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Committee Stage: Monday 19 June 2023

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## Victims and Prisoners Bill (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Victims and Prisoners Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

☆ Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance.

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**Edward Argar**

To move, That the Bill be considered in the following order, namely Clauses 1 to 11; Clauses 16 to 21; Clauses 12 to 15; Clauses 22 to 33; Schedule; Clauses 34 to 55; new Clauses; new Schedules; remaining proceedings on the Bill.

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**Edward Argar**

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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**Edward Argar**

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.

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**Dame Maria Miller**

Dame Caroline Dinenage  
Wera Hobhouse  
Mrs Flick Drummond  
Sarah Champion  
Christine Jardine

Kate Kniveton  
Philip Davies  
Ms Harriet Harman  
Charlotte Nichols

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
Sir Chris Bryant  
Mary Robinson

Caroline Lucas  
Dame Margaret Hodge  
Elliot Colburn

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Clause 1, page 1, line 16, at end insert—

- “(e) where a person has entered into a non-disclosure agreement that has the effect of preventing that person from speaking about behaviour that may be criminal misconduct.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment expands the definition of a victim to include those who have signed NDAs which restrict them on speaking about incidents which may constitute criminal misconduct, to recognise that many NDAs include the dropping of allegations as part of a settlement, and to recognise that those who have been legally prevented from speaking about experiences are victimised in the process.

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Layla Moran

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Clause 1, page 1, line 16, at end insert—

- “(e) where the person has experienced, or made allegations that they have experienced—
- (i) sexual abuse, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct, or
  - (ii) bullying or harassment not falling within paragraph (i).”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would extend the definition of “victim” to include someone who has experienced, or made allegations that they have experienced, sexual abuse, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct, or other bullying or harassment.

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Layla Moran

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Clause 2, page 2, line 25, at end insert—

- “(3A) The victims’ code must make provision in relation to people who have experienced, or made allegations that they have experienced—
- (a) sexual abuse, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct, or
  - (b) bullying or harassment not falling within paragraph (a).
- (3B) Provision under subsection (3A) must include—
- (a) provision relating to the enforcement of non-disclosure agreements signed by such victims, and
  - (b) provision about legal advice and other support for such victims in cases where they are asked to sign, or have signed, a non-disclosure agreement.
- (3C) In this section—
- “non-disclosure agreement” means an agreement which purports to any extent to preclude a victim from—
- (a) publishing information about a relevant complaint, or
  - (b) disclosing information about the relevant complaint to any one or more other persons;

“misconduct” means—

- (a) sexual abuse, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct, and
- (b) bullying or harassment not falling within paragraph (a); and

“relevant complaint” means a complaint relating to misconduct or alleged misconduct by any person.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would require the victims' code to include specific provision for people who have experienced, or made allegations that they have experienced, sexual abuse, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct, or other bullying or harassment.

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**Sarah Champion**

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Sir Peter Bottomley  
Charlotte Nichols  
Caroline Lucas  
Priti Patel  
Sir James Duddridge

Apsana Begum  
Sir George Howarth  
Ruth Jones  
Kelly Tolhurst

Mr Jonathan Lord  
Philip Davies  
Debbie Abrahams  
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Lucy Allan  
Rachael Maskell  
Hilary Benn

☆ Clause 2, page 2, line 25, at end insert—

“(3A) The victims' code must—

- (a) require criminal justice bodies to take all reasonable steps to identify and record any change of name by a perpetrator, and
- (b) require criminal justice bodies to inform a relevant victim when a perpetrator changes their name.

(3B) For the purposes of subsection (3A)—

“perpetrator” means a person whose conduct or alleged conduct results in another person being a victim as defined by section 1 of this Act;

“relevant victim” means a person who becomes a victim as a result of the perpetrator's conduct.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would require criminal justice bodies to monitor name changes of perpetrators and inform victims of any name changes.

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**Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck**

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To move the following Clause—

**“Victims of major incidents: registration of death**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 or the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, a qualified informant (within the meaning

in those Acts) may register the death of a person who was a victim of a major incident.

- (2) Subsection (1) applies even if an investigation is conducted under Part 1 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would enable a qualified informant such as a relative of the deceased to provide information to register the death after a major incident.

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## Order of the House

[15 May 2023]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Victims and Prisoners Bill:

**Committal**

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

**Proceedings in Public Bill Committee.**

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 13 July 2023.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

**Consideration and Third Reading**

4. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

**Other proceedings**

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.