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Noticeboard

Weekly Information Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published on Saturday 15 December 2007

Private Members' Bill Fridays

The Leader of the House has announced that the following Fridays have been allocated for the consideration of Private Members' Bills during the 2007/08 session:

2008: 25 January, 1, 22 and 29 February, 7 and 14 March, 25 April, 9 and 16 May, 6, 13 and 20 June and 17 October.

Presentation Day

The Private Members Ballot Bills were presented to the House on Wednesday 5 December 2007

House of Commons Calendar for 2007/2008 session

The Leader of the House has announced the following provisional recess dates for the 2007/2008 session:

Christmas recess 2007

The House will rise on Tuesday 18 December 2007 and return on Monday 7 January 2008

Spring half term recess 2008

The House will rise on Thursday 7 February 2008 and return on Monday 18 February 2008

Easter recess 2008

The House will rise on Thursday 3 April 2008 and return on Monday 21 April 2008

Whitsun recess 2008

The House will rise on Thursday 22 May 2008 and return on Monday 2 June 2008

Summer recess 2008

The House will rise on Tuesday 22 July 2008 and return on Monday 6 October 2008

<http://www.parliament.uk>

The Parliament website provides information on parliamentary proceedings, membership of both Houses and general information on a wide range of parliamentary matters. See index for material available on the website.

The Week Ahead: 10 – 14 December 2007

Date	Commons Chamber	General Committees	Select Committees	Lords Chamber	Lords Select Committees
Mon 10 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPQ – Culture, Media and Sport; Olympics, including Topical Questions Leg – Planning Bill – Second reading Adj – 2012 Olympics and the North East 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st DLC – Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007 2nd DLC – Draft Conduct of employment... Regulations 2007 3rd DLC – Draft European Communities ... Order 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Affairs Work and Pensions Joint Committee on Human Rights Public Accounts Welsh Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral Questions Leg – Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [HL] (Committee stage 3rd day) Leg – Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [HL] (Committee stage 1st day, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.30pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Sub-Comm B
Tues 11 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPQ – Justice, including Topical Questions Deb – European Affairs Adj – Funding for schools in Shropshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th DLC – Draft Financial Assistance Scheme... Regulations 2007 PBC – Housing and Regeneration Bill ESC – Funding of Political Parties (11559/07) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasury Home Affairs Environmental Audit Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Culture, Media and Sport Public Accounts Environmental Audit Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral Questions Leg – Climate Change Bill (Committee stage 1st day) Leg – Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [HL] (Committee stage 2nd day, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.30pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science and Technology Sub-Comm Economic Affairs European Union Comm
Weds 12 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPQ – Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Prime Minister Deb – Opposition Day (4th allotted day) – Liberal Democrat motions; i) Northern Rock and the Banking System The Military covenant Adj – Assisted reproduction services in the NHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WGC – to consider the matter of the Government's Legislative Programme as outlined in the Queen's Speech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Development Innovation, Universities and Schools Joint Committee on Human Rights Treasury Sub-Committee Transport Foreign Affairs Public Accounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral Questions Leg – Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [HL] (Committee stage 4th day) Leg – Local Transport Bill [HL] (Committee stage day 2, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.45pm) Del Leg – Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Business (Amendment) Regulations 2007 Deb – on the European Union Committee Report titled European Wine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Comm on Human Rights Communications Constitution EU Sub-Comm D EU Sub-Comm E EU Sub-Comm F
Thurs 13 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPQ – Church Commissioners, Public Accounts Commission and Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission; Solicitor General; Women and Equality; Leader of the House of Commons and House of Commons Commission, Business Statement – Leader of the House Topical Debate – the Leg – Crossrail Bill – Remaining stages Adj – Operation of the UK/Pakistan Judicial Protocol on Children Matters: the Akhtar family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th DLC – Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007 PBC – Housing and Regeneration Bill 6th DLC – Draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Public Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral Questions Deb – on the causes and consequences of conflict in Africa; on the ease of the construction of a Severn Barrage Del Leg – Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007; Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007 Del Leg – Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007; European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement on Enlargement of the European Economic Area) Order 2007; Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007; Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (Grand Committee, Moses Room, 2.00pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Sub-Comm G
Fri 14 Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The House will not be sitting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leg – Disabled Persons (Independent Living) Bill [HL] (Second reading) Leg – Powers of Entry Bill [HL] (Second reading) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Order of Oral Questions
(Next Sitting period N.B. All dates are provisional)

Monday 5th November – Thursday 13th December 2007

Mon. 5 Nov	Tues. 6 Nov	Wed. 7 Nov	Thurs. 8 Nov
• None	• None	• None	• None
Mon. 12 Nov	Tues. 13 Nov	Wed. 14 Nov	Thurs. 15 Nov
• Children, Schools and Families	• Health	• Northern Ireland • Prime Minister	• Innovation, Universities and Skills
Mon. 19 Nov	Tues. 20 Nov	Wed. 21 Nov	Thurs. 22 Nov
• Work and Pensions	• Foreign and Commonwealth Office	• Wales • Prime Minister	• Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform
Mon. 26 Nov	Tues. 27 Nov	Wed. 28 Nov	Thu. 29 Nov
• Home Office	• Communities and Local Government	• Scotland • Prime Minister	• Treasury
Mon. 3 Dec	Tues. 4 Dec	Wed. 5 Dec	Thu. 6 Dec
• Defence	• Transport	• International Development • Prime Minister	• Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Mon. 10 Dec	Tues. 11 Dec	Wed. 12 Dec	Thu. 13 Dec
• Culture, Media and Sport • Olympics	• Justice	• Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster • Prime Minister	• Church Commissioners Public Accounts Commission and Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission • Solicitor General • Women and Equality • Leader of the House • House of Commons Commission
Mon. 17 Dec	Tues. 18 Dec	Wed. 19 Dec	Thu. 20 Dec
• Children, Schools and Families	• Health	• None	• None

*Remit-

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster also answers on behalf of the Cabinet Office.

The hon. Member representing the House of Commons commission also answers on behalf of the Finance and Services Committee.

The Minister of State for Justice, also answers on behalf of the Lord Chancellor and the Privy Council office

The Secretary of State for Scotland also answers on behalf of the Advocate General.

The Solicitor General also answers on behalf of the Attorney General.

Order of Oral Questions
(Next Sitting period N.B. All dates are provisional)

Monday 7th January – Thursday 28th February 2008

Mon. 7 Jan	Tues. 8 Jan	Wed. 9 Jan	Thurs. 10 Jan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work and Pensions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign and Commonwealth Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Ireland • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities and Skills
Mon. 14 Jan	Tues. 15 Jan	Wed. 16 Jan	Thurs. 17 Jan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Local Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wales • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform
Mon. 21 Jan	Tues. 22 Jan	Wed. 23 Jan	Thurs. 24 Jan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasury
Mon. 28 Jan	Tues. 29 Jan	Wed. 30 Jan	Thu. 31 Jan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture, Media and Sport • Olympics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Development • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Mon. 4 Feb	Tues. 5 Feb	Wed. 6 Feb	Thu. 7 Feb
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children, Schools and Families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Commissioners • Public Accounts Commission and Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission • Solicitor General • Women and Equality • Leader of the House • House of Commons Commission
Mon. 18 Feb	Tues. 19 Feb	Wed. 20 Feb	Thu. 21 Feb
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work and Pensions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign and Commonwealth Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Ireland • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities and Skills
Mon. 25 Feb	Tues. 26 Feb	Wed. 27 Feb	Thu. 28 Feb
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Local Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wales • Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

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Order of Oral Questions
(Next Sitting period N.B. All dates are provisional)

Monday 3rd March – Thursday 3rd April 2008

Mon. 3 March	Tues. 4 March	Wed. 5 March	Thu. 6 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scotland Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasury
Mon. 10 March	Tues. 11 March	Wed. 12 March	Wed. 13 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture, Media and Sport Olympics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Development Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Mon. 17 March	Tues. 18 March	Wed. 19 March	Thu. 20 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children, Schools and Families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Commissioners Public Accounts Commission and Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission Solicitor General Women and Equality Leader of the House House of Commons Commission
Mon. 24 March	Tues. 25 March	Wed. 26 March	Thu. 27 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign and Commonwealth Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Ireland Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation, Universities and Skills
Mon. 31 March	Tues. 1 April	Wed. 2 April	Thu. 3 April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work and Pensions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities and Local Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wales Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

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Business of the House of Commons 3 – 7 December 2007

Monday 3 December

The House sat at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Defence, including Topical Questions

Legislation – Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill – Remaining stages
(As amended, considered; read a Third time)

Adjournment – Healthcare provisions – Dr Richard Taylor

The House rose at 9.30 pm

Tuesday 4 December

The House sat in Westminster Hall between 9.30am-2.00pm

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

09.30-11.00	Development in Aylesbury – John Bercow
11.00-12.30	Public service television for children – Mr Neil Gerrard
12.30-13.00	Legal process in relation to custody of and access to children – Mr Frank Doran
13.00-13.30	Ministerial accountability to Parliament – Mr Mark Harper
13.30-14.00	Women and girls' football – Mr Richard Caborn

The House sat at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Transport, including Topical Questions

Oral Statement – Nimrod XV230 – Des Browne

Debate – Opposition Day (3rd allotted day) – i) Funding of political parties (Motion, as amended, agreed to); ii) Performance of the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Motion, as amended, agreed to)

Adjournment – Health and Safety in graveyards – John Mann (Withdrawn)

The House rose at 10.30 pm

Wednesday 5 December

The House sat in Westminster Hall between 9.30am-5.00pm

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

09.30-11.00	Impact of Christianophobia on communities – Mark Pritchard
11.00-11.30	Crime related to identity and internet fraud – Tom Brake
14.30-16.00	Sentencing for fatal hit and run accidents – Jeff Ennis
16.00-16.30	Public service broadcasting obligations and ITV regional programming – Mr John Grogan
16.30-17.00	Planning and housing in Mid Dorset and North Poole constituency – Annette Brooke

The House sat at 11.30am

Oral Questions – International Development; Prime Minister

Statement – Prisons (Carter Review) – Mr Jack Straw

Statement – Benefits Up-rating – Mr Mike O'Brien

Presentation of Bill – Pensions – Mr Peter Hain (Bill presented and read a first time)

Debate – Estimates (1st Allotted Day) – i) Standards of Conduct in Public Life; ii) Benefits Simplification

Presentation of Bill – Consolidated Fund Bill – Jane Kennedy (Bill presented and read a first time)

Adjournment – Scallop dredging in Lyme Bay – Mr Oliver Letwin

The House rose at 7.31pm

Thursday 6 December

The House sat at 10.30am

Oral Questions – Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, including Topical Questions

Oral Statement – Annual uprating of Local Authorities Allocations

Business Statement – Leader of the House

Legislation – Consolidated Fund Bill – First, Second and Third readings

Topical Debate – Health consequences and availability of cheap alcohol

Debate – On fisheries

Adjournment – Rail services to Enfield North – Joan Ryan

The House sat in Westminster Hall between 2.30 and 5.30pm

Westminster Hall – Debate on the report from International Development Committee on DFID assistance to Burmese internally displaced people and refugees on the Thai-Burma border

