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Noticeboard

Weekly Information Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published on Saturday 20 December 2008

Result of the Private Members' Bill Ballot:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mrs Cheryl Gillan | 11. Mr Stephen Crabb |
| 2. Mr David Heath | 12. Mrs Caroline Spelman |
| 3. Mr Lindsay Hoyle | 13. Mr Jeremy Browne |
| 4. Peter Luff | 14. Mr Jim Cunningham |
| 5. Dr Evan Harris | 15. Mr Tim Boswell |
| 6. Malcolm Wicks | 16. Mr Russell Brown |
| 7. Mr Peter Ainsworth | 17. Mr Charles Kennedy |
| 8. David Mundell | 18. Philip Davies |
| 9. Mrs Jacqui Lait | 19. John Bercow |
| 10. Sir Paul Beresford | 20. Mr Michael Mates |

Private Members' Bills:

The Private Members Ballot Bills will be presented to the House on Wednesday 21 January 2009

The Leader of the House has announced that the following Fridays are allocated for the consideration of Private Members' Bills during the 2008/09 session:

2009: 27 February; 6, 13, 20 and 27 March; 24 April; 8 and 15 May; 12, 19 and 26 June; 3 July and 16 October

House of Commons Calendar for the 2008/2009 session:

The Leader of the House announced the following recess dates for the 2008/2009 session:

Christmas recess 2008

The House will rise on Thursday 18 December 2008 and will return on Monday 12 January 2009

Spring half term recess 2009

The House will rise on Thursday 12 February 2009 and will return on Monday 23 February 2009

April recess 2009

The House will rise on Thursday 2 April 2009 and will return on Monday 20 April 2009

Whitsun recess 2009

The House will rise on Thursday 21 May 2009 and will return on Monday 1 June 2009

Summer recess 2009

The House will rise on Tuesday 21 July 2009 and will return on Monday 12 October 2009

<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: 15 – 19 December 2008

| Date | Commons Chamber | General Committees | Select Committees | Lords Chamber | Lords Select Committees |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| Mon 15 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPQ – Home Office; including Topical Questions • Conclusion of Debate on the Address – Economy, Pensions and Welfare • Adj – Regulation of the grocery sector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st DLC – Draft Armed Forces ... Order 2008 • 2nd DLC – Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders ... Order 2008 • 3rd DLC – Draft Heritable Bank plc ... Order 2008, the draft Kaupthing Singer ... Order 2008, and the draft Bradford and Bingley plc ... Order 2008 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Local Government • Environment, Food and Rural Affairs • Public Accounts • Welsh Affairs • Business and Enterprise • Treasury | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Questions • Leg – Marine and Coastal Access Bill – Second reading | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None |
| Tues 16 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPQ – Health; including Topical Questions • Debate – Estimates (1st allotted day) – i) energy prices, fuel poverty, OFGEM; ii) dental services • Adj – Physical contact between teachers and pupils | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECB – EU Document Nos. 12244/08, 12177/08, 12182/08 • 4th DLC – Draft Christmas Bonus ... Order 2008 • 5th DLC – Draft Transfer of Tribunal Functions ... Order 09 • 6th DLC – Draft Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 ... Regulations 2008 • 7th DLC – Draft Child Benefit ... Regulations 2008 • 8th DLC – Draft Local Authorities Regulations 2008 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Affairs • Defence • Environmental Audit • Business and Enterprise • Communities and Local Government • Justice • Public Administration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Questions • Leg – Banking (No.2) Bill – Second reading | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None |
| Weds 17 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPQ – International Development • Prime Minister • Leg – Consolidated Fund Bill – proceedings • Leg – Banking Bill – Third reading • Motion – Value Added Tax (Change of Rate) Order 2008 • Motion – resolution relating to Parliamentary Pensions • Motion – Electoral Commission • Adj – Cervical cancer screening of young women | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WGC – Public Expenditure in Wales • 9th DLC – Draft OGC Baying Solutions Trading Fund (Extension and Amendment) Order 2008 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work and Pensions • Children, Schools and Families • Northern Ireland Affairs • Transport • Foreign Affairs • Public Accounts • European Scrutiny | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Questions • Leg – Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill – Second reading | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Sub B |
| Thurs 18 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPQ – Treasury; including Topical Questions • Business Statement – Leader of the House • Motion – on the Christmas recess adjournment • Adj – Sri Lanka | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Questions • Deb – Recent developments in India • Deb – Enhancing Parliament’s ability to communicate with members of the public • Royal Assent – to be confirmed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Sub G |
| Fri 19 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"> • The House will not be sitting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None |

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

Wednesday 3rd December – Thursday 18th December 2008

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Wed. 3 December | Thu. 4 December |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None |
| Mon. 8 December | Tues. 9 December | Wed. 10 December | Thu. 11 December |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland • Prime Minister | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform • Church Commissioners Public Accounts Commission and Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission |
| Mon. 15 December | Tues. 16 December | Wed. 17 December | Thu. 18 December |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Office | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Development • Prime Minister | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasury |

*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 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.

The Secretary of State for Wales also answers on his responsibilities as Minister for Digital Inclusion

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

Monday 12th January – Thursday 12th February 2009

| | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Mon. 12 January | Tues. 13 January | Wed. 14 January | Thu. 15 January |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign and Commonwealth Office | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Prime Minister | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Solicitor General |
| Mon. 19 January | Tues. 20 January | Wed. 21 October | Thu. 22 January |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture, Media and Sport Olympics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities and Local Government | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Ireland Prime Minister | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy and Climate Change Leader of the House House of Commons Commission |
| Mon. 26 January | Tues. 27 January | Wed. 28 January | Thu. 29 January |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children, Schools and Families | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport Women and Equality | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wales Prime Minister | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation, Universities and Skills |
| Mon. 2 February | Tues. 3 February | Wed. 4 February | Thu. 5 February |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work and Pensions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scotland Prime Minister | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Church Commissioners Public Accounts Commission and Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission |
| Mon. 9 February | Tues. 10 February | Wed. 11 February | Thu. 12 February |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Office | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Development Prime Minister | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasury |

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**Business of the House of Commons
8 – 12 December 2008**

Monday 8 December

The House sat at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – none scheduled

Motion – Business of the House (Agreed)

Motion – to establish a Speaker’s Committee on the search of offices on the Parliamentary Estate (Agreed)

Debate on the Address – Employment, Universities and Skills and Housing

Adjournment – Consultations on Post Office closures – Dr Richard Taylor

The House rose at 11.30pm

Tuesday 9 December

The House sat at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Justice; including Topical Questions

Speaker’s Statement – Wilson doctrine and access to the House of Commons server

Debate – European Affairs

Adjournment – Teaching of life skills to 11 - 16 year olds and the national curriculum – Mr Graham Allen

The House rose at 10.28pm

Wednesday 10 December

The House sat at 11.30am

Oral Questions – Scotland; Prime Minister

Statement – Welfare Reform – James Purnell

Debate on the Address – Foreign Affairs and Defence

Adjournment – River Hull and River Humber flood risk management strategy – Mr Graham Stuart

The House rose at 7.34pm

Thursday 11 December

The House sat at 10.30am

Oral Questions – Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform; including Topical Questions; Church Commissioners
Public Accounts Commission

Business Statement – Leader of the House

Statement – Benefits Uprating – Mr. McNulty

Debate on the Address – Health and Education

Adjournment – Closure of outpatients' facilities in Rushden – Mr Peter Bone

The House rose at 6.45pm

Friday 12 December

The House did not sit

**Written Ministerial Statements
8 – 12 December 2008**

- 8.12.08 EU Competitiveness Council – Ian Pearson
- 8.12.08 Parliamentary Questions (Cost) – Angela Eagle
- 8.12.08 Home Buying and Selling – Margaret Beckett
- 8.12.08 Counter-terrorism and Resilience Report (Government Response) – Mr John Hutton
- 8.12.08 Northern Ireland Normalisation – Mr Bob Ainsworth
- 8.12.08 General Affairs and External Relations Council – Caroline Flint
- 8.12.08 Primary Care Trust Revenue Allocation/NHS Operating Framework – Alan Johnson
- 8.12.08 Strategic Policing Priorities – Jacqui Smith
- 8.12.08 St. Helena – Mr Douglas Alexander
- 8.12.08 Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody – Mr Shahid Malik
- 8.12.08 Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission’s Ninth Annual Report – Mr Shaun Woodward
- 8.12.08 EU Transport Council – Mr Geoffrey Hoon
- 8.12.08 MOT Scheme – Jim Fitzpatrick
- 9.12.08 ECOFIN – Mr Alistair Darling
- 9.12.08 Valuation Office Agency – Mr Stephen Timms
- 9.12.08 Education, Youth and Culture Council – Barbara Follett
- 9.12.08 Parliamentary Question (Correction) – Mr Mike O’Brien
- 9.12.08 Exotic Animal Diseases – Jane Kennedy
- 9.12.08 Tobacco Legislation – Alan Johnson
- 9.12.08 Independent Race Monitor – Mr Phil Woolas
- 9.12.08 Fingerprint Checks – Mr Phil Woolas
- 9.12.08 Language Analysis – Mr Phil Woolas
- 9.12.08 Seven Year Child Concession – Mr Phil Woolas
- 9.12.08 Legislative Competence Order – Mr Paul Murphy
- 10.12.08 The Play Strategy – Ed Balls
- 10.12.08 Disabled Facilities Grant – Mr Iain Wright
- 10.12.08 Listed Events (Review) – Andy Burnham
- 10.12.08 Food Security – Hilary Benn
- 10.12.08 EU Education Council – Mr Sion Simon
- 10.12.08 EU Informal Meeting (Bordeaux) – Mr Sion Simon
- 10.12.08 President Young Offenders – Mr Jack Straw
- 10.12.08 Corsten Report (Government Response) – Maria Eagle
- 10.12.08 National Security (First Annual Report) – Mr Shaun Woodward

