

Digital Economy Bill

AMENDMENTS
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Clause 1

BARONESS JANKE
LORD CLEMENT-JONES

Page 1, line 12, at end insert—

“(2BA) If the universal service order says that broadband connections and services must be provided to any extent, it must require the provision of a social tariff for broadband services which has the aim of preventing digital exclusion.”

After Clause 3

LORD MENDELSON
LORD STEVENSON OF BALMACARA

Insert the following new Clause—

“Separation of Openreach from BT

- (1) The Secretary of State may direct OFCOM to begin the process of legal separation of Openreach from BT.
- (2) OFCOM in carrying out its duties under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) set a date for the separation,
 - (b) conduct a review on the proposed models of separation,
 - (c) prepare and publish an impact assessment outlining the impact OFCOM’s proposals for separation will have, and
 - (d) following publication of the impact assessment, take steps to ensure the new Openreach company has adequate working capital, and all equipment and services necessary for it to carry out its functions to the highest standard.
- (3) The Secretary of State must consult OFCOM before giving a direction under this section.”

After Clause 29

BARONESS JANKE
LORD TOPE

Insert the following new Clause—

“Review of sale on the internet of counterfeit electrical appliances

- (1) Within six months of the coming into force of this Act, the Secretary of State must commission a review of the sale on the internet of counterfeit electrical appliances.
- (2) The review must consider whether operators of trading websites that allow individual sellers to use those websites to sell electrical items should be required to report to the police and trading standards authorities any instances of the selling of counterfeit electrical appliances which are arranged through their website.
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish the report of the review, and lay a copy of the report before each House of Parliament.”

Insert the following new Clause—

“Report of cost to the United Kingdom economy of sale on the internet of counterfeit electrical goods

- (1) Within six months of the coming into force of this Act, the Secretary of State must prepare a report on the cost to the United Kingdom economy of the sale of counterfeit electrical goods on the internet.
- (2) The report must include an assessment of—
 - (a) the quantity of counterfeit electrical goods being imported into the United Kingdom,
 - (b) the efficacy of the Plugs and Sockets etc. (Safety) Regulations 1994 (SI 1994/1768), and
 - (c) the quantity of counterfeit electrical goods being sold on trading websites.
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish the report, and lay a copy of the report before each House of Parliament.”

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