The House rose at 6.30 pm

Friday 7 December

The House did not sit

**Written Ministerial Statements
3 – 7 December 2007**

- 3.12.07 ECOFIN (4 December 2007) – Mr Alistair Darling
- 3.12.07 ECOFIN (13 November 2007) – Mr Alistair Darling
- 3.12.07 C-17 Globemaster – Des Browne
- 3.12.07 Marine Services – Des Browne
- 3.12.07 CJD Surveillance Unit (Annual Report) – Dawn Primarolo
- 3.12.07 Cancer Reform Strategy – Alan Johnson
- 3.12.07 Special Disability Employment Services – Mrs Anne McGuire
- 4.12.07 Tax Information Exchange (UK and Bermuda) – Jane Kennedy
- 4.12.07 One Northeast Regional Development Agency – Mr Stephen Timms
- 4.12.07 Infrastructure for Housing – Yvette Cooper
- 4.12.07 Nimrod XV230 – Des Browne
- 4.12.07 Authorisations of NHS Foundation Trusts – Mr Ben Bradshaw
- 4.12.07 Bus Passenger Representative Body Consultation – Ms Rosie Winterton
- 4.12.07 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (5-6 December) – Mr James Plaskitt
- 4.12.07 Housing and Regeneration Bill Contingency Fund – Yvette Cooper
- 5.12.07 Building and Regulations 2000 and the Building (Approved Inspectors etc) Regulations 2000 – Mr Iain Wright
- 5.12.07 Local Government – John Healey
- 5.12.07 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (5-6 December 2007) – Dawn Primarolo
- 5.12.07 Stroke Strategy for England – Alan Johnson
- 5.12.07 “Valuing People Now” – Alan Johnson
- 5.12.07 Animal Procedures – Meg Hillier
- 5.12.07 Immigration (Migration Reform) – Jacqui Smith
- 5.12.07 Justice and Home Affairs Council (6-7 December) – Meg Hillier
- 5.12.07 ICL Plastics Ltd/ICL Tech Ltd Plastics – Mr Peter Hain
- 6.12.07 Financial Inclusion – Kitty Ussher
- 6.12.07 Pre-Budget Report (Consultation) – Jane Kennedy
- 6.12.07 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill – Mr Stephen Timms
- 6.12.07 (Adoptions) Guatemala – Kevin Brennan
- 6.12.07 Supporting People – Yvette Cooper

- 6.12.07 Greater London Authority – John Healey
- 6.12.07 UK Hydrographic Office – Derek Twigg
- 6.12.07 Women’s Land Army/Women’s Timber Corps – Hilary Benn
- 6.12.07 General Affairs and External Relations Council – Mr Jim Murphy
- 6.12.07 Police Funding (2008-09 to 2010-11) – Jacqui Smith
- 6.12.07 Police Officer Pay – Jacqui Smith
- 6.12.07 Counter-Terrorism – Jacqui Smith
- 6.12.07 Corston Report – Mr David Hanson
- 6.12.07 A303 Stonehenge – Mr Tom Harris
- 6.12.07 EU Transport Council – Ms Rosie Winterton
- 6.12.07 National Bus Concessionary Fares – Ms Rosie Winterton
- 6.12.07 Benefit Uprating – Mr Peter Hain

**Forthcoming Business of the House of Commons
10 – 14 December 2007**

Monday 10 December

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Culture, Media and Sport; Olympics, including Topical Questions

Legislation – Planning Bill – Second reading

Adjournment – 2012 Olympics and the North East – Dr Ashok Kumar

Tuesday 11 December

The House will sit in Westminster Hall between 9.30am-5.00pm

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

09.30-11.00	Future funding of canals – Michael Fabricant
11.00-12.30	Malaysian campaign veterans – Mr Don Touhig
12.30-13.00	Protection of vulnerable adults in residential nursing and care homes – Mr Phil Willis
13.00-13.30	Proposed closure of Cadbury's Somerdale factory at Keynsham, North East Somerset – Dan Norris
13.30-14.00	Train services stopping in Penrith from 2008 – David Maclean

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Justice, including Topical Questions

Oral Statement – Children's Plan

Debate – European Affairs

Adjournment – Funding for schools in Shropshire – Mr Owen Paterson

Wednesday 12 December

The House will sit in Westminster Hall between 9.30am-5.00pm

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

09.30-11.00	Future of UK car manufacturing – Mr Lindsay Hoyle
11.00-11.30	Train services to Nuneaton – Mr Bill Oler
14.30-16.00	Government plans for expansion at Heathrow – Mr John Randall
16.00-16.30	NHS services in Taunton Deane – Mr Jeremy Browne
16.30-17.00	Government funding for the cost of cleaning up chewing gum – Mr Graham Allen

The House will sit at 11.30am

Oral Questions – Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Prime Minister

Debate – Opposition Day (4th allotted day) – Liberal Democrat motions; i) Northern Rock and the Banking System
ii) The Military covenant

Adjournment – Assisted reproduction services in the NHS – Dr Ian Gibson

Thursday 13 December

The House will sit at 10.30am

Oral Questions – Church Commissioners; Public Accounts Commission and Speaker’s Committee on the Electoral Commission; Solicitor General; Women and Equality; Leader of the House of Commons and House of Commons Commission

Business Statement – Leader of the House

Topical Debate – ***

Legislation – Crossrail Bill – Remaining stages

Adjournment – Operation of the UK/Pakistan Judicial Protocol on Children Matters: the Akhtar family – Paul Rowen

The House will sit in Westminster Hall between 2.30 and 5.30pm

Westminster Hall – Debate on the Tenth and Seventeenth Reports of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2006-07, on the Treatment of Asylum Seekers, HC 60-I

Friday 14 December

The House will not be sitting

* Details known previous Thursday after 1.00pm

** There are no Westminster Hall Adjournment Debates scheduled

*** Details known the previous Monday evening and will appear in Tuesday’s Order Paper

**Provisional Forthcoming Business of the House of Commons
17 – 21 December 2007**

Monday 17 December

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Children, Schools and Families, including Topical Questions

Oral Statement – European Council

Legislation – National Insurance Contributions Bill – Second reading

Adjournment – Post Office closures in Adur and Worthing – Tim Loughton

Tuesday 18 December

The House will sit in Westminster Hall between 9.30am-5.00pm

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates – *

The House will sit at 11.30am

Oral Questions – Health, including Topical Questions

Motion – on the Christmas Recess

Adjournment – Regulation of debt collection agencies and the death of Mrs Beryl Brazier

Wednesday 19 December

The House will not be sitting

Thursday 20 December

The House will not be sitting

Friday 21 December

The House will not be sitting

*Details known previous Thursday after 1.00pm

** There are no Westminster Hall Adjournment Debates scheduled

*** Details known the previous Monday evening and will appear in Tuesday's Order Paper

**Forthcoming Business of the House of Lords
10 – 14 December 2007**

Monday 10 December (2.30pm)

Oral questions – Lord Ahmed to ask Her Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking through the United Nations and European Union to promote the rights to self-determination of the people of Kosovo. Lord Dubs to ask Her Majesty’s Government what action they propose to take to encourage shops, offices and other workplaces to save energy by switching off unnecessary electrical equipment such as lights, computers and fax machines especially at night and during weekends and holidays. Lord Morris of Manchester to ask Her Majesty’s Government what further consideration they are giving to the problems and needs of veterans of the 1990-91 Gulf War with still medically unexplained illnesses, and of the dependants of those who have died since the conflict. Lord Tebbit to ask Her Majesty’s Government why they did not answer Lord Tebbit’s Written Question (HL5443) concerning the apportionment of the time of Mr Des Browne MP between his duties as Secretary of State for Defence and Secretary of State for Scotland, tabled on 9 October and due for answer on 23 October, before Prorogation on 30 October; and why they have not written to him on this matter

Legislation – Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [HL] (Committee stage 3rd day)

Legislation – Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [HL] (Committee stage 1st day, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.30pm)

Question for short debate – on the support to be given to Liverpool in preparation for its role as European Capital of Culture 2008 (L. Harrison)

Tuesday 11 December (2.30pm)

Oral questions – Lord Bishop of Liverpool to ask Her Majesty’s Government what progress they have made towards acceding to the United Nations Convention on the Law of Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (UN Watercourse Convention), which seeks to alleviate tensions between nations with shared water resources. Baroness Stern to ask Her Majesty’s Government what projections they have made of the anticipated size of the prison population in England and Wales in 2010. Lord Ezra to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they will be taking new initiatives to stimulate energy saving

Legislation – Climate Change Bill (Committee stage 1st day)

Legislation – Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [HL] (Committee stage 2nd day, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.30pm)

Wednesday 12 December (3.00pm)

Oral questions – Baroness Knight of Collingtree to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they have any plans to intervene in the workings of the Family Courts to ensure full reasons are provided for parents whose children are removed from their care. Baroness Finlay of Llandaff to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they are considering making the oral contraceptive pill directly available from community pharmacists. Lord Ramsbotham to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they have any plans to remove Crown immunity from prisons insofar as health and safety legislation is concerned

Legislation – Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [HL] (Committee stage 4th day)

Legislation – Local Transport Bill [HL] (Committee stage day 2, Grand Committee, Moses Room, 3.45pm)

Delegated Legislation – Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Business (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – motion to approve

Debate – on the European Union Committee Report titled European Wine: A Better Deal for All (L. Sewel)

Thursday 13 December (11.00am)

Oral questions – Lord Avebury to ask Her Majesty’s Government what representations they have received against the use of x-rays as an aid to age determination in immigration control. Earl of Sandwich to ask Her Majesty’s Government what progress they are making with their hearts and minds campaign among the people of Afghanistan. Baroness Gardner of Parkes to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether patients at end of life are receiving the care to which they are entitled under the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare which came into operation on 1 October

Debate – on the causes and consequences of conflict in Africa, and to move for papers (L. Alton of Liverpool); on the case of the construction of a Severn Barrage, and to move for papers (L. Livsey of Talgarth)

Delegated Legislation – Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007; Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007 – motions to approve

Delegated Legislation – Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007; European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement on Enlargement of the European Economic Area) Order 2007; Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007; Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – motions to approve (Grand Committee, Moses Room, 2.00pm)

Friday 14 December (10.00am)

Legislation – Disabled Persons (Independent Living) Bill [HL] (Second reading)

Legislation – Powers of Entry Bill [HL] (Second reading)

**Provisional Future Business of the House of Lords
17 - 21 December 2007**

Monday 17 December (2.30pm)

Oral questions – Lord Trefgarne to ask Her Majesty’s Government what is the gross revenue to public funds from taxes and duties paid by motorists; and what proportion of this sum is spent on roads and related items. Baroness Hollis of Heigham to ask Her Majesty’s Government when they will report on their commitment to help women buy back additional National Insurance years. Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they will explain the statement by the Post Office that no Post Office closure decisions will be made before the local elections on 1 May 2008. Earl Attlee to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether the Future Rapid Effect System fleet of future armoured vehicles will be able to operate in all environmental conditions that it might encounter

Legislation – Climate Change Bill [HL] (Committee stage, day 2).