- 10.12.08 Local Transport Act 2008 – Jim Fitzpatrick
- 11.12.08 Trawlermen Scheme – Mr Pat McFadden
- 11.12.08 Children’s Plan – Ed Balls
- 11.12.08 Correction (Question 164956/200017) – Mr Sadiq Khan
- 11.12.08 Defence Equipment – Mr John Hutton
- 11.12.08 Annual Up-rating War Pension Scheme – Mr Kevan Jones
- 11.12.08 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council – Dawn Primarolo
- 11.12.08 EU Competitiveness Council – Mr David Lammy
- 11.12.08 Autumn Performance Report 2008 – Mr Jack Straw
- 11.12.08 “Helping to shape tomorrow” White Paper – Kevin Brennan
- 11.12.08 Parliamentary Question Correction – Chris Bryant
- 11.12.08 Workplace Parking Levy – Paul Clark
- 11.12.08 Olympic Route Network – Jim Fitzpatrick

**Forthcoming Business of the House of Commons
15 – 19 December 2008**

Monday 15 December

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Home Office; including Topical Questions

Debate on the Address – Economy, Pensions and Welfare

Adjournment – Regulation of the grocery sector – Andrew George

Tuesday 16 December

The House will sit in Westminster Hall between 9.30am-2.00pm

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

| | |
|-------------|--|
| 09.30-11.00 | BBC World Service – Mr Greg Hands |
| 11.00-12.30 | Treatment of Christians in Iraq – Mr Edward Leigh |
| 12.30-13.00 | National Parks in England – Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger |
| 13.00-13.30 | Implementing the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation – Paddy Tipping |
| 13.30-14.00 | Secondary school reorganisation in Colchester – Bob Russell |

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Health; including Topical Questions

Debate– Estimates (1st allotted day) – i) energy prices, fuel poverty, OFGEM; ii) dental services

Adjournment – Physical contact between teachers and pupils – Norman Baker

Wednesday 17 December

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

Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

| | |
|-------------|---|
| 09.30-11.00 | Operation of libel laws – Mr Denis MacShane |
| 11.00-11.30 | Freeze on settlement building in the occupied Palestinian Territories – Martin Linton |

The sitting will be suspended from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm

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|-------------|--|
| 14.30-16.00 | Support for the British Motor Industry – Sandra Gidley |
| 16.00-16.30 | Dartford river crossing tolls – James Brokenshire |
| 16.30-17.00 | Single and double summer time – Mr David Kidney |

The House will sit at 11.30am

Oral Questions – International Development; Prime Minister

Legislation – Consolidated Fund Bill – proceedings

Legislation – Banking Bill – Third reading

Motion – Value Added Tax (Change of Rate) Order 2008

Motion – resolution relating to Parliamentary pensions

Motion –Electoral Commission

Adjournment – Cervical cancer screening of young women – Mr Fraser Kemp

Thursday 18 December

The House will sit at 10.30am

Oral Questions – Treasury; including Topical Questions

Business Statement – Leader of the House

Motion – on the Christmas recess adjournment

Adjournment – Sri Lanka – Mr Andrew Pelling

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

Westminster Hall – a debate on the 9th Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 533 on Human Rights Annual Report 2007, and the Government's response, Cm 7463

Friday 19 December

The House will not be sitting

**Provisional Forthcoming Business of the House of Commons
12 – 16 January 2009**

Monday 12 January

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Defence; including Topical Questions

Legislation – Business Rate Supplements Bill – Second reading

Adjournment – *

Tuesday 13 January

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – Foreign and Commonwealth Office; including Topical Questions

Legislation – Saving Gateway Accounts Bill – Second reading

Adjournment – *

Wednesday 14 January

The House will sit at 11.30am

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

Debate – Opposition day (1st allotted day) – subject to be announced

Adjournment – *

Thursday 15 January

The House will sit at 10.30am

Oral Questions – Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Solicitor General; including Topical Questions

Business Statement – Leader of the House

Topical Debate*** – tbc

Debate – Armed Forces personnel

Adjournment – *

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

Westminster Hall – a debate on the 3rd Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, HC 333, entitled ‘Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: the Cost of Policing the Past’

Friday 16 January

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 15 – 19 December 2008

Monday 15 December

The House will sit at 2:30pm

Oral Questions – Votes for prisoners – Lord Pannick; Bluetongue disease – Lord Livsey of Talgarth; Pain in older people – Baroness Neuberger; Tuberculosis in London Schools – Baroness Sharples

Legislation – Marine and Coastal Access Bill – Second reading – Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

Tuesday 16 December

The House will sit at 2:30pm

Oral Questions – London 2012 and languages – Baroness Coussins; Dispensing of medicines by general medical practices – Lord Walton of Detchant; Effect on residents of pesticide spraying – Lord Tyler

Legislation – Banking (No.2) Bill – Second reading – Lord Myners

Wednesday 17 December

The House will sit at 3:00pm

Oral Questions – Anti-doping agency – Lord Clement-Jones; Unemployment and unemployment benefit – Lord Roberts of Conwy; Violence in Nigeria – Baroness Cox

Legislation – Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill – Second reading – Baroness Andrews

Thursday 18 December

The House will sit at 11:00am

Oral Questions – Child care – Baroness Walmsley; Number of physicians in the UK – Lord Roberts of Llandudno; Government borrowing – Baroness O’Cathain

Debate – Recent developments in India – Baroness Cox

Debate – Enhancing Parliament’s ability to communicate with members of the public – Lord Norton of Louth

Royal Assent – to be confirmed

Friday 19 December

The House will not sit

**Provisional Forthcoming Business of the House of Lords
12 – 16 January 2009**

Monday 12 January

Oral Questions – to be confirmed

Debate – to be confirmed

Tuesday 13 January

The House will sit at 2.30pm

Oral Questions – to be confirmed

Legislation – Banking Bill – Committee stage (day 1) – Lord Myners

Wednesday 14 January

The House will sit at 3.00pm

Oral Questions – to be confirmed

Legislation – Banking Bill – Committee stage (day 2) – Lord Myners

Thursday 15 January

The House will sit at 11.00am

Oral Questions – to be confirmed

Debate – Children's services departments in local authorities – Baroness Shephard of Northwold/Baroness Morgan of Drefelin

Debate – Local authority parking and traffic regimes – Lord Lucas/Lord Adonis

Friday 16 January

The 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

| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| BANKING (G) (introduced in 2007-08 and carried over to 2008-09) Commons: (147, 2007-08) *1R: 7.10.2008 2R: 14.10.2008 Prog: 14.10.2008 CO: 14.10.2008 MR: 14.10.2008 PBC: 21, 23, 28 & 30.10; 4, 6, 11, 13 & 18.11.2008 Prog: 26.11.2008 Rep: 26.11.2008 Commons: (6 , 2008-09) *1R: 4.12.2008 *2R: 4.12.2008 <i>Prov 3R: 17.12.2008</i> Lords: (, 2008-09) <i>Prov Comm: 13, 14, 19 & 20.1.2009</i> | Alistair Darling |
| BANKING (NO. 2) [HL] (G) Lords: (3) 1R: 4.12.2008 <i>Prov 2R: 16.12.2008</i> | Lord Myners |
| BUSINESS RATE SUPPLEMENTS (G) Commons: (2) *1R: 4.12.2008 <i>Prov 2R: 12.1.2009</i> | Hazel Blears |
| COHABITATION [HL] (G) Lords: (8) 1R: 11.12.2008 <i>Prov 2R: No date</i> | Lord Lester of Herne Hill |
| CONSOLIDATED FUND BILL (G) Commons: () <i>Prov 1R: 17.12.2008</i> <i>Prov 2R: No date</i> | Jane Kennedy |
| CORPORATION TAX (G) Commons: (1) 1R: 4.12.2008 <i>Prov 2R: No date</i> | Alistair Darling |
| DISABLED PERSONS (INDEPENDENT LIVING) [HL] (L) Lords: (7) 1R: 9.12.2008 <i>Prov 2R: No date</i> | Lord Ashley of Stoke |
| EQUAL PAY AND FLEXIBLE WORKING [HL] (L) Lords: (6) 1R: 8.12.2008 <i>Prov 2R: No date</i> | Baroness Morris of Bolton |
| HOUSE OF LORDS (MEMBERS' TAXATION STATUS) [HL] (L) Lords: (6) 1R: 4.12.2008 <i>Prov 2R: No date</i> | Lord Oakeshott of Seagrove Bay |
| HOUSE OF LORDS [HL] (L) Lords: (5) 1R: 4.12.2008 <i>Prov 2R: No date</i> | Lord Steel of Aikwood |
| LOCAL DEMOCRACY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION [HL] (G) Lords: (2) 1R: 4.12.2008 <i>Prov 2R: 17.12.2008</i> | Baroness Andrews |
| MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS [HL] (G) Lords: (1) 1R: 4.12.2008 <i>Prov 2R: 15.12.2008</i> | Lord Hunt of Kings Heath |
| POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS (G) (introduced in 2007-08 and carried over to 2008-09) Commons: (141 , 2007-08) *1R: 17.7.2008 2R: 20.10.2008 *CO: 20.10.2008 Prog: 20 & 27.10.2008 PBC: 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 & 20.11.2008 Commons: (4 , 2008-09) *1R: 4.12.2008 *2R: 4.12.2008 <i>Prov Rep: No date</i> | Mr Jack Straw |
| SAVING GATEWAY ACCOUNTS (G) Commons: (3) *1R: 4.12.2008 <i>Prov 2R: 13.1.2009</i> | Alistair Darling |

