

POST OFFICE (HORIZON SYSTEM) OFFENCES BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON LORDS AMENDMENTS

What these notes do

1. These Explanatory Notes relate to the Lords Amendments to the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill as brought from the House of Lords on 23 May 2024 (Bill 228).
2. These Explanatory Notes have been produced by the Department for Business and Trade in order to assist the reader of the Bill and 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 HL Bill 73, the Bill as first printed in the Lords.
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 intended to be, a comprehensive description of the Lords Amendments.
5. Lords Amendments 1 to 2 were tabled in the name of the Minister.

Commentary on Lords Amendments

Lords Amendments to Clause 2

Lords Amendment 1 and 2

1. Lords Amendment 1 is a minor and technical consequential amendment on Lords Amendment 2.
2. Lords Amendment 2 would amend Clause 2(6) to add a paragraph (b). This sets out that an offence will be considered relevant where the offence was alleged to have been committed over a period of time and the Horizon system was being used for the purposes of the post office business for all or part of that period.

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