Legislation – Local Transport Bill [HL] (Committee stage, day 3, Grand Committee, Moses Room 3.45pm)

Tuesday 18 December (2.30pm)

Oral questions – Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they have made an assessment of what the impact would be on the United Kingdom’s trade with the European Union and the jobs which depend on it if the United Kingdom were to leave the European Union and continue in free trade and inter-governmental collaboration with the remaining Member States. Baroness Chapman to ask Her Majesty’s Government when sections 32 to 36 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Taxi accessibility regulations) will be brought into force. Lord Tyler to ask Her Majesty’s Government what has been the total cost of Government-funded research into organophosphates and human health since 1992

Legislation – Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill (Second reading)

Wednesday 19 December (3.00pm)

This House will not be sitting

Thursday 20 December (11.00am)

This House will not be sitting

Friday 21 December (10.00am)

This House will not be sitting

Legislation – General Notes

In the list of Bills which follows, the type of Bill is shown at the left-hand margin next to the title by the following codes:

G	Government Bills
C	Consolidation Bills
B	Private Members' Bills (under the ballot procedure). The number after refers to position in ballot
P	Private Members' Bills (under SO No 57)
T	Private Members' Bills (under the Ten Minute Rule, SO No 23)
L	Private Members' Bills starting in the House of Lords
[HL]	Bill starting in the House of Lords
HYBRID	Public Bill which affects private interests of particular persons or corporate bodies as distinct from the private interests of all persons or bodies

Abbreviations:

1R	First reading: date of presentation (formal, no debate)
2R	Second reading (debate on the principle(s) of the Bill)
MR	Money resolution (normally taken after 2R only shown in the list if taken at another time)
GM	Guillotine Motion
SRC	Second Reading Committee (2R taken in Committee: formal 2R in whole House next day unless otherwise stated)
SGC/WGC	Scottish or Welsh Grand Committee consideration of principles (equates with SRC)
PBC	Public Bill Committee in the House of Commons
Comm	Committee of the Whole House
Comm**	House of Lords Grand Committee, taken in a committee room
JCCB	Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills
JC TLRB	Joint Committee on Tax Law Re-write Bills (the date indicates the date on which the Bill was committed to the Joint Committee).
SC	Standing Committee
SSC/SSSC	Special Standing Committee/Special Scottish Standing Committee on a Bill, where public evidence is taken
CN	Committee negatived. (Indicates that there was no debate at committee stage in the House of Lords)
OCD	Order of Commitment discharged (no debate at committee stage in the House of Lords)
Rep	Report stage (detailed review of the Bill as amended in committee)
3R	Third reading (final debate on the Bill)
RS	Remaining stages of a bill on the same day (usually report stage and third reading)
LA	Lords' amendments considered in the House of Commons
CA	Commons' amendments considered in the House of Lords
RA	Bill formally becomes an Act of Parliament
CH	Chapter number
CO	Carry-over Motion
RC	Re-committal to a Public Bill Committee, or to Committee stage in House of Lords
Prog	Programme Motion
ATM	Allocation of Time Motion
SelCom	Bill referred to a Select Committee
<i>Prov 2R (Rep,3R)</i>	Provisional date for 2R of a Bill etc. For Private Members' Bills (if set down for a Private Members' Bill Friday) this is followed, by the position of the Bill in the order of business for that day.
Pri	Private sitting (can occur at any stage)
*	Indicates proceedings were formal with no debate
#	Member in charge has named a date for consideration which is not a Private Members' Bill Friday, therefore the Bill will not be debated.
Deb adj	Debate adjourned
Order for 2nd	
Reading lapsed	Bill has not been printed, therefore does not appear on the order paper on the named day
Dropped	Day for the next reading has not been named or time has run out for the Bill to be considered
Withdrawn	Member in charge has withdrawn the Bill
Stood over	Fewer than 40 Members present at a division, question not decided and business under consideration stood over until next sitting of the House

Complete list of Public Bills before Parliament this Session

The following is a list of Public Bills which are before Parliament this session, with the exception of Order Confirmation Bills.

To save space, the list is abbreviated. The title of the Bill is followed by the name of the Member and/or Peer sponsoring it. The letter denotes the type of Bill (see Legislation – General Notes). This is followed by the Bill number(s) with full bill reprints indicated by the use of bold. Then follow the dates of the various stages. All forthcoming, and therefore provisional, dates are italicised. Government Bills are listed in bold type.

For an explanation of Parliamentary consideration of Public Bills see HCIO Factsheets L1 and L2

ALCOHOL LABELLING [HL] (L) Lords: (10) *1R: 22.11.2007 <i>Prov 2R: No date</i>	Lord Mitchell
ANIMALS ACT 1971 (AMENDMENT) (B6) Commons: (18) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 14.3.2008 (1)</i>	Stephen Crabb
BOROUGH FREEDOM (B15) Commons: (23) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 1.2.2008 (4)</i>	Derek Conway
BRITISH BOARD OF FILM CLASSIFICATION (ACCOUNTABILITY TO PARLIAMENT AND APPEALS) (B4) Commons: (16) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 29.2.2008 (1)</i>	Julian Brazier
CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK (SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS) (G) Commons: (4) *1R: 8.11.2007 2R: 20.11.2007 Prog: 20.11.2007 MR: 20.11.2007 PBC: 4.12.2007 <i>Prov Rep: No date</i>	Ruth Kelly
CHILD MAINTENANCE AND OTHER PAYMENTS (G) (introduced in 2006-07 and carried over to 2007-08) Commons: (118, 156, 2006-07) 1R: 5.6.2007 2R: 4.7.2007 Prog: 4.7.2007 CO: 4.7.2007 MR: 4.7.2007 PBC: 17, 19 & 24.7; 9, 11 & 16.10.2007 Commons: (3, 2007-08) 1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 7.11.2007 Rep: 3.12.2007 3R: 3.12.2007 Lords: (12, 2007-08) *1R: 4.12.2007 <i>Prov 2R: 18.12.2007</i>	John Hutton
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS [HL] (G) Lords: (8) *1R: 14.11.2007 2R: 26.11.2007 <i>Prov Comm**: No date</i>	Lord Adonis
CLIMATE CHANGE [HL] (G) Lords: (9) *1R: 14.11.2007 2R: 27.11.2007 <i>Prov Comm: 11.12.2007</i>	Lord Rooker
CONSOLIDATED FUND (G) Commons: (14) *1R: 5.12.2007 2R: 6.12.2007 3R: 6.12.2007	Jane Kennedy
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND IMMIGRATION (G) (introduced in 2006-07 and carried over to 2007-08) Commons: (130, 2006-07) 1R: 26.6.2007 2R: 8.10.2007 Prog: 8.10.2007 MR: 8.10.2007 CO: 8.10.2007 PBC: 16, 18, 23 & 25.10.2007 Commons: (1, 2007-08) 1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 7.11.2007 PBC: 20, 22, 27 & 29.11.2007 <i>Prov Rep: No date</i>	David Hanson

CROSSRAIL (HYBRID BILL) (H) (introduced in 2004-05, carried over to 2005-06, carried over to 2006-07 and carried over to 2007-08)	Douglas Alexander
Commons: (62, 2004-05) *1R: 22.2.2005 CO: 7.4.2005	
Lords: (, 2004-05) CO: 7.4.2005 CO: 7.4.2005 CO: 7.4.2005	
Commons: (1, 2005-06) *1R: 18.5.2005 2R: 19.7.2005 MR: 19.7.2005	
SelCom: 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 & 31.1; 1, 7, 8, 9, 15 & 28.2; 1, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 23, 28, 29 & 30.3; 18, 19, 20 & 27.4; 2, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23 & 24.5; 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29.6; 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 25 & 26.7; 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 & 24.10.2006 CO: 31.10.2006	
Lords: (, 2005-06) CO: 6.11.2006 CO: 6.11.2006 CO: 6.11.2006	
Commons: (2, 163, 2006-07) *1R: 16.11.2006 *2R: 16.11.2006	
PBC: 16, 17, 18, 25, 30 & 31.1; 6, 7, 8, 20, 21 & 27.2; 1, 13, 14, 20, 22 & 28.3; 10 & 12.7; 9.10.2007	
CO: 23.10.2007	
Lords: (, 2006-07) CO: 25.10.2007	
Commons: (5, 2007-08) *1R: 8.11.2007 *2R: 8.11.2007 PBC: 22 & 27.11.2007	
<i>Prov Rep: 13.12.2007 Prov 3R: 13.12.2007</i>	
DISABLED PERSONS (INDEPENDENT LIVING) [HL] (L)	Lord Ashley of Stoke
Lords: (4) *1R: 7.11.2007 <i>Prov 2R: 14.12.2007</i>	
DISQUALIFICATION FROM PARLIAMENT (TAXATION STATUS) (B20)	Gordon Prentice
Commons: (24) *1R: 5.12.2007 <i>Prov 2R: 25.1.2008 (3)</i>	
DORMANT BANK AND BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNTS [HL] (G)	Lord Davies of Oldham
Lords: (2) *1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 21.11.2007 <i>Prov Comm**: 10.12.2007</i>	
EDUCATION AND SKILLS (G)	Ed Balls
Commons: (12) *1R: 28.11.2007 <i>Prov 2R: No date</i>	
EMPLOYMENT BILL [HL] (G)	Lord Jones of Birmingham
Lords: () *1R: 6.12.2007	
ENERGY SAVING (DAYLIGHT) (B2)	Tim Yeo
Commons: (21) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 7.3.2008 (2)</i>	
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (AIRPORTS) (B17)	Justine Greening
Commons: (34) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 14.3.2008 (2)</i>	
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (TRANSFERS AT SEA) (B8)	Mark Lazarowicz
Commons: (20) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 25.1.2008 (2)</i>	
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (FINANCE) (G)	Alistair Darling
Commons: (2) *1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 19.11.2007 Prog: 19.11.2007 MR: 19.11.2007	
<i>Prov PBC: No date</i>	
FIXED TERM PARLIAMENT (B12)	David Howarth
Commons: (30) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 16.5.2008 (1)</i>	
FOOD PRODUCTS (MARKETING TO CHILDREN) (B7)	Nigel Griffiths
Commons: (19) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 25.4.2008 (1)</i>	
FORCES WIDOWS' PENSIONS (EQUALITY OF TREATMENT) (B13)	Michael Mates
Commons: (31) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 1.2.2008 (3)</i>	
FOREIGN NATIONALS (STATISTICS) (B19)	William Cash
Commons: (36) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 9.5.2008 (1)</i>	
HEALTH AND SAFETY (OFFENCES) (B9)	Keith Hill
Commons: (29) *1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed) <i>Prov 2R: 1.2.2008 (2)</i>	
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (G)	Alan Johnson
Commons: (9) *1R: 15.11.2007 2R: 26.11.2007 Prog: 26.11.2007 MR: 26.11.2007	
<i>Prov PBC: No date</i>	
HOUSE OF LORDS [HL] (L)	Lord Steel of Aikwood
Lords: (3) *1R: 7.11.2007 2R: 30.11.2007 <i>Prov Comm: No date</i>	

HOUSING AND REGENERATION (G)				Hazel Blears
Commons: (8)	*1R: 15.11.2007	2R: 27.11.2007	Prog: 27.11.2007 MR: 27.11.2007	
<i>Prov PBC: 11.12.2007</i>		<i>Prov PBC: 13.12.2007</i>		
HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY [HL] (G)				Lord Darzi of Denham
Lords: (6, 6)	*1R: 8.11.2007	2R: 19 & 21.11.2007	Comm: 3 & 4.12.2007	
<i>Prov Comm: 10.12.2007</i>				
KIDNEY TRANSPLANT [HL] (L)				Baroness Finlay of Llandaff
Lords: (11)	*1R: 28.11.2007	<i>Prov 2R: No date</i>		
LEASEHOLD REFORM (B14)				Simon Hughes
Commons: (32)	*1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)		2R: 22.2.2008 (2)	
LOCAL TRANSPORT [HL] (G)				Lord Bassam of Brighton
Lords: (1)	*1R: 7.11.2007	2R: 20.11.2007	<i>Prov Comm**: 6.12.2007</i>	
NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS (G)				Alistair Darling
Commons: (7)	*1R: 12.11.2007	<i>Prov 2R: 17.12.2007</i>		
PENSIONS (G)				Peter Hain
Commons: (25)	*1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)		<i>Prov 2R: No date</i>	
PLANNING (G)				Hazel Blears
Commons: (11)	*1R: 27.11.2007	<i>Prov 2R: 10.12.2007</i>		
PLANNING AND ENERGY (B1)				Michael Fallon
Commons: (17)	*1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)		<i>Prov 2R: 25.1.2008 (1)</i>	
POWERS OF ENTRY ETC. [HL] (L)				Lord Selsdon
Lords: (5)	*1R: 7.11.2007	<i>Prov 2R: 14.12.2007</i>		
PRIVATE EQUITY (TRANSFER OF UNDERTAKINGS AND PROTECTION OF EMPLOYMENT) (B5)				John Heppell
Commons: (28)	*1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)		<i>Prov 2R: 7.3.2008 (1)</i>	
PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDINGS (ENERGY PERFORMANCE) (B18)				Anne Snelgrove
Commons: (35)	*1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)		2R: 25.4.2008 (2)	
REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AND SANCTIONS [HL] (G)				Lord Bach
Lords: (7)	*1R: 8.11.2007	2R: 28.11.2007	<i>Prov Comm**: No date</i>	
SALE OF STUDENT LOANS (G)				John Denham
Commons: (6)	*1R: 8.11.2007	2R: 22.11.2007	Prog: 22.11.2007 MR: 22.11.2007	
PBC: 4.12.2007	<i>Prov Rep: No date</i>			
SOUND RECORDINGS (COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION) (B16)				Pete Wishart
Commons: (33)	*1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)		<i>Prov 2R: 7.3.2008 (3)</i>	
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (INFORMATION) (B2)				Sharon Hodgson
Commons: (26)	*1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)		<i>Prov 2R: 1.2.2008 (1)</i>	
TEMPORARY AND AGENCY WORKERS (EQUAL TREATMENT) (B3)				Andrew Miller
Commons: (27)	*1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)		<i>Prov 2R: 22.2.2008 (1)</i>	
VOTING AGE (REDUCTION) (B22)				Julie Morgan
Commons: (22)	*1R: 5.12.2007 (Not printed)		<i>Prov 2R: 6.6.2008 (1)</i>	