**Presentation and Publication of Public Bills and Acts
8 – 12 December 2008**

Presentation of Bills (not yet published by Parliament)

| Date | Title and type of Bill | Bill No. |
|-------------|---|-----------------|
| 8.12 | Equal Pay and Flexible Working Bill [HL] (L) | 6 |
| 9.12 | Disabled Persons (Independent Living) Bill [HL] (L) | 7 |
| 11.12 | Cohabitation Bill [HL] (L) | 8 |

Bills published after presentation

| Date | Title and type of Bill | Bill No. | ISBN | Price £ |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| None | | | | |

Bills receiving Royal Assent

| Date | Title | Ch No. |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| None | | |

Acts published after Royal Assent date

| Date | Title | Ch No. | ISBN | Price £ |
|-------------|--|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| 8.12 | Local Transport Act 2008 | 26 | 010 5426080 | 22.00 |
| 9.12 | Planning Act 2008 | 29 | 010 5429081 | 26.00 |
| 9.12 | Pensions Act 2008 | 30 | 010 5430087 | 22.00 |
| 8.12 | Dormant Bank and Building Society Act 2008 | 31 | 010 5431084 | 5.00 |

Public and General Acts 2008 – 2009

| 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 2008– 09 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 | Paper No and ISBN | Committee | Committee Reports | Government Response |
|-------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| None | | | | | |

Private Legislation: General Notes

Abbreviations

| | |
|-------------|--|
| 1R | First Reading |
| 2R | Second Reading |
| CO | Carry-over or revival motion (To enable Bill to progress through Parliament across more than one session) |
| BR | Bill Reintroduced (Together with any other formal stages necessary to return the Bill to the point it had reached in the previous session) |
| 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) |
| Rep | 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 |
| RA | Bill formally becomes an Act of Parliament |
| CH | Chapter number |
| Debate | Bill debated, otherwise the stages are taken formally. In the House of Commons this will be at 7 pm |
| <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 |

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

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E-mail: pamthompson@bdb-law.co.uk

Eversheds LLP, 1 Wood St, London, EC2V 7WS, 020 7919 4500
E-mail: monicapeto@eversheds.com
(The Parliamentary practice of Rees & Freres joined Eversheds in January 2008)

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

Winckworth Sherwood, 35 Great Peter Street, London, SW1P 3LR, 020 7593 5000
E-mail: agorlov@winckworths.co.uk

Members of Parliament may obtain copies of Private Bills from the Vote Office.
Lords may obtain them from the Lords Private Bill Office.

BOURNEMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL [HL] (Sharpe Pritchard)

Lords: (2006-07) 1R: 22.1.2007 2R: 20.2.2007 (Instruction to Committee) OBC: 3 & 10.7.2007
 CO: 22.10.2007
 Commons: (2006-07) CO: 24.10.2007
 Lords: (2007-08) BR: 8.11.2007 3R: 29.11.2007
 Commons: (2007-08) 1R: 29.11.2007 2R: 12.6; 29.10.2008 (Deb adj)
 Commons: (2008-09) *Prov OBC: No date*
 (The Bill is opposed, 3 petitions outstanding)

BROADS AUTHORITY (Winckworth Sherwood)

Commons: (2006-07) 1R: 23.1.2007 2R: 25.4.2007 OBC: 17 & 18.7.2007 CO: 16.10.2007
 Lords: (2006-07) CO: 22.10.2007
 Commons: (2007-08) BR: 13.11.2007 Rep: 23.1.2008 3R: 7.5.2008
 Lords: (2007-08) 1R: 7.5.2008 2R: 8.10.2008 CO: 17.11.2008
 Commons: (2007-08) CO: 19.11.2008
 Commons: (2008-09) BR: 10.12.2008
 Lords: (2008-09) BR: 10.12.2008 *Prov OBC: No date*
 (The Bill is opposed in the Lords. There are 14 petitions outstanding against the Bill)

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL (Sharpe Pritchard)

Commons: (2007-08) 1R: 22.1.2008 2R: 12.6; 29.10.2008 (Deb adj)
 Commons: (2008-09) *Prov UBC: No date*
 (No petitions were presented against the Bill in the House of Commons)

LEEDS CITY COUNCIL (Sharpe Pritchard)

Commons: (2007-08) 1R: 22.1.2008 2R: 12.6; 29.10.2008
 Commons: (2008-09) *Prov 2R: No date*
 (No petitions were presented against the Bill in the Commons)

LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES [HL] (Sharpe Pritchard)

Lords: (2007-08) 1R: 22.1.2008 2R: 20.2.2008 OBC: 7, 8 & 9.7.2008 CO: 17.11.2008
 Commons: (2007-08) CO: 24.11.2008
 Lords: (2008-09) *Prov UBC: No date*
 (The Bill was opposed in HL. There will be an opportunity to petition against the Bill when it reaches the House of Commons)

LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TRANSPORT FOR LONDON (NO. 2) [HL] (Sharpe Pritchard)

Lords: (2007-08) 1R: 22.1.2008 2R: 20.2.2008 CO: 17.11.2008
 Commons: (2007-08) CO: 19.11.2008
 Lords: (2008-09) *Prov OBC: No date*
 (The Bill is opposed. There are 3 petitions outstanding. It is currently possible to petition against the Bills' Additional Provision)

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL [HL] (Sharpe Pritchard)

Lords: (2006-07) 1R: 22.1.2007 2R: 20.2.2007 OBC: 3 & 10.7.2007 CO: 22.10.2007
 Commons: (2006-07) CO: 24.10.2007
 Lords: (2007-08) BR: 8.11.2007 3R: 29.11.2007
 Commons: (2007-08) 1R: 29.11.2007 2R: 12.6.2008(Deb adj) 2R: 29.10.2008
 Commons: (2008-09) *Prov OBC: No date*
 (The Bill is opposed, 1 petition outstanding)

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL (Sharpe Pritchard)

Commons: (2007-08) 1R: 22.1.2008 2R: 12.6.2008 (Deb adj)
 2R: 29.10.2008 (Deb adj)
 Commons: (2008-09) *Prov 2R: No date*
 (No petitions were presented against the Bill in the House of Commons)

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL (Sharpe Pritchard)

Commons: (2007-08) 1R: 22.1.2008 2R: 12.6.2008 (Deb adj)
2R: 29.10.2008 (Deb adj)

Commons: (2008-09) *Prov 2R: No date*
(No petitions were presented against the Bill in the Commons)

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON (SUPPLEMENTAL TOLL PROVISIONS) [HL] (Eversheds LLP)

Lords: (2006-07) 1R: 22.1.2007 2R: 26.4.2007 CO: 22.10.2007
Commons: (2006-07) CO: 24.10.2007
Lords: (2007-08) BR: 8.11.2007 UBC: 11.11.2008 CO: 17.11.2008
Commons: (2007-08) CO: 19.11.2008
Lords: (2008-09) *Prov 3R: No date*

N.B. 1 petition for Bills were deposited:
CITY OF WESTMINSTER (Sharpe Pritchard)

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.

