parliament. 15
- (6) A motion for a resolution under subsection (5) may be made only—
 - (a) in the House Commons, with the agreement of the Speaker, and
 - (b) in the House of Lords, if the House of Commons has agreed a resolution in the same terms.
- (7) The person the subject of the motion must have been selected by the Speaker of the House of Commons on merit on the basis of fair and open competition. 20

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests (Appointment by Parliament) Act 2023.

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