**Presentation and Publication of Public Bills and Acts
3 – 7 December 2007**

Presentation of Bills (not yet published by Parliament)

Date	Title and type of Bill	Bill No.
5.11	Animals Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill (B6)	18
5.11	Borough Freedom Bill (B15)	23
5.11	British Board of Film Classification (Accountability to Parliament and Appeals) Bill (B4)	16
5.11	Energy Saving (Daylight) Bill (B2)	21
5.11	Environment Protection (Airports) Bill (B17)	34
5.11	Environment Protection (Transfers at sea) Bill (B8)	20
5.11	Fixed Term Parliaments Bill (B12)	30
5.11	Food Products (Marketing to Children) Bill (B7)	19
5.11	Forces Widows' Pensions (Equality of Treatment) Bill (B13)	31
5.11	Foreign Nationals Statistics) Bill (B19)	36
5.11	Health and Safety (Offences) Bill (B9)	29
5.11	Leasehold Reform Bill (B14)	32
5.11	Planning and Energy Bill (B1)	17
5.11	Private Equity (Transfer of Undertakings and Protection of Employment) Bill (B5)	28
5.11	Public Sector Buildings (Energy Performance) Bill (B18)	35
5.11	Sound Recordings (Copyright Term Extension) (B16)	33
5.11	Special Educational Needs (Information) Bill (B2)	26
5.11	Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill (B3)	27
5.11	Voting Age (Reduction) Bill (B22)	22

Bills published after presentation

Date	Title and type of Bill	Bill No.	ISBN	Price £
5.12	Consolidated Fund Bill (G)	14	0215 709295	1.50
5.12	Pensions Bill (G)	25	0215 709306	8.00
5.12	Disqualification from Parliament (Taxation Status) Bill (B20)	24	0215 709325	1.50

Bills receiving Royal Assent and Acts published

Date	Title	Ch No.
None		

Acts published after Royal Assent date

Date	Title	Ch No.	ISBN	Price £
None				

Public and General Acts 2007 – 2008

Date of Royal Assent	Title	Ch No.	ISBN	Price £
None				

Church of England Measures

Date	Title	Paper No.	ISBN	Price £
None				

Publication of Bills and Acts on the Internet

Public Bills before Parliament http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/pabills.htm	Private Bills before Parliament http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/privbill.htm
Full text of Public General Acts since 1988 http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts.htm	Full text of Local Acts since 1991 http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts.htm

Draft Bills under consideration or published during 2007– 08 Session

As part of the reforms to the legislative process initiated by the Modernisation Committee, the government now publishes a number of bills each session in draft form, before they are introduced into parliament as formal bills. This enables consultation and pre-legislative scrutiny before a bill is issued formally.

Increasingly, it had become the practice in recent sessions for the House to refer these to a joint committee of the Commons and Lords appointed for the specific purpose of examining and reporting on a named draft bill. On occasions a draft bill may be referred to one of the departmental select committees or a select committee appointed for that specific purpose.

Listed below are draft bills that are currently under consideration or that have been published during the 2007/08 Session of Parliament. Further information on draft bills, including those from previous sessions can be viewed on the Parliament website at <http://www.parliament.uk/bills/draftbills.cfm>. This page links to electronic copies of the draft bills and related publications including select committee reports on the draft bills.

Title	Date Published	Committee	Committee Reports	Government Response
None				

Private Legislation: General Notes

Abbreviations

1R	First Reading
2R	Second Reading
BC	Bill committed (as yet the type of Committee is not known)
UBC	Bill committed to an unopposed committee (If two dates are given the last is the date on which the committee reported)
OBC	Bill committed to an opposed committee (If two dates are given the last is the date on which the committee reported)
BAC	Bill as amended by the Committee considered (Report stage) (House of Commons only)
3R	Third Reading
CA	Commons' amendments considered by the House of Lords
LA	Lords' amendments considered by the House of Commons
Susp	Motion to suspend the Bill to subsequent Sessions. Related formal proceedings in the new session are marked with an asterisk (*)
Deb	Bill debated, otherwise the stages are taken formally. In the House of Commons this will be at 7 pm
Deb adj	Debate adjourned
Rev	Motion to revive the Bill from previous Sessions debated on the date given
<i>Prov</i>	Provisional date for next stage - date supplied where known, ie <i>prov 2R: 27.1.2004</i> - provisional second reading 27 January 2004
*	an instruction to the committee will be moved at the same time
#	<i>Bills with petitions outstanding</i>

Copies of Private Bills can be obtained from the appropriate Agent, details listed below

Rees & Freres, 1 The Sanctuary, London, SW1P 3JT, 020 7222 5381
E-mail: enquiries@1thesanctuary.com

Sharpe Pritchard, Elizabeth House, Fulwood Place, London, WC1V 6HG, 020 7405 4600
E-mail: parliamentary@sharpepritchard.co.uk

Bircham Dyson Bell, 50 Broadway, Westminster, London, SW1H 0BL, 020 7227 7000
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Members of Parliament may obtain copies of Private Bills from the Vote Office.

Complete List of Private bills before Parliament this Session

The following is a list of Private Bills before Parliament. Private Bills originate outside Parliament and are promoted by bodies seeking special powers not available under the general law. Each Bill starts with a petition to Parliament from the promoter for leave to bring in a Bill; this must be deposited on or before 27 November. Any such petitions will be noted below until they gain a 1st Reading.

Parties affected by a Bill may present a petition against it, clearly stating the grounds of their objection. The petitioning period will be shown beneath the Bill until the deadline has expired.

House of Commons Private Bill Office: Sian Jones (Tel: 020 7219 3250 e-mail: prbohoc@parliament.uk)

House of Lords Private Bill Office: Chris Bolton (Tel: 020 7219 3231 e-mail: prbohol@parliament.uk)

For an explanation of parliamentary consideration of Private Bills see **HCIO Factsheet L4**

BOURNEMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL [HL] (Sharpe Pritchard)

Lords: 1R:22.1.2007 2R: 20.2.2007 OBC: 3 & 10.7.2007 3R: 29.11.2007

Commons: 1R:29.11.2007 2R: *No date*

(petitioning period in the Commons 29.11.2007 – 10.12.2007)

BROADS AUTHORITY (Winckworth Sherwood)

Commons: 1R:23.1.2007 2R: 25.4.2007 OBC: 17 & 18.7.2007

LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TRANSPORT FOR LONDON 04/05 (Sharpe Pritchard)

Commons: 1R: 25.1.2005 HC Rev: 19.5.2005 HL Rev: 24.5.2005

Commons: 1R: 25.5.2005 2R: 21.6.2005 OBC: 1, 2 & 3.11.2005* BAC: 8.12.2005

3R: 15.12.2005

Commons: 1R: 22.11.2006 *2R: 22.11.2006 *3R: 22.11.2006

Lords: 1R: 15.12.2005 2R: 1.2.2006

Lords: 1R: 22.11.2006 *2R: 22.11.2006 *3R: 22.11.2006 UBC: 5.12 & 25.4.2007

Prov 3R: No date

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL [HL] (Sharpe Pritchard)

Lords: 1R: 22.1.2007 2R: 20.2.2007 OBC: 3 & 10.7.2007 3R: 29.11.2007

Commons: 1R:29.11.2007 2R: *No date*

(petitioning period in the Commons 29.11.2007 – 10.12.2007)

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON [HL] 05/06 (Rees & Freres) (the bill is opposed; 4 petitions outstanding against the bill)

Lords: 1R: 23.1.2006 2R: 8.2.2006 OBC: 9.10.2006 OBC: 23.10.2006

Susp: 31.10.2006

Lords: 1R: 16.11.2006 *2R: 16.11.2006 UBC: 13.3.2007 3R: 2.5.2007

Commons: 1R: 2.5.2007 2R: 21.5.2007 *Prov OBC: No date*

(petitioning period in the Commons 3.5.2007 – 14.5.2007)

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON (SUPPLEMENTAL TOLL PROVISIONS) [HL] (Rees & Freres)

Lords: 1R: 22.1.2007 2R: 26.4.2007 *Prov UBC: No date*

N.B. Nine petitions for Bills were deposited on 27 November 2007:

Canterbury City Council Bill

Leeds City Council Bill

London Local Authorities Bill

London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No. 2) Bill

London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill

Northern Bank Bill

Nottingham City Council Bill

Reading Borough Council Bill

St. Austell Market Bill

The examination of these bills will be on Tuesday 18th December 2007

Copy of a Draft Provisional Order deposited under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936

Aberdeen City Council Provisional Order

Delegated Legislation

Statutory Instruments

The most common form of delegated legislation, or secondary legislation, is Statutory Instruments. Those requiring parliamentary approval are subject to either the affirmative or negative procedure: this is explained in HCIO Factsheet L7.

The laying of Orders before the House of Commons is recorded in the Statutory Instrument List published by the Journal Office: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmsilist/cmsilist.htm>. This list records when Orders were laid and in the case of affirmative instruments, whether a motion for their approval has been tabled. In the case of Negative Instruments, the number of praying days left (in which a motion calling for the instrument to be annulled may be laid) is noted.

Regulatory Reform Proposals and Orders: Proceedings as at 7 December 2007

Under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 (s 6(1)) the Government is able to make Orders to amend or repeal provisions in primary legislation, which are considered to impose a burden on businesses or others, which could be reduced or removed without removing any necessary protection.

For an explanation of Parliamentary consideration of Regulatory Reform Orders, see **HCIO Factsheet No L7**

Committee recommendation:

- a) a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House
- b) proposal should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House
- c) the order-making power should not be used in respect of the proposals
- d) draft order should be approved † indicates Committee's recommendation was agreed after a division
- e) draft order should not be approved
- * indicates stage taken formally, no debate
- # indicates report issued following amendments to draft order

Draft Proposals

Date Laid	Title	Lords Committee Report & Recommendation	Commons Committee Report & Recommendation
11.12.2006	Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2006	HL 44 (a)	(a) 6.3.2007 (HC 384)
18.12.2006	Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc Between Ombudsmen) Order 2007	HL 44 (a)	(a) 6.3.2007 (HC 383)
18.12.2006	Regulatory Reform (Deer) Order 2007	HL 44 (a)	(b) 20.3.2007 (HC 411)
18.12.2006	Regulatory Reform (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Order 2006	HL 44 (a)	(a) 13.3.2007 (HC 397)
25.7.2007	Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007	HL 11 (b)	(a) 3.12.2007 (HC 135)

Draft Orders

Date Laid	Title and SI Number	Lords Committee Report & Recommendation	Commons Report Committee & Recommendation	Consideration L (Lords), C (Commons)
9.5.2007	Draft Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc between Ombudsmen) Order 2007	HL 113(a)	HC 611	26.6.2007 (C) 27.6.2007 (L)
24.5.2007	Draft Regulatory Reform (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Order 2007	HL 126(a)	HC 673	5.7.2007 (C) 3.7.2007 (L)
4.6.2007	Draft Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2007	HL 126(a)	HC 674	25.6.2007 (C) 3.07.2007 (L)
5.7.2007	Draft Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007	HL 150(a)	HC 948	24.7.2007 (C) 17.7.2007 (L)

Remedial Orders, Draft Remedial Orders and Urgent Procedure Remedial Orders: Proceedings as at 7 December 2007

Under the Human Rights Act 1998 (s10), if a court makes a declaration of incompatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights in relation to a statute, the Government is able to propose draft Orders or make Orders to amend primary legislation in order to remove any incompatibility. The Joint Committee on Human Rights is required, in accordance with Schedule 2 to the Act, to report to each House its opinion on any such proposal, draft Order or urgent procedure Order within a specified period after it has been laid before Parliament.