Legislative Reform Proposals and Orders: Proceedings as at 12 December 2008

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) |

Draft Orders

| Date Laid | Title and SI Number | Lords Committee Report & Recommendation | Commons Committee Report & Recommendation | Consideration L (Lords), C (Commons) |
|------------------|--|--|--|---|
| 9.5.2007 | Draft Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc between Ombudsmen) Order 2007 | HL 113(a) | HC 611(a) | 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(a) | 5.07.2007 (C) 3.07.2007 (L) |
| 4.6.2007 | Draft Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2007 | HL 126(a) | HC 674(a) | 25.06.2007 (C) 3.07.2007 (L) |
| 5.7.2007 | Draft Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007 | HL 150(a) | HC 948(a) | 24.7.2007 (C) 17.7.2007 (L) |
| 25.7.2007 | Draft Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007 | HL 11 (b) | HC 135(a) | <i>Not considered</i> |
| 18.2.2008 | Draft Legislative Reform (Health and Safety Executive) Order 2008 | HL 76 (a) | HC 398(a) | 18.03.2008 (C) 31.03.2008 (L) |
| 17.6.2008 | Draft Legislative Reform (Consumer Credit) Order 2008 | HL 148 (a) | HC 939 (a) | 14.07.2008 (C) 08.10.2008 (L) |
| 26.6.2008 | Draft Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2008: second stage | HL 148 (# a) | HC 940 (# a) | 14.07.2008 (C) 23.10.2008 (L) |
| 17.7.2008 | Draft Legislative Reform (Lloyds) Order 2008 | HL 179 (a) | HC 1090 (a) | 10.11.2008 (C) 12.11.2008 (L) |
| 9.10.2008 | Draft Legislative Reform (Insolvency) (Individual Voluntary Arrangements) Order 2008 | HL 187 (a) | - | Withdrawn |

| Date Laid | Title and SI Number | Lords Committee Report & Recommendation | Commons Committee Report & Recommendation | Consideration L (Lords), C (Commons) |
|------------------|--|--|--|---|
| 20.10.2008 | Draft Legislative Reform (Verification of Weighing and Measuring Equipment) Order 2008 | HL 187 (a) | HC 1185 (a) | tbc |
| 4.12.2008 | Draft Legislative Reform (Insolvency) (Advertising Requirements) Order 2009 | | | |
| 8.12.2008 | Draft Legislative Reform (Supervision of Alcohol Sales in Church and Village Halls &c.) Order 2009 | | | |
| 8.12.2008 | Draft Legislative Reform (Minor Variations to Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Order 2009 | | | |

Remedial Orders, Draft Remedial Orders and Urgent Procedure Remedial Orders: Proceedings as at 12 December 2008

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 |
|-----------|-------|---|
|-----------|-------|---|

None

Draft Orders

| Date Laid | Title | Jnt Cttee on Human Rights: Report & Recommendation | Lords Consideration | Commons Consideration |
|-----------|-------|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
|-----------|-------|---|------------------------|--------------------------|

None

Urgent Orders

| Date Laid | Title | Jnt Cttee on Human Rights: Report & Recommendation | Lords Consideration | Commons Consideration |
|-----------|-------|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
|-----------|-------|---|------------------------|--------------------------|

None

Northern Ireland Legislation: proceedings as at 12 December 2008

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 | | 30.01.2007 | 19.3.2007(D) 27.3.2007(A) | 22.2.2007(A) | 28.3.2007 |
| Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2008 | N/A | | 4.12.2007 | 30.01.2007(D) 04.02.2008(A) | 22.1.2008(A) | 18.2.2008 |
| Draft Guardian's Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 | N/A | | 6.02.2008 | 19.03.2008(D) 26.03.2008(A) | 6.03.2008(A) | N/A |
| Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008 | N/A | | 3.03.2008 | 28.04.2008(D) 29.04.2008(A) | 29.4.2008(A) | 7.5.2008 |

| Title and SI No. | Consultation on Proposal | NIGC | (Draft) Order Laid | Commons | Lords | Privy Council |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 | N/A | | 3.03.2008 | 28.04.2008(D) 29.04.2008(A) | 29.4.2008(A) | 7.5.2008 |
| Draft Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Regulation of Loans etc: Northern Ireland) Order 2008 | N/A | | 11.03.2008 | 30.04.2008(D) 06.05.2008(A) | 12.5.2008(A) | 14.5.2008 |
| Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 | N/A | | 31.03.2008 | 15.5.2008(D) 02.06.2008(A) | 22.5.2008(A) | 11.06.2008 |
| Draft Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 | | | 30.4.2008 | 02.6.2008(D) 03.06.2008(A) | 30.6.2008(A) | 09.07.2008 |
| Draft Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008 | | | 30.4.2008 | 02.6.2008 (D) 03.06.2008(A) | 30.6.2008(A) | 09.07.2008 |
| Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008 | | | 14.05.2008 | 25.06.2008(D) 30.06.2008(A) | 25.06.2008(A) | tbc |
| Draft Service Voters' Registration Period (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 | | | 14.05.2008 | 25.06.2008(D) 30.06.2008(A) | 25.06.2008(A) | tbc |
| Draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2008 | | | 16.05.2008 | 23.06.2008(D) 24.06.2008(A) | 25.06.2008(A) | tbc |
| Draft Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (Codes of Practice) (No. 4) Order 2008 | | | 13.10.2008 | tbc | tbc | tbc |
| Draft Postponement of Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2009 | | | 10.12.2008 | tbc | tbc | tbc |

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
 Application – made to the TWA Orders Unit at the Department for Transport (unless otherwise specified), the date refers to when the application was received
 Final order – printed as a Statutory Instrument on the OPSI website (<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/>) and 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 | Application | Agent | Final Order |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Babbacombe Cliff Railway Order | 30.10.2008 | Sharpe Pritchard LLP | |
| Borough of Poole (Poole Harbour Opening Bridges) Order | 13.12.2004 | Rees and Freres (now Eversheds) | 2006/No.2310 Made 24.08.06 |
| Cirrus Energy Shell Flat Offshore Wind Farm | 28.08.2003 (BERR) | Winckworth Sherwood | Application withdrawn |
| Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal (Land Acquisition) Order | 02.07.2008 | Hammonds LLP | |
| Docklands Light Railway (Capacity Enhancement and 2012 Games Preparation) Order | 02.08.2006 | Rees & Freres (now Eversheds) | 2007/No.2297 Made 02.08.07 |
| Docklands Light Railway (Dagenham Dock Extension) Order | 30.04.2008 | Bircham Dyson Bell | |
| Docklands Light Railway (Stratford International Extension) Order | 21.09.2005 | Bircham Dyson Bell | 2006/No.2905 Made 01.11.06 |
| East Kent Railway Order | 28.02.2006 | Winckworth Sherwood | 2007/No.3234 Made 09.11.07 |
| Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order | 18.10.2004 (DEFRA) | Bircham Dyson Bell | |
| Felixstowe Branch Line and Ipswich Yard Improvement Order | 14.12.2005 05.05.2006 (revised) | DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary UK LLP | 2008/2512 Made 23.09.08 |
| Felixstowe Dock and Railway (Land Acquisition) Order | 15.06.2004 | Rees and Freres (now Eversheds) | 2007/No.3345 Made 26.11.07 |
| Greater Manchester (LRTS) (Media City Extension) Order | 25.06.2008 | Bircham Dyson Bell | |
| London Gateway Logistics and Commercial Centre | 14.02.2002 | Berwin Leighton Paisner | 2007/No.2657 Made 07.09.07 |
| London Underground (Archway Station) Order | 29.11.2007 | Berwin Leighton Paisner | |
| London Underground (Victoria Station Upgrade) Order | 22.11.2007 05.08.2008 (revised) | Bircham Dyson Bell | |
| Luton Dunstable Translink Order | 18.12.2003 | Rees and Freres (now Eversheds) | 2006/No.3118 Made 22.11.06 |
| Network Rail (Reading) (Land Acquisition) Order | 06.11.2008 | Winckworth Sherwood LLP | |
| Network Rail (Thameslink 2000) Order | 21.11.1997 | Rees & Freres (now Eversheds) | 2006/No.3117 Made 22.11.06 |
| Network Rail (Thameslink) (Land Acquisition) Order | 23.01.2008 | Eversheds LLP | |
| Nottingham Express Transit System Order | 01.05.2007 | Bircham Dyson Bell | |

Applications for Orders under the *Transport and Works Act 1992* (cont.)

| Title of Order | Application | Agent | Final Order |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 |
| River Humber (Upper Burcom Tidal Stream Generator) Order | 21.12.2007 (BERR) | Winckworth Sherwood | 2008/No.969 Made 02.04.08 |
| River Mersey (Mersey Gateway Bridge) Order | 2.06.2008 | DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary UK LLP | |
| Stansted Rail Improvement Order | 27.3.2008 | CMS Cameron McKenna | |
| Teesport (Land Acquisition) Order | 26.5.2006 | Rees & Freres (now Eversheds) | 2008/No.969 Made 02.04.08 |

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 |
|------|--------|------------|
|------|--------|------------|

None

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

Membership:

None

General Committee Meetings 8 – 12 December 2008

There were no General Committees scheduled for this week

**Forthcoming General Committee Meetings
15 – 19 December 2008**

Monday 15 December

- 1st DLC Draft Armed Forces (Alignment of Service Discipline Acts) (No. 2) Order 2008, 4.30pm, Room 9
- 2nd DLC Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2008, 4.30pm, Room 11
- 3rd DLC Draft Heritable Bank plc (Determination of Compensation) Order 2008, the draft Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander Limited (Determination of Compensation) Order 2008 and the draft Bradford and Bingley plc Compensation Scheme Order 2008, 4.30pm, Room 12

