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Committee Stage: Tuesday 25 February 2025

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# Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) 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 Sitings

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**Andrew Western**

**Agreed to**

That—

1. the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 25 February) meet—
  - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 25 February;
  - (b) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 27 February;
  - (c) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 4 March;
  - (d) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 6 March;
  - (e) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 11 March;
  - (f) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 13 March;
  - (g) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 18 March;
  - (h) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 20 March;
2. the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 10.10 am	Professor Mark Button, University of Portsmouth; Dr Rasha Kassem, Aston University; Professor Michael Levi, Cardiff University
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 10.30 am	Cifas
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 11.00 am	Kristin Jones; NHS Counter Fraud Authority
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 11.25 am	Money and Pensions Service
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 2.30 pm	National Audit Office; HM Revenue & Customs
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 2.50 pm	John Smart
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 3.10 pm	UK Finance
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 3.30 pm	JUSTICE
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 3.50 pm	Public Sector Fraud Authority
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 4.10 pm	Big Brother Watch
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 4.40 pm	Campaign for Disability Justice; Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People
Tuesday 25 February	Until no later than 5.00 pm	Department for Work and Pensions; Cabinet Office

3. proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clauses 1 to 7; Schedule 1; Clauses 8 to 69; Schedule 2; Clauses 70 to 74; Schedule 3; Clauses 75 to 77; Schedule 4; Clauses 78 to 90; Schedule 5; Clause 91; Schedule 6; Clauses 92 to 98; new Clauses; new Schedules; Clauses 99 to 104; 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 20 March.

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 Andrew Western

Agreed to

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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**Andrew Western**

**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 Mark Button**, Director, Centre for Cybercrime and Economic Crime at the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Portsmouth,

**Dr Rasha Kassem**, Senior Lecturer in Accounting, Leader of the Fraud Research Group, Aston University,

**Professor Michael Levi**, Professor of Criminology, Cardiff University,

**Helena Wood**, Director of Public Policy and Strategic Engagement, CIFAS and Fellow at the Centre for Financial Crime and Security Studies, The Royal United Services Institute,

**Kristin Jones**, formerly Serious Fraud Office and Crown Prosecution,

**Alex Rothwell**, Chief Executive, NHS Counter Fraud Authority,

**Anna Hall**, Corporate Director for Debt, Money and Pensions Service,

**Christy McAleese**, Debt Advice Strategy and Policy lead, Money and Pensions Service,

**Joshua Reddaway**, Director of Fraud and Propriety, National Audit Office,

**Richard Las**, Chief Investigation Officer, Director Fraud Investigation Service, HM Revenue & Customs,

**John Smart**, Formerly Partner, Forensics Ernst & Young, and Member of the Public Sector Fraud Authority advisory panel,

**Eric Leenders**, Managing Director, Retail Finance, UK Finance,

**Daniel Cichocki**, Director, Economic Crime Policy and Strategy, UK Finance,

**Ellen Lefley**, Senior Lawyer, JUSTICE,

**Mark Cheeseman OBE**, Chief Executive, Public Sector Fraud Authority,

**Jasleen Chaggar**, Legal and Policy Officer, Big Brother Watch,

**Geoff Fimister**, Head of Policy, Campaign for Disability Justice,

**Rick Burgess**, Outreach and Development Lead, Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People,

**Andrew Western MP**, Minister for Transformation, Department of Work and Pensions,  
**Georgia Gould MP**, Parliamentary Secretary, Cabinet Office.

Adjourned until Thursday at 11.30am

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### 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.

**Not selected:** not chosen for debate by the Chair.

**Question proposed:** debate underway but not concluded.

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