Committee recommendation:

- a) a draft order in the same terms as the proposal should be laid before the House
- b) the proposal should be amended before a draft order is laid before the House
- c) the order or draft order should be approved
- d) the order should be replaced by a modified order
- e) the order or draft order should not be approved

Proposals for Draft Orders

Date Laid	Title	Jnt Cttee on Human Rights: Report & Recommendation
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None

Draft Orders

Date Laid	Title	Jnt Cttee on Human Rights: Report & Recommendation	Lords Consideration	Commons Consideration
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None

Urgent Orders

Date Laid	Title	Jnt Cttee on Human Rights: Report & Recommendation	Lords Consideration	Commons Consideration
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None

Northern Ireland Legislation: proceedings as at 7 December 2007

The Northern Ireland Assembly was restored from 8 May 2007 following a period of suspension from midnight on 14 October 2002. During suspension, legislation, which would otherwise have come within the competence of the Assembly, was made by Order in Council under Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 2000. The 2000 Act was also used to make Orders in Council which, while the Assembly was active, would have been made under section 85 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Orders making provision for certain reserved matters, for example the criminal law).

Unless made without Parliamentary Approval by reason of urgency, draft Orders in Council must be approved by a resolution of both Houses before being made (affirmative procedure). Orders in Council made before Parliamentary approval by reason of urgency (**U**), must be approved by both Houses within 40 days of being made. Some UK Acts, for example dealing with social security or pensions, provide for corresponding provisions to be made for Northern Ireland by means of an Order in Council under the 2000 Act, subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House (negative procedure (**N**)), rather than by the normal affirmative procedure.

Where appropriate, proposals for draft Orders in Council are issued for public consultation and on occasions may be considered by the Northern Ireland Grand Committee (**G**), before the draft Order is laid. Prior to formal approval being sought on the floor of the Commons, draft Orders are normally considered in a Delegated Legislation Committee (**D**) or, less frequently, by the Northern Ireland Grand Committee. The Northern Ireland Orders Grand Committee (**O**) would also, from time to time, consider a draft Order before formal approval is sought on the floor of the Lords.

Outstanding Orders are listed below. Details of previous Orders are available in earlier editions of the bulletin.

To distinguish between UK Bills/Acts applying to Northern Ireland and Acts passed by the Assembly, see the positioning of the term 'Northern Ireland'. Examples of each are given below:

UK legislation applying to Northern : Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill 2006/07

Northern Ireland Assembly legislation: Carers and Direct Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 2002

Bills introduced into the Northern Ireland Assembly can be found at the Northern Ireland Assembly website:

<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/>

For further details on Northern Ireland Legislation can be found in HCIO factsheet available on the internet at: http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/factsheets/108.cfm

Abbreviations:

U	Urgent Procedure	D	Delegated Legislation Committee
G	Northern Ireland Grand committee	O	Northern Ireland Order Grand Committee
A	Approved	N	Negative Procedure

Title and SI No.	Consultation on Proposal	NIGC	(Draft) Order Laid	Commons	Lords	Privy Council
Draft Guardian's Allowance Uprating (Northern Ireland) Order 2007	N/A		30.1.2007	19.3.2007 (D) 27.3.2007 (A)	22.2.2007 (A)	
Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2008	N/A		4.12.2007			
Supply of Information (Register of Deaths) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007	N/A		6.12.2007			

Legislation of the Northern Ireland Assembly (s. 15 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998)

Some Northern Ireland Assembly Bills which include provisions dealing with exempted or reserved matters are required to be laid before Parliament for a period of 20 sitting days before being presented for Royal Assent. If a motion, signed by not less than 20 Members, disapproving of the Bill is tabled in either House during the 20-day period, the Bill shall not be presented for Royal Assent unless the motion is rejected or withdrawn. The date of tabling of any such motion will be shown below.

Assembly Bills of this type which the Secretary of State deems urgent (U) may be presented for Royal Assent before being laid before Parliament. Such Acts of the Assembly are then required to be laid before Parliament for 20 sitting days. If a motion, signed by not less than 20 Members, praying that the Act shall cease to have effect is tabled in either House during the 20-day period the Act and is agreed to, the Act of the Assembly may be repealed by Order in Council. The date of tabling of any such motion will be shown below.

Delegated legislation dealing with certain reserved matters, are subject to Parliamentary procedure at Westminster. The Parliamentary stages of any such legislation are detailed below.

- DLSC - Draft Order considered by a Delegated Legislation Standing Committee in the House of Commons.
- NIGC - Proposal for a draft Order considered in the Northern Ireland Grand Committee.
- U - Urgent Act or Order (not in draft form) laid before Parliament.
- C - Consequential Order (not in draft form) laid before Parliament. (subject to negative procedure)
- * - Taken formally.
- SI - Statutory Instrument Number, shown after title
- P - *Provisional date for next stage i.e. PSC: 01.07.2007*

Title of Bill or Act	Date Laid	Royal Assent
None		

Transport and Works Act 1992 Orders

This Act replaces Private Bill procedure for the authorisation of transport works projects
 A - Application, made to the TWA Orders Unit at the Department for Transport, date refers to when the application was received in the House
 O - Final order, printed as Statutory Instrument, published by The Stationery Office.
 Agent - See **Private Legislation—General Notes** for contact details

Applications for Orders under the Transport and Works Act 1992

Title of Order	A:	Agent	Final Order
Borough of Poole (Poole Harbour Opening Bridges) Order	13.12.2004	Rees and Freres	2006/No.2310 Made 24.08.06
Cirrus Energy Shell Flat Offshore Wind Farm	28.8.2003	Winckworth Sherwood	Application withdrawn
Docklands Light Railway (Stratford International Extension) Order	21.9.2005	Bircham Dyson Bell	2006/No.2905 Made 01.11.06
East Kent Railway Order	28.2.2006	Winckworth Sherwood	
Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order	18.10.2005	Bircham Dyson Bell	
Felixstowe Dock and Railway (Land Acquisition) Order	15.6.2004	Rees and Freres	
Felixstowe Branch Line and Ipswich Yard Improvement Order	14.12.2005 5.5.2006 (revised)	DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary UK LLP, 3 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7EE, Tel: 020 7153 7205	
London Gateway Logistics and Commercial Centre	14.2.2002	Berwin Leighton Paisner Adelaide House, EC4R 9HA	
Luton Dunstable Translink Order	18.12.2003	Rees and Freres	2006/No.3118 Made 22.11.06
Ouseburn Barrage Order	11.11.2004 27.1.2006 (revised)	Newcastle City Council	2007/No.608 Made 26.02.07
Pontypool and Blaenavon (Phase 1) Railway Order	15.8.2005	Winckworth Sherwood	2006/No.1691 Made 20.06.06
Railtrack (Thameslink 2000)*	21.11.1997	Rees & Freres	2006/No.3117 Made 22.11.06
Railtrack (Thameslink 2000) Variation*	29.9.1999	Rees & Freres	2006/No.3117 Made 22.11.06
Teesport (Land Acquisition) Order	26.5.2006	Rees & Freres	
Docklands Light Railway (Capacity Enhancement and 2012 Games Preparation) Order	2.8.2006	Rees & Freres	2007/No.2297 Made 02.08.07
The Nottingham Express Transit System Order	1.5.2007	Bircham Dyson Bell	

*These two proposed Orders have since been consolidated into one which if made, would be entitled “The Network Rail (Thameslink 2000) Order”

General Committees

Factsheets on the Parliament website: http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/factsheets.cfm
 Public Bill Committee debates on the Parliament website: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/stand.htm>
 Other General Committee debates: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/othstn.htm>

Current Public Bill Committees, details of membership

Bill	Status	Membership
Criminal Justice and Immigration		Issue 1 p25; Issue 2 p28
Crossrail		Issue 3 p29
Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions)		Issue 4 p33
Sale of Student Loans		Issue 4 p33
Housing and Regeneration Bill		This issue
Health and Social Care Bill		This issue

Dates in italics denote expected reporting date of Public Bill Committee as stated in the Programme Motion if made

Membership:

Housing and Regeneration Bill

Chairmen: Mr Roger Gale and Mr Joe Benton

Liz Blackman	Alistair Burt	Andrew George	Andrew Gwynne
Paul Holmes	Mr Nick Hurd	Mr Andrew Love	Margaret Moran
Mr Nick Raynsford	Grant Shapps	Mr Andy Slaughter	Ms Angela C. Smith
Mr Robert Syms	Joan Walley	Mr Iain Wright	Sir George Young
Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods			

Health and Social Care Bill

Chairmen: Mr Jim Hood and Derek Conway

Mr Ben Bradshaw	Angela Browning	Richard Burden	Rosie Cooper
Mr Stephen Crabb	Sandra Gidley	Stephen Hesford	Kelvin Hopkins
Mr Brian Jenkins	Dr Ashok Kumar	Steve McCabe	Judy Mallaber
Anne Milton	Laura Moffatt	Greg Mulholland	Mr Stephen O'Brien
Jeremy Wright			

**General Committee Meetings
3 – 7 December 2007**

Monday 3 December

PBC	Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) (Programming Sub-Committee)
1 st DLC	Draft Criminal Defence Service (Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2007
ESC	Economic Partnership Agreements (14498/07)

Tuesday 4 December

PBC	Sale of Student Loans Bill (1 st & 2 nd Sitting: Clauses 2-13 agreed; Clause 1 agreed as amended)
PBC	Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) (1 st Sitting: Clauses 1-6 agreed)
2 nd DLC	Draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007
3 rd DLC	Draft Stamp Duty Land Tax (Zero-Carbon Homes Relief) Regulations 2007

Wednesday 5 December

4 th DLC	Draft Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Additional Authorities) Order 2007
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Thursday 6 December

5 th DLC	To consider the Government's Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993
PBC	Housing and Regeneration Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Friday 7 December

None

**Forthcoming General Committee Meetings
10 – 14 December 2007**

Monday 10 December

- 1st DLC Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007, 4.30pm, Room 9
- 2nd DLC Draft Conduct of employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2007, 4.30pm, Room 11
- 3rd DLC Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement on Enlargement of the European Economic Area) Order 2007, 4.30pm, Room 12

Tuesday 11 December

- 4th DLC Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007, 10.30am, Room 9
- ESC Funding of Political Parties (11559/07), 10.30am, Room 10
- PBC Housing and Regeneration Bill, 10.30am & 4pm, Boothroyd Room, PCH

Wednesday 12 December

- WGC Welsh Grand Committee to consider the matter of the Government's Legislative Programme as outlined in the Queen's Speech, 9am & 2pm, Room 10

Thursday 13 December

- 5th DLC Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007, 8.55am, Room 9
- 6th DLC Draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) Regulations 2007, 8.55am, Room 12
- PBC Housing and Regeneration Bill, 9am & 1pm, Grimond Room

Friday 14 December

None

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http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/factsheets.cfm

An index to the Select Committee home pages together with links to further pages containing information about their work and publications is on the Parliament website at:
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Membership:

Select Committee Meetings 3 – 7 December 2007

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Monday 3 December

Foreign Affairs

Subject: Overseas Territories

Witnesses: The Hon Ralph O'Neil, Premier, British Virgin Islands and Hon Kurt Tibbetts, Leader of Government Business, Cayman Islands ; Councillor Mike Summers OBE, Falkland Islands, Leslie Jaques OBE, Commissioner, Pitcairn Islands, the Hon Brian W Isaac, Member of the Executive Council, St Helena, The Hon Osbourne Fleming, Chief Minister, Anguilla, Dr The Hon Lowell Lewis, Chief Minister, Montserrat, and Dr The Hon Michael E Misick, Premier, Turks and Caicos Islands