Tuesday 16 December

- EC B EU Document Nos. 12244/08, 12177/08 and Addendum 1 and 12182/08 and Addendum 1 relating to Management of EU funds in Bulgaria and Romanian and Bulgarian EU Accession, 4.30pm, Room 10
- 4th DLC Draft Christmas Bonus (Specified Sum) Order 2008, 10.30am, Room 9
- 5th DLC Draft Transfer of Tribunal Functions and Revenue and Customs Appeals Order 2009, 10.30am, Room 11
- 6th DLC Draft Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Prescribed Criteria and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2008, 10.am, Room 12
- 7th DLC Draft Child Benefit (Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, 4.30pm, Room 9
- 8th DLC Draft Local Authorities (England) (Charges for Property Searches) Regulations 2008, 4.30pm, Room 12

Wednesday 17 December

- WGC Public Expenditure in Wales, 9.00am & 2.00pm, Room 14
- 9th DLC Draft OGC Buying Solutions Trading Fund (Extension and Amendment) Order 2008, 2.30pm, Room 9

Thursday 18 December

None

Friday 19 December

None

Please note: This list is correct as at press (12 noon Friday).
The time and location of general committee meetings may be changed at short notice.

Select Committees

A complete list of Select Committee membership and a Factsheet (P2) on the work of Select Committees is available on request from the House of Commons Information Office. The list and Factsheet are also on the Parliament website at:
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:
http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/parliamentary_committees16.cfm

Membership:

Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

Appointed by the House of Lords on 10 December 2008:

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| Lord Campbell of Dalloway | Lord Kimball | Countess of Mar | Earl of Mar and Kellie |
| Baroness Jones of Whitchurch | Lord Walpole | | |

Consolidated etc. Bills (Joint Committee)

Appointed by the House of Lords 11 December 2008

Chairman – Lord Rodger of Earlsferry

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| Lord Acton | Viscount Bledisloe | Lord Campbell of Alloway | Lord Christopher |
| Viscount Colville of Culross | Earl of Dundee | Baroness Fookes | Lord Janner of Braunstone |
| Baroness Mallalieu | Lord Methuen | Lord Razzall | |

Select Committee Meetings 8 – 12 December 2008

Monday 8 December

Communities and Local Government

Subject: The Balance of Power: central and local government

Witnesses: Professor George Jones OBE and Professor John Stewart; Professor Vernon Bogdanor CBE, Oxford University, and Professor Tony Travers, London School of Economics; Rt Hon Lord Heseltine; Baroness Hamwee and Rt Hon Nick Raynsford MP

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Subject: Energy efficiency and fuel poverty

Witnesses: Fuel Poverty Advisory Group, and Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford; National Energy Action, and National Right to Fuel Campaign

Public Accounts

Subject: Primary Schools: Teaching mathematics

Witnesses: David Bell, Permanent Secretary, Department for Children, Schools and Families

Tuesday 9 December

Treasury

Subject: Pre-Budget Report 2008

Witnesses: HM Treasury

Environmental Audit

Subject: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation

Witnesses: Johan Eliasch, Prime Minister's Special Representative on Deforestation and Clean Energy, Jonathan Brearley, Director, and Graham Floater, Deputy Director and the Eliasch Review Team Leader, Office of Climate Change; Charlie Kronick, Senior Climate Campaigner, Greenpeace, and Robin Webster, Senior Campaigner, Friends of the Earth

Business and Enterprise

Subject: Pub Companies

Witnesses: British Beer and Pub Association, Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers, and British Institute of Innkeeping; Punch Taverns, and Enterprise Inns

Culture, Media and Sport

Subject: London 2012 Games: Lessons from Beijing

Witnesses: Lord Coe, Chairman, and Paul Deighton, Chief Executive, London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and John Armit, Chairman, and David Higgins, Chief Executive, Olympic Delivery Authority; Charles Allen, Chairman, and Jonathan Edwards, Deputy Chairman, Nations and Regions Group, and Andy Worthington, Chairman, North West Steering Group for the 2012 Games ; Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP, Minister for the Olympics, Cabinet Office, and Gerry Sutcliffe MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Home Affairs

Subject: Human Trafficking

Witnesses: Metropolitan Police; London Councils, and Association of Directors of Children's Services ; Alan Campbell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, and Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP, Leader of the House of Commons

Welsh Affairs

Subject: The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

Witnesses: Cardiff International Airport, Manchester Airport and Martin Evans, University of Glamorgan

Joint Committee on Human Rights

Subject: Policing and Protest

Witnesses: Vernon Coaker MP, Minister of State, Home Office

Public Administration

Subject: Equitable Life

Witnesses: Ian Pearson MP, Economic Secretary, HM Treasury

Justice

Subject: Justice Reinvestment

Witnesses: Jonathan Aitken, Chair, Prison Reform Working Group, Centre for Social Justice, and Lord Dubs, Chair, Prison Policy Group; Tim Godwin, Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, and David Scott, Chair, Chief Officers of Probation

Wednesday 10 December

Children, Schools and Families

Subject: The Work of Ofsted

Witnesses: Christine Gilbert CBE, HM Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills, Ofsted

Work and Pensions

Subject: DWP's commissioning strategy and the employment programme market

Witnesses: Rt Hon Tony McNulty MP, Minister of State, Department for Work and Pensions

Justice

Subject: (1) Legal Aid Reform (Follow-Up) (2) Crown Dependencies.

Witnesses: Lord Bach, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Patrick Bourke, Head of European and International Division, and Mark Taylor, Head of Legal Analysis, Finance and Performance Division, Ministry of Justice.

Scottish Affairs

Subject: Implications for the Scottish economy of the current economic climate

Witnesses: CBI Scotland; Professor David Bell, University of Stirling ; Scottish Trades Union Congress ; Scottish Chambers of Commerce

Culture, Media and Sport

Subject: BBC Commercial Operations

Witnesses: Lord Carter of Barnes CBE, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Culture, Media and Sport

European Scrutiny

Subject: Scrutiny of European Documents

Witnesses: None

Northern Ireland Affairs

Subject: Cross-border co-operation.

Witness: Northern Ireland Prison Service

Treasury

Subject: Pre-Budget Report 2008

Witnesses: Rt Hon Alistair Darling MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer

Transport

Subject: The enforcement activities of the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency

Witnesses: Traffic Commissioners; Vehicle and Operator Services Agency ; Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Transport

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Subject: Energy efficiency and fuel poverty

Witnesses: E.ON UK, RWE nPower, and Centrica; Ofgem

Foreign Affairs

Subject: Developments in the European Union

Witnesses: Rt Hon David Miliband MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Matthew Rycroft CBE, Director EU, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Public Accounts

Subject: The procurement of goods and services by HM Prison Service

Witnesses: Phil Wheatley, Director General, National Offender Management Service, and Vincent Godfrey, Director of Procurement, Ministry of Justice

Thursday 11 December

Health

Subject: Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2008

Witnesses: David Nicholson CBE, NHS Chief Executive, Hugh Taylor CB, Permanent Secretary, David Flory, Director General, NHS Finance, Performance and Operations, and Richard Douglas, Director General, Finance, and Chief Operating Officer, Department of Health

Public Administration

Subject: Work of the Cabinet Office

Witnesses: Sir Gus O'Donnell KCB, Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service

Friday 12 December

None

Forthcoming Select Committee Meetings 15 – 19 December 2008

Monday 15 December

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| Treasury* Subject: The work of the Financial Services Authority 2007-08 Witnesses: Nick Prettejohn, Chairman, Financial Services Practitioner Panel, Simon Bolam, Chairman, Smaller Businesses Practitioner Panel, Adam Philips, Acting Chairman, Financial Services Consumer Panel, Peter Vicary-Smith, Chief Executive, Which?, Hector Sants, Chief Executive, Financial Services Authority (at 2.30pm) | 1:30pm | The Grimond Room, Portcullis House |
| Business and Enterprise Subject: The role of regional development agencies Witnesses: Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Minister of State, Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform | 2:30pm | Committee Room 6, Palace of Westminster |
| Welsh Affairs Subject: The proposed draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Agriculture and Rural Development) Order 2008, relating to the Red Meat Industry Witnesses: Elin Jones AM, Minister for Rural Affairs, Welsh Assembly Government; Wayne David MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Wales Office (at 3.15 pm.) | 2:30pm | National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff |
| Communities and Local Government Subject: The Balance of Power: central and local government Witnesses: Jeremy Smith, Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), appearing in a personal capacity and the Institute of Local Government Studies; the Local Government Association (at 5.00 pm.) | 4:20pm | The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House |
| Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Subject: Energy efficiency and fuel poverty Witnesses: Consumer Focus; Joan Ruddock MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change (at 5.00 pm.) | 4:30pm | Committee Room 16, Palace of Westminster |
| Public Accounts* Subject: CDC: Investing to reduce poverty? Witnesses: Nemat (Minouche) Shafik, Permanent Secretary, and Mark Lowcock, Director General, County Programmes, Department for International Development, and Sir Malcolm Williamson, Chairman, and Richard Laing, Chief Executive, CDC Group | 4:30 pm | Committee Room 15, Palace of Westminster |