Work and Pensions

Subject: The Best Start in Life? Alleviating deprivation, improving social mobility and eradicating child poverty

Witnesses: Caroline Flint MP, Minister for Employment and Welfare Reform, Rt Hon Jane Kennedy MP, Financial Secretary to the Treasury and Jonathan Portes, Director, Children and Poverty Directorate

Joint Committee on Human Rights

Subject: A British Bill of Rights

Witnesses: Martin Howe QC, Professor Francesca Klug, Centre for the Study of Human Rights, LSE and Professor Sandra Fredman, Oxford University; British Institute for Human Rights, Liberty and Justice

Public Accounts*

Subject: The privatisation of Qinetiq

Witnesses: Bill Jeffrey CB, Permanent Under Secretary, and Trevor Woolley, Finance Director, Ministry of Defence, Peter Schofield, Shareholder Executive and Sir John Chisholm, Chairman, Qinetiq

Welsh Affairs

Subject: Globalisation and its Impact on Wales

Witnesses: NFU Cymru and Farmers' Union of Wales; Professor Noel Lloyd and Professor Robert Pearce; Shelter Cymru

Tuesday 4 December

Treasury

Subject: Financial Transparency and Stability

Witnesses: Goldman Sachs International, Deutsche Bank London, UBS Investment Bank, and Citigroup Global Markets Limited; PricewaterhouseCoopers; National Association of Pension Funds, Association of British Insurers, Investment Management Association, Hermes Equity Ownership Service

Home Affairs

Subject: (i) Home Office Annual Report 2007 (ii) Security Industry Authority

Witnesses: (i) Sir David Normington KCB, Permanent Secretary, Home Office; (ii) Andy Drane, Deputy CEO, Security Industry Authority

Environmental Audit

Subject: 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review

Witnesses: Green Alliance; Friends of the Earth and WWF

Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

Subject: The UK Construction Industry

Witnesses: Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, and Constructing Excellence; Building Research Establishment, Building Services Research and Information Association, and Construction Industry Research and Information Association; Federation of Master Builders

Culture, Media and Sport*

Subject: London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Witnesses: Lord Coe KBE, Chairman, Paul Deighton, Chief Executive, LOCOG, John Armit, Chairman, and David Higgins, Chief Executive, Olympic Delivery Authority; Lord Moynihan, Chairman, Simon Clegg CBE, Chief Executive, British Olympic Association and Phil Lane, Chief Executive, British Paralympic Association

Public Accounts

Subject: The National Audit Office's Corporate Plan

Witnesses: Sir John Bourn KCB, Comptroller and Auditor General and officials of the National Audit Office

Environmental Audit

Subject: The Challenge of Climate Change

Witnesses: Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State, Anne Sharp, Director, Domestic Climate Change and Energy, Marie Pender, Head of Climate Change Agreements and Carbon Reduction Commitment, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Justice*

Subject: Protection of Private Data

Witnesses: Richard Thomas, Information Commissioner, and David Smith, Deputy Information Commissioner

Wednesday 5 December

International Development

Subject: Maternal Health

Witnesses: Professor Charlotte Watts, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; HLSP; Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

Innovation, Universities and Schools

Subject: The role of the Government Chief Scientific Adviser

Witnesses: Professor Sir David King

Joint Committee on Human Rights

Subject: Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights

Witnesses: Sue Hemming, Head of Counter Terrorism Division, CPS, Mr Ali Bajwa, barrister, 25 Bedford Row

Treasury Sub-Committee

Subject: (i) Adjudicator's Office: administration and expenditure in 2006–07, (ii) HM Revenue & Customs: administration and expenditure in 2006–07

Witnesses: (i) Dame Barbara Mills DBE QC, the Adjudicator and officials, (ii) David Hartnett, Acting Chairman and officials, HMRC

Transport

Subject: Ticketing on Public Transport

Witnesses: Passenger Transport Executive Group, Local Government Association; Transport for London; Transport Salaried Staffs' Association and Unison

Foreign Affairs

Subject: Developments in the EU

Witnesses: Rt Hon Lord Owen

Public Accounts

Subject: The Carbon Trust

Witnesses: Helen Ghosh, Permanent Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Tom Delay, Chief Executive, The Carbon Trust

Thursday 6 December

Health

Subject: Modernising Medical Careers

Witnesses: Professor Sir John Tooke and Sir Jonathan Michael, Tooke Review Panel; RemedyUK and Fidelio

Public Administration

Subject: Parliamentary Scrutiny of Public Appointments

Witnesses: Janet Gaymer CBE, Commissioner for Public Appointments

Friday 7 December

None

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Monday 10 December 2007

Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

Subject: The UK Construction Industry

Witnesses: National Specialist Contractors Council and Specialist Engineering Contractors' Group; Home Builders Federation (at 4:45pm)

Children, Schools and Families

Subject: Testing and Assessment

Witnesses: Sir Michael Barber, McKinsey & Company, and Professor Peter Tymms, Director of Curriculum, Evaluation and Management, School of Education, University of Durham

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Subject: Badgers and cattle TB

Witnesses: Rt Hon Lord Rooker, Minister for Sustainable Food and Farming and Animal Health, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Public Accounts

Subject: Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Managing risk in overseas territories

Witnesses: Sir Peter Ricketts KCMG, Permanent Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Dr Minouche Shafik, Director General, Country Programmes, Department for International Development

Tuesday 11 December 2007

Treasury*

Subject: (i) Private Equity (ii) Financial Stability and Transparency

Witnesses: (i) Sir David Walker (ii) Sir Callum McCarthy, Chairman and Hector Sants, Chief Executive, Financial Services Authority, and Loretta Minghella, Financial Services Compensation Scheme (at 11:00am)

Environmental Audit

Subject: 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review

Witnesses: Centrica Energy plc, Scottish Power and Carbon Capture & Storage Association; Aviation Environment Federation (at 11:00am)

Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

Subject: Creating a Higher Value-Added Economy

Witnesses: Professor Peter Cooke, University of Buckingham and Mr Eric Wallbank, Ernst & Young

Home Affairs

Subject: The Government's Counter-Terrorism Proposals

Witnesses: Rt Hon Jacqui Smith MP, Home Secretary, Home Office

Welsh Affairs

Subject: Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Witnesses: International Business Wales; Welsh Local Government Association (11:15am)

Communities and Local Government*

Subject: Existing housing stock and climate change

Witnesses: Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP, Minister for Housing, Department for Communities and Local Government and Joan Ruddock MP, Parliamentary Under-secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Wednesday 12 December 2007

Justice

Subject: Towards Effective Sentencing

Witnesses: Lord Carter of Coles; Anne Owers CBE, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, Andrew Bridges, HM Chief Inspector of Probation, Paul Tidball, Prison Governors Association, and Juliet Lyon, Prison Reform Trust/Criminal Justice Alliance (at 10:00am)

Children, Schools and Families

Subject: The Work of Ofsted

Witnesses: Christine Gilbert CBE, HM Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills, Vanessa Howlison, Director, Finance, Miriam Rosen, Director, Education, Michael Hart, Director, Children, and Melanie Hunt, Director, Learning and Skills, Ofsted

Innovation, Universities and Schools

Subject: Government Chief Scientific Adviser Designate: Introductory Hearing

Witnesses: Professor John Beddington CMG

Environmental Audit

Subject: 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review

Witnesses: Angela Eagle MP, Exchequer Secretary, Rebecca Lawrence, Head of Energy, Environment and Agriculture Team, Lindsey Whyte, Head of Environment and Transport Tax Team, HM Treasury

Environmental Audit Sub-Committee On Environmental Information

Subject: Environmental Labelling

Witnesses: Sustainable Development Commission; Tesco (at 3:10pm); Energy Saving Trust (at 3:50pm)

European Scrutiny

Subject: (i) Police Cooperation in Criminal Matters (ii) European Arrest Warrant

Witnesses: Meg Hillier MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office

Foreign Affairs*

Subject: European Council

Witnesses: Rt Hon David Miliband MP, Secretary of State, and officials Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Transport

Subject: Ticketing on Public Transport

Witnesses: Campaign for Better Transport, London TravelWatch, TravelWatch SouthWest, Passenger Focus; Tom Harris MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport (at 3:45pm)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*

Subject: Flooding

Witnesses: Richard Benyon MP, David Curry MP, Martin Horwood MP, Laurence Robertson MP, and Angela C: Smith MP; Met Office, UK Climate Impacts Programme, and Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (at 4:00pm)

Public Accounts

Subject: Improving corporate functions using shared services

Witnesses: Alexis Cleveland, Director-General, Cabinet Office, Peter Coates, Director of Finance, National Health Service and Phil Wheatley, Director-General, HM Prison Service

Thursday 13 December 2007

Liaison*

Subject: Prime Minister

Witnesses: Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP, Prime Minister

Health

Subject: Modernising Medical Careers

Witnesses: Professor Alan Crockard, and Professor Shelley Heard; British Medical Association, and the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (at 11:00am); Methods Consulting (at 12 noon)

International Development

Subject: DFID and the World Bank

Witnesses: Rainforest Foundation UK, WWF and Christian Aid; Helen Collinson, and International Alert And ActionAid UK (at 3:30pm)

Friday 14 December 2007

None

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House of Lords Committees: Forthcoming Public Meetings

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(Subject Matters are in brackets)

Monday 10 December

European Union Sub-Committee B

4:15pm

Evidence will be heard from (a) Professor Michael Waterson, Professor of Economics, University of Warwick; and from (b) Mr Kevin Mooney, Partner, Simmons & Simmons

Tuesday 11 December

Science and Technology Sub-Committee

11.10am

Evidence will be heard from Professor Martin Charter, Centre for Sustainable Design, University College for the Creative Arts; Dr Tim Cooper, Sheffield Hallam University; Mr Bob Lisney, LRL Consultancy Services; Professor Simon Pollard, Centre for Resource Management and Efficiency, Cranfield University

Economic Affairs

3.35pm

Evidence will be heard from (a) Dr Heaven Crawley, Swansea University; Professor Alan Findlay, Dundee University; and Mr Neil Jarman, Institute for Conflict Research; and from (b) Sir Simon Milton, Local Government Association; Cllr Colin Barrow, Westminster City Council; Andrew Blake-Herbert, Slough Barrow Council; Mr Mick Gallagher, Boston Borough Council, and Ms Tracy Turner, Chair, SOLACE Migrant Workers Group

European Union

4.15pm

Evidence will be heard from Sir Stephen Wall GCMG LVO, Vice-Chair, Business for New Europe

Wednesday 12 December

Communications

10.30am

Evidence will be heard from Mr Peter Freeman, Chairman; Mr Martin Stanley, Chief Executive; and Ms Rachel Merelie, Inquiry Director, Competition Commission

European Union Sub-Committee F

10.40am

Evidence will be heard from Liam Byrne MP, Minister of State, Home Office

Constitution

10.45am

Evidence will be heard from the Attorney General

European Union Sub-Committee D

11.00am

Evidence will be heard from (a) Callton Young, Director of Sustainability and Competitiveness and Ruth Rawling, Vice President Public Affairs, Cargill and Chairman of Trade Policy and CAP Committee, Food and Drinks Federation; Heather Jenkins, Head of Buying, Waitrose; and a representative from Sainsbury's (tbc); and from (b) a Consumers Association (tbc)

European Union Sub-Committee E

4.15pm

Evidence will be heard from the Bar Council

Joint Committee on Human Rights

4.15pm

Evidence will be heard from Ivan Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Health; and Anne McGuire MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Work and Pensions

Thursday 13 December

European Union Sub-Committee G

10.00am

Evidence will be heard from Mr Chris Rudge, Managing and Transplant Director, UK Transplant; and Ms Triona Norman, Transplantation Policy Lead, Department of Health; and Gareth Jones, Director of Scientific Development and Bioethics Division, Department of Health

Select Committees: Publications received since the last Bulletin

All publications are available from The Stationery Office.
 HC numbers refer to House of Commons papers session 2007-08 unless otherwise stated.
 Cm numbers refer to papers in the Command series.
 HLP numbers refer to House of Lords papers.
 Select Committee Reports (Section B) are also on the parliamentary website <http://www.parliament.uk>
 NAO & NIAO Reports are the forerunner of Public Accounts Committee inquiries.

(A) Select Committee Evidence

Date Received	Committee	Subject	Witnesses	Date Heard	Paper No and ISBN	Price £
3.12	Defence	Iraq and Afghanistan	Rt Hon Des Browne MP, Secretary of State for Defence	23.10	HC 1091-i 0215 037626	7.00
4.12	Science and Technology	Science Question Time	Malcolm Wicks MP, Minister of State for Science and Innovation, Department of Trade and Industry	21.3	HC 311-i 0215 037671	4.50

(B) Select Committee Reports

Date Received	Committee	Details of Original Report	HC Paper and ISBN	Price £
4.12	Defence	1 st , UK land operations in Iraq 2007	HC 110 0215 037596	15.50
5.11	Defence	2 nd , Costs of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Winter Supplementary Estimate 2007-08	HC 138 0215 037657	8.50
4.12	International Development	2 nd , Development and Trade: Cross-departmental Working	HC 68 0215 037619	15.50
4.12	Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments	3 rd , Report of Session 2007-08	HL 15 HC 38-iii 010 4011751	4.50
4.12	Public Accounts	6 th , Filing of VAT and Company Tax returns	HC 548 0215 037602	10.00
5.12	Public Accounts	66 th , The BBC's management of risk	HC 643 0215 037640	10.00
4.12	Regulatory Reform	1 st , Draft Legislative reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007	HC 135 0215 037633	10.00
3.12	Scottish Affairs	1 st , Effects of tax increases on the oil industry	HC 35 0215 037572	14.50

(C) Government Responses to Select Committee Reports

Date Received	Committee	Details of Original Report	HC Paper or Cm No of response	Price £
4.12	Justice	1 st ,The Creation of the Ministry of Justice: [HC 466]	HC 140 0215 037664	2.00

(D) National Audit Office (NAO): Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO)

Date Received	Title	Paper No and ISBN	Price £
7.12	Helping people through mental health crisis: The role of Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment services	HC 5 010 2951318	13.90

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Select Committees: Current Inquiries

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http://www.parliament.uk/what_s_on/hoc_news4.cfm

COMMITTEE	INQUIRY	STAGE & NOTES	
Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee (formerly Trade & Industry)	Economic Relations with Turkey	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions end November	
	Creating a Higher Value-added Economy	Oral evidence in progress First oral evidence session 11 December	
	The UK Construction Industry	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 10 December	
	Departmental Annual Report & Accounts 2007	One-off oral evidence session concluded	
	Trade with India: One year on	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 8 January	
	Europe moves East: The impact of the 'new' EU Member States on UK business	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	The Future of UK Manufacturing Industry: Public Procurement	Report published 8 November: awaiting Government response	
	Post Office closure programme	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 10 January	
	Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Sub-Committee	Implementation of the report of the Women and Work Commission	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
		Children, Schools and Families (formerly Education & Skills)	Testing and Assessment
The Work of Ofsted			Oral evidence in progress 1st evidence session 12 December
Special Educational Needs: separation of assessment of need from funding of provision		inquiry announced	
Communities & Local Government (Formerly ODPM)	The future sustainability of the higher education sector: purpose, funding and structures	Oral evidence concluded	
	The Work of the Children's Commissioner	One-off oral evidence concluded	
	Community Cohesion and Migration	Inquiry announced Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 18 January	
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	DCLG Annual Report 2007	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	Existing Housing stock & Climate Change	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 11 December	
	Introductory hearing with the new Secretary of State: Rt Hon Hazel Blears MP	One-off oral evidence concluded	
Culture, Media & Sport	The Supply of Rented Housing	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	Ordnance Survey	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	BBC Annual Report 2006-07	Oral evidence concluded	
	Harmful Content on the Internet and in Video Games	Inquiry announced Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 30 January	
	European Commission White Paper on Sport	Inquiry announced Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 14 January	
	On-Course Horserace Betting	Oral evidence session concluded: report in preparation	
	Ticket Touting	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation	
	Tourism	Oral evidence in progress	

	London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics Games	Continuing scrutiny: Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 4 December
Defence	UK/US Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation Report to be published 11 December
	Defence Equipment 2007	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 29 January
	MoD Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07	Oral evidence concluded
	UK Operations in Iraq	Report in preparation
	Medical Care for the Armed Forces	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	UK Defence: commitments and resources	Oral evidence concluded
	UK Operations in Iraq	Report to be published 3 December
	Defence Equipment 2007	Oral evidence in progress
	Costs of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Winter Supplementary Estimate 2007-08	Report to be published 5 December
	The Future of NATO and European Defence	Written evidence invited: Oral evidence in progress Deadline for submissions 3 December: Next evidence session 11 December
Environmental Audit	Climate change and local, regional and devolved government	Inquiry announced
	Pre-Budget 2007 and Comprehensive Spending Review	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence sessions 10 & 12 December
	Challenge of Climate change	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 4 December
	Reducing carbon emissions from UK business: The role of the Climate Change Levy and Agreements	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Are biofuels sustainable?	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Personal Carbon Allowances	Oral evidence in progress
Environmental Audit Sub-Committee	Environmental Labelling	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 12 December
Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	Defra priorities	One-off oral evidence session concluded
	Waste Strategy for England 2007	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions extended to end November
	Flooding	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 12 December
	Climate Change: international policy post-2012	Inquiry announced
	Defra's Departmental Report 2007	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Badgers and cattle TB: final report of the ISG	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 10 December
	The potential of England's rural economy	Written evidence invited
Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Sub-committee	Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions extended to the end of November
European Scrutiny	Temporary Workers Directive	Oral evidence in progress
	Intergovernmental Conference for a Reform Treaty	Oral evidence concluded
	Consumer protection: sale of timeshare	Oral evidence concluded
	The Conclusions of the European Council and the Council of Ministers	Report in preparation
	Special Framework of Assistance for traditional suppliers of bananas	One-off oral evidence session concluded
Foreign Affairs	Global Security: Iran	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	European Council	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 12 December

	Developments in the European Union	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 5 December
	Overseas Territories	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions extended to 31 January
Health	Health Inequalities	Inquiry announced: Written evidence invited Deadline for Submissions 9 January
	Dental Contracts	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 6 December
	Modernising Medical Careers	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 13 December: Written evidence published 14 November: HC 25-II
	The Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Health	Oral evidence concluded
Home Affairs	Home Office Annual Report	One-off oral evidence session concluded
	Security Industry Authority	One-off oral evidence concluded, Report in Preparation
	UK Immigration Issues	One-off oral evidence concluded, Report in Preparation
	The Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU: Twelve months on	Oral evidence concluded, Report in Preparation
	Counter-Terrorism Proposals	Oral evidence concluded, Report in Preparation
	Domestic Violence	Oral evidence in progress
	A Surveillance Society?	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 11 December
	Towards Effective Sentencing	Oral evidence in progress
Joint Committee on Human Rights	The human rights of adults with learning difficulties	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	A British Bill of Rights	Oral evidence in progress
	The Use of Restraint in Secure training Centres	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
Innovation, Universities & Skills	Sainsbury Review	Oral evidence concluded
	Funding for Equivalent or Lower Qualifications (ELQs)	Inquiry announced, Written evidence invited
	UK Centre for Medical Research and Innovation	One-off oral announced evidence session 17 December One-off evidence session to take place 17 December
	Biosecurity in UK research laboratories	Inquiry announced, Written evidence invited
	Introductory hearing with the Government Chief Scientific Adviser designate	One-off oral evidence session announced One-off evidence session to take place 12 December
	Role of the Government Chief Scientific Adviser	One-off Oral evidence session concluded
International Development	Development Assistance in Insecure Environments: Afghanistan	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 17 January
	DFID and the World Bank	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 13 December
	Maternal Health	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 18 December
	Development and Trade: cross-departmental working	Report published 4 December: awaiting Government response
	Renewable Energy Generation Technologies	Inquiry announced written evidence invited
Justice (formerly Constitutional Affairs)	Towards Effective Sentencing	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 12 December
	Devolution: A Decade On	Oral evidence in progress

	Judicial Appointments Commission	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation Uncorrected oral evidence on website: HC 416-I & ii
	Ministry of Justice: Aims and objectives	Oral evidence concluded Uncorrected oral evidence on website: HC 938 i
Liaison	Oral evidence from the Prime Minister	Oral evidence session to take place 13 December
Modernisation of the House of Commons	Scrutiny of the draft Queen's Speech	Oral evidence in progress Written evidence invited
	Debating departmental objectives and annual reports	Deadline for submissions 7 December
Northern Ireland Affairs	Northern Ireland Prison Service	Report to be published 12 December
	Inquiry into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland	Inquiry announced: written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 21 January
Procedure	E-petitions	Written evidence invited: Oral evidence in progress
Public Accounts	The compensation for former Icelandic water trawlermen	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	The Budget for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Implementing crisis resolution home treatment services in England	One-off oral evidence session announced Evidence session 17 December
	Review of Shared Services in Central Government	One-off oral evidence session announced Evidence session 12 December
	Overseas Territories	One-off oral evidence session announced Evidence session 10 December
	The privatisation of Qintiq	One-off oral evidence session announced Evidence session
	Housing Market Renewal: Pathfinders	Report in preparation
	The Pensions Regulator	Report in preparation
	Sustainable employment: Helping people gain skills in work	Oral evidence session concluded: Report in preparation
	Government on the internet: Progress in delivering Information and Services Online	One-off oral evidence session concluded: Report in preparation
	DEFRA: The delays in administering the 2005 Single Payment System Scheme in England	One-off oral evidence session announced
	Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform - Coal Health Compensation Scheme	Report in preparation
	Managing the Defence Estate: Quality	Report in preparation
	Filing of VAT and Company Tax returns	Report published 4 December: Awaiting Government response
	Rural Poverty in Developing Countries	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	The BBC's management of risk	Report published 6 December: Awaiting Government response
	Prescribing costs in Primary Care	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Building for the Future: Sustainable Construction and refurbishment on the government estate	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Environment Agency Flood Risk Management: building and maintaining flood defences in England	Report in preparation
	Upgrade of the Bangor to Belfast Railway	Report in preparation
	Department for Transport: Vehicle Excise Duty	Report in preparation
	The performance of the government as a shareholder	Report in preparation
	Passport Agency- Biometric passports	Report in preparation
	Department of Health	Oral evidence in progress
	National programme for IT	Report in preparation
	Department for Work and Pensions: Helping people from workless households into work	Report in preparation
	HMRC Standard Report: Tax Credits: PAYE	Report in preparation