Tuesday 16 December

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| Business and Enterprise* Subject: Banks lending to small and medium-size enterprises Witnesses: David Frost, Director General, British Chambers of Commerce, Andrew Cave, Head of Policy, Federation of Small Businesses, and Michael Izza, Chief Executive, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales; Steve Cooper, Managing Director, Local Business, Barclays Bank, John Maltby, Managing Director, Commercial Banking, Lloyds TSB, Lynne Peacock, Chief Executive Officer, Clydesdale Bank, and Peter Ibbetson, Chairman, RBS Small Businesses, Royal Bank of Scotland (at 11.15 am.) | 10:00am | Committee Room 15, Palace of Westminster |
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| <p>Communities and Local Government Subject: Housing and the credit crunch Witnesses: Council of Mortgage Lenders, National Housing Federation, Home Builders Federation and Intermediary Mortgage Lenders Association; Rt Hon Margaret Beckett MP, Minister for Housing, Department for Communities and Local Government, Sir Bob Kerslake, Chief Executive-designate, Homes and Communities Agency, and Peter Marsh, Chief Executive-designate, Tenant Services Authority (at 11.20 am.)</p> | <p>10:20am</p> | <p>The Grimond Room, Portcullis House</p> |
| <p>Environmental Audit Subject: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation Witnesses: Sustainable Forestry Management Ltd and Carbon Markets and Investors Association; Royal Institute of International Affairs (at 11.10 am.)</p> | <p>10:20am</p> | <p>The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House</p> |
| <p>Defence Subject: Defence Equipment Witnesses: Quentin Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, General Sir Kevin O'Donoghue KCB CBE, Chief of Defence Materiel, Lieutenant General Andrew Figgures CBE, Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Equipment Capability), and Mr Amyas Morse, Defence Commercial Director, Ministry of Defence</p> | <p>10:30am</p> | <p>Committee Room 8, Palace of Westminster</p> |
| <p>Home Affairs Subject: Police authorities Witnesses: Local Government Association, and the Association of Police Authorities; Vernon Coaker MP, Minister for Policing, Crime and Security, Home Office (at 12.15 pm.)</p> | <p>11:45am</p> | <p>The Wilson Room, Portcullis House</p> |
| <p>Public Administration Subject: Good Government Witnesses: Natalie Creeneey, National Archives, Professor Christopher Hood, Oxford University, Professor Colin Talbot, Manchester University, and Tony Travers, London School of Economics</p> | <p>2:00pm</p> | <p>The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House</p> |
| <p>Justice Subject: Justice Reinvestment Witnesses: Rt Hon David Hanson MP, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice, and Alan Campbell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office</p> | <p>4:15pm</p> | <p>The Grimond Room, Portcullis House</p> |

Wednesday 17 December

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| <p>Children, Schools and Families Subject: Looked-after children Witnesses: Association of Directors of Children's Services, British Association of Social Workers, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, and Professor Judith Masson, University of Bristol</p> | <p>9:45am</p> | <p>The Wilson Room, Portcullis House</p> |
| <p>Work and Pensions Subject: Pension, Disability and Carers Service Witnesses: Terry Moran, Chief Executive, Pension, Disability and Carers Service</p> | <p>10:00am</p> | <p>The Grimond Room, Portcullis House</p> |
| <p>European Scrutiny Subject: Scrutiny of European Documents Witnesses: None</p> | <p>2:30pm</p> | <p>Committee Room 19, Palace of Westminster</p> |
| <p>Transport Subject: Taxes and charges on road users Witnesses: Automobile Association, RAC Rescue Services, Association of British Drivers, National Alliance Against Tolls, and Drivers' Alliance Ltd; Campaign for Better Transport, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Natural England, National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers, and Transport & General Workers Union (Unite) (at 3.45 pm)</p> | <p>2:45pm</p> | <p>The Wilson Room, Portcullis House</p> |

Northern Ireland Affairs

Subject: Cross-border co-operation

Witnesses: Serious Organised Crime Agency

3:00pm

Committee Room 5
Palace of
Westminster

Public Accounts*

Subject: End of life care

Witnesses: David Nicholson, Chief Executive, NHS, Professor Christine Beasley,
Chief Nursing Officer, and Professor Mike Richards, National Cancer Director,
Department of Health

3:30pm

Committee Room
15, Palace of
Westminster

Thursday 18 December

None

Friday 19 December

None

House of Lords Committees: Forthcoming Public Meetings
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Monday 15 December

None

Tuesday 16 December

None

Wednesday 17 December

EU Sub-Committee E: Law and Institutions

4:00pm

Subject: Common Frame of Reference

Witnesses: Lord Bach, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice

Thursday 18 December

EU Sub-Committee G: Social Policy and Consumer Affairs

10:10am

Subject: Cross-border Healthcare

Witnesses: Unite; and Unison

Friday 19 December

None

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 £ |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|--|----------------|
| 9.12 | Public Administration | Charity Commission Annual Report | Dame Suzi Leather Mr Andrew Hind Ms Rosie Chapman Kenneth Dibble | 9.10 | HC 1156-i (2007-08) | 4.00 |
| 9.12 | Public Administration | Charities and Public Benefit | Archbishops' Council General Synod Board of Deputies of British Jews British Humanist Association Evangelical Alliance Lawyers' Christian Fellowship Independent Schools Council Dr Anthony Seldon Sir Simon Jenkins Bates Wells & Braithwaite Nuffield Health Royal Opera House Charity Commission | 6.6 2.7 8.7 9.10 | HC 663i-iv (2007-08) 0215 525451 | 11.50 |

(B) Select Committee Reports

| Date Received | Committee | Details of Original Report | HC Paper and ISBN | Price £ |
|----------------------|--|--|---|----------------|
| 5.12 | European Union | 35 th , Developments in EU Trade Policy | HL 200 (2007-08) 010 4014066 | 25.20 |
| 5.12 | Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills | 7 th , Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the Draft Apprenticeships Bill Volume I: Report | HC 1062-I (2007-08) 0215 525369 | 15.50 |
| 5.12 | Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills | 7 th , Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the Draft Apprenticeships Bill Volume II: Oral and Written Evidence | HC 1062-II (2007-08) 0215 525 383 | 13.00 |
| 9.12 | Public Accounts | 55 th , HMRC: Tackling the hidden economy | HC 712 (2007-08) 0215 525352 | 10.00 |
| 11.12 | Public Accounts | 56 th , British Council: Achieving Impact | HC 814 (2007-08) 0215 525468 | 10.00 |
| 11.12 | Statutory Instruments | 1 st , Report of Session 2008-09 | HL 5 010 8448355 | 4.50 |

(C) Government Responses to Select Committee Reports

| Date Received | Committee | Details of Original Report | HC Paper or Cm No of response | Price £ |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 11.12 | Public Administration | 11 th , Public Services and the Third Sector: Rhetoric and Reality [HC 112] | HC 1209 (2007-08) 0215 525420 | 8.00 |

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

| Date Received | Title | Paper No and ISBN | Price £ |
|----------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| 5.12 | Investing for Development: the Department for International Development's oversight of CDC Group PLC | HC 18 010 2954456 | 14.35 |
| 9.12 | Maintaining the Occupied Royal Palaces | HC 14 010 2954463 | 14.35 |

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Select Committees: Current Inquiries

Select Committee evidence is published as a House of Commons Paper; there is generally a delay of 4-6 weeks before the material is available. When published it is also made available on the Parliament website. All HC paper numbers shown are from the 2007-08 session unless otherwise stated. Select Committees may also publish uncorrected transcripts of Ministers' evidence on the website as soon as the transcript is available. Hard copies of Select Committee publications can be purchased from The Stationery Office, contact details are shown on the back page of this bulletin.

The website address for Select Committee publications is:

<http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/cm/cmselect.htm>

More details of current Select Committee inquiries can be found on the Parliament website:

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

Business and Enterprise Committee

INQUIRY

Committee to revisit the role of pubcos
 Consumer Focus
 Creating a Higher Value-Added Economy
 Financial support for SME's
 The Insolvency Service
 PubCos
 Role and responsibilities of the regional development agencies
 Spring Supplementary Estimates
 The role and responsibilities of the regional development agencies

STAGE & NOTES

Inquiry announced: Written evidence invited
 One oral evidence session concluded
 Oral evidence in progress.
 Inquiry announced. Written evidence invited
 Inquiry announced. Written evidence invited
 Oral evidence session 9 December 2008
 Oral evidence in progress
 3rd oral evidence session 15 December
 Oral evidence in progress
 Oral evidence in progress

Children, Schools and Families

INQUIRY

Diversity of School Provision: Faith Schools
 Diversity of School Provision: Links between independent and maintained schools
 Diversity of Schools Provision: Trust Schools
 Early Years Foundation Stage
 Learning and Skills Council
 Looked-after Children
 National Curriculum
 Public Expenditure
 Social Mobility
 Teacher Training
 The Work of Ofsted

STAGE & NOTES

Oral evidence in progress
 Oral evidence in progress
 Oral evidence in progress
 One-off evidence completed
 Oral evidence published on 25 November 2008
 Oral evidence in progress
 Oral evidence session 17 December
 Oral evidence concluded 24 November 2008; draft Report awaited
 Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
 One-off evidence concluded
 Inquiry announced
 Deadline for submissions of written evidence is noon on Monday 2 February 2009
 Oral evidence concluded

Communities & Local Government

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
|--|--|
| Channel 4 Annual Report for 2007 | Oral evidence in progress |
| Communities & Local Government's Departmental Annual Report 2008 | Oral evidence in progress |
| Housing and the Credit Crunch | Oral evidence session 16 December 2008 |
| Local Authority Investments | Oral evidence sessions to be announced |
| London 2012 Games | Oral evidence in progress |
| Planning Skills | Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation |
| Provision of Public Toilets | Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation |
| The Balance of Power: Central & Local Government | Inquiry announced: Written evidence invited |
| The Licensing Act 2003 | Oral evidence in progress |
| The Tenant Services Authority | Inquiry announced |
| Traditional Retail Markets | Evidence invited - deadline 19 January 2009 |

Culture, Media & Sport

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
|------------------------------------|--|
| BBC Annual Report 2007-08 | One-off oral evidence session concluded. Report in preparation |
| Channel 4 Annual Report for 2007 | Oral evidence concluded. Report in preparation |
| Commercial Operations of the BBC | Oral evidence in progress |
| Press Standards, Privacy and Libel | Written evidence invited – deadline 14 January 2009 |
| The Licensing Act 2003 | Oral evidence concluded. Report in preparation |
| London 2012 Games | Oral evidence in progress. |

Defence

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
|---|--|
| Defence Equipment | Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 16 December |
| MOD'S performance against expenditure plans | Inquiry announced. |
| UK Defence: commitments and resources | Oral evidence concluded Further written evidence invited |
| UK national security & resilience | Oral evidence in progress |
| Winter Supplementary Estimates | Report to be published 15 December at 11.00 |

Environmental Audit

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
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| Carbon budgets | One off evidence session postponed |
| Forests: the future role of carbon markets in their protection and the timber trade | Inquiry announced |
| Greener Homes for the future? An environmental analysis of the Government's house-building plans | Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation |
| Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation | Inquiry announced. |
| Reducing CO2 and other emissions from shipping | Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation |
| The scientific basis for carbon reduction targets | Oral evidence concluded: Oral evidence to be published |

Environmental Audit Sub-Committee

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
|-------------------------|--|
| Environmental Labelling | Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation |

Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
|---|---|
| Defra science | Invitation to help frame inquiry |
| Energy efficiency and fuel poverty (HC 1099, Session 2007–08 – publication of written evidence) | Oral evidence sessions announced on 15 December |
| Securing food supplies up to 2050: the challenges for the UK | Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 22 January |
| The English Pig Industry | Oral evidence in progress. |
| Waste Strategy for England 2007 | Oral evidence concluded; report in preparation |

European Scrutiny

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
|---|--|
| Developments in the European Union | Oral evidence in progress |
| Subsidiarity and the Role of National Parliaments | Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation |

Foreign Affairs

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Developments in the European Union | Oral evidence in progress Volume of written and oral evidence published 26 November 2008 (HC 713-i) |
| FCO Annual Report | Oral evidence in progress |
| Global Security: Afghanistan | Inquiry announced Deadline for written submissions 23 January 2009 |
| Global Security: Non-Proliferation | Inquiry announced. |

Health

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
|--|--|
| Health Inequalities | Report in preparation. Written evidence published 3 April 2008 |
| NHS Next Stage Review | Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation |
| Our NHS our future | Oral evidence concluded |
| Patient Safety | Oral evidence in progress. Written evidence published 30 October 2008 (HC 1137) |
| Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2008 | Oral evidence session 11 December 2008. PEQ published 8 December 2008 on committee website |
| The responsibilities of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Care Services | Oral evidence published 30 October 2008 (HC 832-i) |
| Top-up fees | Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions: 11 December |

Home Affairs

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
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| Draft Citizenship & Immigration Bill | Inquiry announced |
| Human Trafficking | Oral evidence in progress |
| Immigration Issues | One-off oral evidence session announced |
| Knife Crime | Oral evidence in progress Evidence session 13 January |
| Managing Migration: Points-Based System | Oral evidence in progress |
| Monitoring of UK Border Agency | Oral evidence concluded. Report in preparation |
| Police Authorities | One-off oral evidence session Evidence session 16 December |
| Police and the Media | Awaiting report |
| Policing Process of Home Office leak inquiries | Inquiry announced |
| The rights of Gurkhas to settle in the UK | Oral evidence concluded |
| Wheel Clamping on Private Land | Inquiry announced |
| The work of the Home Office | Oral evidence concluded |

Home Affairs Sub-Committee

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
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| Project CONTEST: The Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy | Inquiry announced |

Joint Committee on Human Rights

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
|------------------------------|--|
| British Bill of Rights | Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation |
| Immigration and Human Rights | Oral evidence in progress |
| Policing and Protest | Oral evidence in progress |

Innovation, Universities, Science & Skills

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
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| Draft Apprenticeships Bill - Pre-legislative scrutiny | Report published 5 December 2008 |
| DIUS Departmental Report 2008 | Report published 5 December |
| Engineering (incorporating Plastic Electronics & Nuclear case studies) | Oral evidence in progress |
| Formation of DIUS | One-off oral evidence session 16 January 2009 |
| Introductory hearing with the Government Chief Scientific Adviser designate | One-off oral evidence session 12 December 2008 |

Innovation, Universities, Science & Skills Sub-Committees

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
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| After Leitch: implementing skills and training policies | Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation |

International Development

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
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| Department for International Development Annual Report 2008 | Oral evidence in progress |
| DFID and China | Oral evidence in progress |
| DFID's Programme in Nigeria | Inquiry postponed |
| Financing for Development | One-off oral evidence session Wednesday 21 January 2009 |
| Sustainable Development in a Changing Climate | Written Evidence invited |

Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
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| Constitutional Renewal Bill | Oral evidence in progress |

Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
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| Draft Marine Bill | Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation |

Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

| INQUIRY | STAGE & NOTES |
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| 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 1st Report of 2008-09 published 16 December |

Justice

INQUIRY

Devolution: A Decade On
Judicial Appointments Commission
Justice Reinvestment
The Role of the Prison Officer
The work of the Crown Prosecution Service

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Oral evidence in progress
Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
Uncorrected oral evidence on website: HC 416-I & ii
Oral evidence in progress
Next evidence session 9 December 2008
Inquiry announced
Written evidence invited - Deadline 14 January 2009
Inquiry announced: Written evidence invited

Northern Ireland Affairs

INQUIRY

Inquiry into Cross border cooperation

STAGE & NOTES

Written evidence requested

Public Accounts

INQUIRY

British Council: Achieving Impact
Data loss at HM Revenue and Customs
DEFRA Single Payment Scheme: follow-up
Department for International Development: CDC - Investing to reduce poverty
DoH/NHS: End of life care
HMRC: Tackling the Hidden Economy
Independent Police Complaints Commission
Leaving the Services
Managing change in operational PFI projects
Securing Host Nation Sporting Success in 2012
Use of office property by government departments

STAGE & NOTES

Report published:
Awaiting Government response
Report published 11 December
Report in preparation
Report in preparation
One-off oral evidence session announced
15 December 2008
One-off oral evidence session announced
17 December 2008
Report published 9 December:
Awaiting Government response
Report in preparation
Report in preparation
Report in preparation
Report in preparation
Report in preparation

Public Administration

INQUIRY

Better Government
Charities & Public Benefit
Data Handling Procedures in Government
Equitable Life
Good Government
Leaks and Whistleblowing in Whitehall
Lobbying

STAGE & NOTES

Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
Oral evidence concluded
Oral evidence in progress
Oral evidence in progress
Oral evidence in progress
Next evidence session 16 December
Oral evidence in progress
Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation

Quadripartite Committee

INQUIRY

Road Safety

STAGE & NOTES

Oral evidence in progress

Scottish Affairs

INQUIRY

Credit Unions in Scotland
Equality and Human Rights Commission in Scotland
Office of the Advocate General for Scotland

STAGE & NOTES

Oral evidence in progress
Oral evidence in progress
Next evidence session 21 January
One-off oral evidence session announced

Transport

INQUIRY

Department for Transport Annual Report 2008
The enforcement activities of the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA)
Network Rail engineering delays over the new year period
The major road network
Road Safety
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STAGE & NOTES