	Department of Health: Improving services and support for support for people with dementia	Report in preparation
	Patient choice at the point of GP referral	Report in preparation
Public Administration	Propriety and Honours: Lesson learned	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation follow-up report in preparation
	Machinery of Government Changes	Report published 15 June: Government response published 21 November
	Freedom of Information	One-off oral evidence session concluded
	Third Sector Commissioning	Oral evidence in progress
	Public Services: Putting People First	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Lobbying	Oral evidence in progress
Regulatory Reform	Draft Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007	Report published 3 December; Awaiting Draft order to be laid
	Draft Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007	Report published 23 July
	Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Public Service Vehicles) Order 2006	Report Published on 7 February 2006: Awaiting Draft Order to be laid
	Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007	Report published on 2 April: Awaiting Draft Order to be laid
Scottish Affairs	Experience of the Scottish Elections	One-off oral evidence session concluded
	Poverty in Scotland	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Effects of tax increases on the oil industry	Report published 30 November: awaiting Government response
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Business under Standing Order No 151, followed as necessary by meetings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments for business under Standing Order No 151(10)	Continuing scrutiny: Report to be published Joint Committee 4th Report 2007-08 to be published 11 December
Quadripartite Committee	The UK 2005 Annual Report on Strategic Export Controls	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 17 January
Transport	Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Draft Local Transport Bill	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Transport Security: Travelling without Fear	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	The Department for Transport's Annual Report 2007	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 30 January
	Rail white paper	Oral evidence session in progress 1st oral evidence session 9 January
	Delivering a sustainable railway: a 30-year strategy for the railways?	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 9 January
	The future of BAA	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Ticketing on public transport	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 12 December
	The Transport Innovation Fund	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	The London Underground and the Public-Private Partnership Agreements	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Freight Transport	Oral evidence in progress 1st oral evidence session 16 January
	Transport Security: Travelling without Fear	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
Treasury	Private Equity	New inquiry announced; written evidence invited; oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 11 December
	The 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review	Report published 3 December: awaiting Government response
	Financial Stability and Transparency	Oral evidence in progress Next oral evidence session 11 December

	The November 2007 Inflation Repo	One-off oral evidence completed
	Private Equity	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Progress on the efficiency programme in the Chancellor's departments	Inquiry announced: written evidence invited
	Private Equity (follow up)	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 12 December
	Climate change and the Stern review	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
Treasury Sub-committee	HM Revenue and Customs: administration and expenditure 2006-07	Oral evidence concluded
	The Adjudicator's Office: administration and expenditure in 2006-07	Oral evidence in progress
	Royal Mint Annual Report 2006-07	Oral evidence concluded
	Office of Government Commerce: expenditure and administration in 2006-07	Oral evidence concluded
	Counting the Population	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 28 November
Welsh Affairs	Globalisation and its Impact on Wales	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 3 December
	Provision of Cross-Border Public Services for Wales	Inquiry announced
	Energy in Wales: Follow-up	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
	Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council	Oral evidence in progress
	Orders in Council	Government response received
Work & Pensions	Personal Accounts	One-off oral evidence session concluded
	Health and Safety Commission and Executive	one-off oral evidence Session concluded
	The Best start in Life	Oral evidence in progress
	Child Poverty	Oral evidence in progress

White Papers and Green Papers received since last Bulletin

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White Papers

None

Green Papers

None

Regulatory Impact Assessments received since the last Bulletin

Date	Title	Contact
None		

Other Papers

Summary of Responses to the Counter Terrorism Bill Consultation [Cm 7269], ISBN: 010 1726924, £9.25

Report on Proposed Measures for Inclusion in a Counter Terrorism Bill [Cm 7262], ISBN: 010 1726221, £5.15

European Communities Documents to be considered

EU documents recommended for debate by the European Scrutiny Committee

Progress of documents to be considered by the House is noted in the “European Union Documents” list, in the Vote Bundle, and on the parliament website at: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmeudoc/cmeudoc.htm>.

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Enquiries can be directed to the European Scrutiny Select Committee office on 020 7219 5467/1548.

The European Scrutiny Select Committee meets each Wednesday at 2.30pm when the House is sitting. Under Standing Order No. 143, the Committee examines: “any proposal under the Community Treaties for legislation by the Council acting jointly with the European parliament”.

This includes draft Regulations and Directives, Decisions of the Council and Budgetary documents. The Committee examine the documents for political and legal implications, and decides whether it should be considered further in European Standing Committee, or for the most important documents, on the floor of the House. Recommendations for further consideration are noted in the list of “Memoranda” in the days Votes and Proceedings. Reports of the European Scrutiny Committee are available from TSO or on the parliament website at:

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European Standing Committee A

Freight transport (14277/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, 14175/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, 14165/07 and 14266/07 and Addenda 1 and 2)

European Standing Committee B

Financial Management (11724/07 and Addenda 1 and 2)

Financial Management (13117/07 and Addendum 1 and 13118/07 and Addendum 1)

The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (COM(2007)598)

Economic Partnership Agreements (14498/07, 14968/07 and Addendum 1) – 3.12.2007

Funding of political parties (11559/07)

European Standing Committee C

Regulation of electricity and gas (13043/07, 13045/07, 13212/07, 13219/07, 13046/07, 13048/07 and 13049/07)

Insolvency and second chances (13832/07)

**Early Day Motions tabled between
3 – 7 December 2007**

Early Day Motion is a colloquial term for a notice given by a Member for which no date has been fixed for debate. This section records the date, number, primary sponsor and title of EDMs tabled in the last week. For information about the text and signatories see 'Notices of Motions' section of the Vote Bundle, the EDM Database at <http://www.parliament.uk> or contact the House of Commons Information Office (Tel: 020 7219 4272) who will advise. For information on Early Day Motions see HCIO Factsheet P3 at: http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/factsheets.cfm

Date	EDM	Primary Sponsor	Title
3.12.07	449	Tim Farron	BEECH TREES
3.12.07	450	Sir Gerald Kaufman	BETHLEHEM AND BANSKY
3.12.07	451	Mr David Anderson [R]	SERVICES FOR PATIENTS WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
3.12.07	452	Mr David Anderson	COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL CARE INSPECTION
3.12.07	453	John Barrett	DOLLY PARTON
3.12.07	454	Dr Ian Gibson	CANCER REFORM STRATEGY
3.12.07	455	Mr Gordon Marsden	WORLDSKILLS 2007 IN SHIZUOKA, JAPAN
3.12.07	456	John McDonnell	DISAPPEARANCE OF LOVINSKY PIERRE-ANTOINE IN HAITI
3.12.07	457	Norman Lamb	EASTERN DAILY PRESS SHOP HERE CAMPAIGN
4.12.07	458	Julia Goldsworthy	HER MAJESTY'S REVENUE AND CUSTOMS
4.12.07	459	Graham Stringer	WOODHEAD TUNNEL
4.12.07	460	Angus Robertson	SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE AND THE RIGHT HON. MEMBER FOR BANFF AND BUCHAN
4.12.07	461	Annette Brooke	PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION
4.12.07	462	Bob Russell	PREVENTION OF DEATHS CAUSED BY GAS POISONING
4.12.07	463	Hilary Armstrong	VSO VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY
4.12.07	464	Mr Jeremy Browne	FREEDOM FROM FEAR CAMPAIGN
4.12.07	465	Dr Ian Gibson	RARER CANCERS
4.12.07	466	Andrew Rosindell	INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE GREYHOUND INDUSTRY
4.12.07	467	Andrew Rosindell	DOGS TRUST'S CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN
4.12.07	468	Bill Wiggin	RECREATIONAL SEA ANGLERS
4.12.07	469	Mr Tobias Ellwood	FOIE GRAS
4.12.07	470	Mr Neil Gerrard	PROBATION BUDGET CUTS
4.12.07	471	Derek Conway	RAIL FARE INCREASES
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5.12.07	478	Ms Karen Buck	CONDUCT OF THE HON. MEMBER FOR HENLEY AND THE RIGHT HON. MEMBER FOR RICHMOND
5.12.07	479	Willie Rennie	FORTH ROAD BRIDGE

5.12.07	480	Mr Mike Hancock	ANIMAL PROTECTION POLICY
5.12.07	481	Ms Diane Abbott	ROMA CHILDREN IN SLOVAKIA
5.12.07	482	Harry Cohen	SOMALIA
5.12.07	483	Harry Cohen	DETENTION AND TREATMENT OF SHEIKH HASINA
5.12.07	484	Keith Vaz	RELEASE OF GILLIAN GIBBONS
5.12.07	485	John McDonnell	LONDON LIVING WAGE FOR LONDON UNDERGROUND CLEANERS
5.12.07	486	Jo Swinson	TELEVISION LICENCE FEE AND DOMESTIC ABUSE REFUGES
5.12.07	487	Dr Hywel Francis	YOUNG CARERS AND CARERS' RIGHTS DAY 2007
5.12.07	488	My Lindsay Hoyle	PERFORMANCE OF LANCASHIRE POLICE CONSTABULARY
5.12.07	489	Phil Wilson	DURHAM TEES VALLEY AIRPORT
5.12.07	490	Harry Cohen	VOTING RECORD OF THE HON. MEMBER FOR BOLSOVER
5.12.07	491	Mr David Clelland	CARERS' RIGHTS DAY
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6.12.07	506	Jim Dobbin	RAIL FREIGHT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
6.12.07	507	Mr Bob Laxton	HIV, HEPATITIS B AND HEPATITIS C IN PRISONS
6.12.07	508	Mr David Anderson	ALSDIG ABDALLAH
6.12.07	509	Greg Mulholland	BRITISH NATIONAL ANTHEM
6.12.07	510	Ms Diane Abbott	ZARINE RENTIA
6.12.07	511	Tim Farron	CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP
6.12.07	512	Keith Vaz	POLICE OFFICER PAY SETTLEMENT
6.12.07	513	Tim Farron	SUSTRANS CONNECT2 SCHEME
6.12.07	514	Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	TRI-SERVICE CONTROL CENTRE
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State of the Parties in the House of Commons as at 7 December 2007

Labour	352	Social Democratic Labour Party (Messrs Durkan, McDonnell, McGrady)	3
Conservative	194	Independent Labour Clare Short	1
Liberal Democrat	63	Independent Conservative Andrew Pelling	1
Scottish National Party / Plaid Cymru (SNP - Messrs Robertson, Salmond, Weir, Wishart, MacNeil & Hosie / PC - Messrs Llwyd, Price, H Williams)	9	Independent Dr Richard Taylor Dai Davies Robert Wareing	3
Democratic Unionist Party (Messrs Campbell, Dodds, Donaldson, McCrea, Paisley, P Robinson, Ms Iris Robinson, Simpson, Wilson)	9	Respect George Galloway	1
Ulster Unionist (Lady Hermon)	1	The Speaker and 3 Deputies (Sir Alan Haselhurst, CWM; Mrs Sylvia Heal, 1 st DCWM; Sir Michael Lord, 2 nd DCWM)	4 (Do not normally vote)
Sinn Fein (Messrs Adams, Doherty, McGuinness, Murphy & Ms Gildernew)	5 (Have not taken their seats and cannot vote)	Vacant seats	0
		Total number of seats	646
		Current working Government Majority (352 Labour MPs less 285 of all other parties – excludes Speaker & Deputies and Sinn Fein)	67

The total number of women MPs is 126
(Lab 95; Con 17; LD 9; DU 1; SF 1; UU 1; DCWM 1; Ind Lab 1)
CWM: Chairman of Ways and Means
1st DCWM: 1st Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means
2nd DCWM: 2nd Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means

By-Elections and new MPs since the General Election of May 2005

Vacancy	Cause	By - Election	New Member	Date of introduction	Maiden Speech
Cheadle	Death of Patsy Calton (LD) (29.5.2005)	14.7.2005	Mark Hunter (LD)	19.7.2005	21.7.2005
Livingston	Death of Robin Cook (Lab) (6.8.2005)	29.9.2005	Jim Devine (Lab)	10.10.2005	25.10.2005
Dunfermline and West Fife	Death of Rachel Squire (Lab) (5.1.2006)	9.2.2006	Willie Rennie (LD)	13.2.2006	1.3.2006
Blaenau Gwent	Death of Peter Law (Ind) (25.4.2006)	29.6.2006	Dai Davies (Ind)	4.7.2006	20.7.2006
Bromley & Chislehurst	Death of Eric Forth (Con) (18.5.2006)	29.6.2006	Bob Neill (Con)	3.7.2006	19.7.2006
Sedgefield	Resignation of the Rt Hon Tony Blair (Lab) (27.6.2007)	19.7.2007	Phil Wilson (Lab)	23.7.2007	8.10.2007
Ealing Southall	Death of Piara Khabra (Lab) (19.6.2007)	19.7.2007	Virendra Kumar Sharma (Lab)	23.7.2007	8.10.2007

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