One-off oral evidence session concluded
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Oral evidence concluded: report in preparation
Call for evidence announced. Call for evidence closes 14 January 2009
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Treasury

INQUIRY

Economics of Housing Market
Offshore Financial Centres
Pre-Budget 2008
Regulation of Oil Markets

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Oral evidence in progress
Oral evidence in progress
Oral evidence concluded
Inquiry announced

Treasury Sub-committee

INQUIRY

Administration and expenditure in the Chancellor's
Departments, 2007-08

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Oral evidence in progress

Welsh Affairs

INQUIRY

Digital Inclusion in Wales

Inquiry into the potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics
and Paralympics for Wales
Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council:
Dealing with Vulnerable Children
Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council:
Housing
Provision of cross-border public services for Wales

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Inquiry announced
Deadline for written submissions 23 January 2009

Inquiry announced
Deadline for written submissions 18 December 2008

Inquiry announced

Oral evidence in progress

Oral evidence in progress

Work & Pensions

INQUIRY

Department for Work and Pensions' commissioning
strategy and the employment programme market

DWP's response to the economic downturn and the
implications for welfare reform
Pension, Disability and Carers Service

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Oral evidence in progress
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One-off Oral evidence session 17 December

White Papers and Green Papers received since last Bulletin

WHITE PAPERS are issued by the Government as statements of policy, and often set out proposals for legislative changes, which may be debated before a Bill is introduced. Some White Papers may invite comments.

GREEN PAPERS set out for discussion, proposals which are still at a formative stage.

Not all discussion papers are published and put on general release: some are sent only to a predetermined list of consultees. This is a matter solely for the Department concerned.

Papers to which an ISBN and price are appended are normally available through The Stationery Office. For others, application should be made to the department concerned. External links provided in this section are correct as at the time of going to press, however they are not updated after that date.

White Papers

Work and Pensions

WELFARE Raising expectations and increasing support: reforming welfare 11.12
for the future, Cm 7506, ISBN: 010 1750622, £34.55

Green Papers

None

Regulatory Impact Assessments received since the last Bulletin

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None

Other Papers

Cabinet Office: Autumn Performance Report 2008, Cm 7517, ISBN: 010 1751728, £14.35

Cabinet Office: Helping to shape tomorrow, Cm 7513, ISBN: 010 1751322, £26.60

Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland: Annual Report and Accounts 2007-08, HC 6, ISBN: 010 2948554, £13.90

Department for Children, Schools and Families: Autumn Performance Report 2008, Cm 7507, ISBN: 010 1750721, £26.60

Department for Children, Schools and Families: Powers to Facilitate Innovation Annual Report for the academic year ending 31 July 2006, HC 320, ISBN: 010 2958201, £5.50

Department for Children, Schools and Families: Powers to Facilitate Innovation Annual Report for the academic year ending 31 July 2007, HC 271, ISBN: 010 2958195, £5.50

Department for Culture, Media and Sport: The Digital Switchover Help Scheme, Cm 7523, ISBN: 010 1752329, £9.50

Healthcare Commission: State of Healthcare 2008, HC 11, ISBN: 010 2958362, £26.60

Health Committee: Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2008. HC 1190, ISBN: 0215 525413, £27.50

Home Affairs Committee: A Surveillance Society? Information Commissioner's Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2007-08, HC 1124, ISBN: 0215 525 444, £4.50

Ministry of Justice: Autumn Performance Report 2008, Cm 7525, ISBN: 010 1752527, £26.60

The Scottish Arts Council: National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2008, HC 8, ISBN: 010 2952179, £9.50

Department for Transport: Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund Account 2007-2008, HC 1059, ISBN: 010 3288055, £5.50

UK Trade & Investment: Autumn Performance Report 2008, Cm 7520, ISBN: 010 1752022, £14.35

Wales Office: Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the Proposed National Assembly for Wales, Cm 7505, ISBN: 010 1750523, £9.50

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.

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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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COM documents are available for consultation in the 44 European Documentation Centres (most of which are in university libraries) or the 22 European Information Centres.

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European Standing Committee A

Food Distribution to the most deprived persons in the community (13195/08) – *to be considered 20.1.2009*

Recovery of cod stocks (7676/08 and Addenda 1 and 2) – *awaiting consideration*

Fisheries: Total allowable catches and quotas for 2009 (15578/08, 15416/08 and Addenda 1, 2 and 3) – *awaiting consideration*

European Standing Committee B

Management of EU Funds in Bulgaria and Romania and Bulgarian EU accession (12244/08, 12177/08 and Addendum 1 and 12182/08 and Addendum 1) – *to be considered 16.12.2008*

Enlargement strategy and main challenges 2008-09 (15455/08) – *to be considered 16.12.2008*

Protection of animals used for scientific purposes (15546/08 and Addenda 1 and 2) – *awaiting consideration*

Review of EU-Russia relations (15299/08 and 15300/08) – *awaiting consideration*

A European Economic Recovery Plan (16097/08) – *awaiting consideration*

European Standing Committee C

Safety of Toys (5938/08 and Addenda 1 and 2) – *to be considered 19.1.2009*

To be considered on the floor of the House

‘Financial Management (12156/08 and Addendum, 12471/08 and Addendum, 12472/08 and Addendum and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 16th October) – *awaiting consideration*

From Financial Crisis to Recovery: a European Framework for Action (14938/08) – *awaiting consideration*

**Early Day Motions tabled between
8 – 12 December 2008**

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. [R] denotes relevant interest declared. 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

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| Labour | 350 | Independent Labour (Clare Short) | 1 |
| Conservative | 193 | Independent Conservative (Derek Conway) | 1 |
| Liberal Democrat | 63 | Independent (Dr Richard Taylor, Dai Davies, Andrew Pelling, Robert Wareing, Bob Spink) | 5 |
| Scottish National Party / Plaid Cymru (SNP – Messrs Robertson, Salmond, Weir, Wishart, MacNeil, Hosie & Mason/ PC – Messrs Llwyd, Price, H Williams) | 10 | Respect (George Galloway) | 1 |
| Democratic Unionist Party (Messrs Campbell, Dodds, Donaldson, McCrea, Paisley, P Robinson, Ms Iris Robinson, Simpson, Wilson) | 9 | | |
| Sinn Fein (Messrs Adams, Doherty, McGuinness, Murphy & Ms Gildernew) | 5 (Have not taken their seats and cannot vote) | 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) |
| Social Democratic & Labour Party (Messrs Durkan, McDonnell, McGrady) | 3 | Vacant seats | 0 |
| | | Total number of seats | 646 |
| Ulster Unionist (Lady Sylvia Hermon) | 1 | Current working Government Majority (350 Labour MPs less 287 of all other parties – excludes Speaker & Deputies and Sinn Fein) | 63 |

The total number of women MPs is 125: (Lab 94; Con 17; LD 9; DU 1; SF 1; UU 1; DCWM 1; Ind Lab 1)

Abbreviations:

CWM – Chairman of Ways and Means
 1st DCWM – 1st Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means
 2nd DCWM – 2nd Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means

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

| Vacancy | Cause | By – Election | New Member | Date of introduction | Maiden Speech |
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| Cheadle | Death of Patsy Calton (LD) (29.5.2005) | 14.7.2005 | Mark Hunter (LD) | 19.07.2005 | 21.07.2005 |
| 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) | 13.02.2006 | 01.03.2006 |
| Blaenau Gwent | Death of Peter Law (Ind) (25.4.2006) | 29.6.2006 | Dai Davies (Ind) | 04.07.2006 | 20.07.2006 |
| Bromley & Chislehurst | Death of Eric Forth (Con) (18.5.2006) | 29.6.2006 | Bob Neill (Con) | 03.07.2006 | 19.07.2006 |
| Sedgefield | Resignation of the Rt Hon Tony Blair (Lab) (27.6.2007) | 19.7.2007 | Phil Wilson (Lab) | 23.07.2007 | 08.10.2007 |
| Ealing Southall | Death of Piara Khabra (Lab) (19.6.2007) | 19.7.2007 | Virendra Kumar Sharma (Lab) | 23.07.2007 | 08.10.2007 |
| Crewe and Nantwich | Death of Gwyneth Dunwoody (Lab) (17.4.2008) | 22.05.2008 | Edward Timpson (Con) | 02.06.2008 | 16.06.2008 |
| Henley | Resignation of Boris Johnson (Con) (4.6.2008) | 26.06.2008 | John Howell (Con) | 30.06.2008 | 16.07.2008 |
| Haltemprice and Howden | Resignation of David Davis (Con) (18.6.2008) | 10.07.2008 | David Davis (Con) | 14.07.2008 | (5.11.1987) |
| Glasgow East | Resignation of David Marshall (Lab) (30.06.2008) | 24.07.2008 | John Mason (SNP) | 06.10.2008 | 13.10.2008 |
| Glenrothes | Death of John MacDougall (Lab) (12.8.2008) | 06.11.2008 | Lindsay Roy (Lab) | 12.11.2008 | 08.12.2008 |

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