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## Noticeboard

### Weekly Information Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published on Saturday 17 January 2009

### 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 rose 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

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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: 12 – 16 January 2009

Date	Commons Chamber	General Committees	Select Committees	Lords Chamber	Lords Select Committees
<p><b>Mon</b> <b>12 Jan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OPQ – Defence; including Topical Questions</li> <li>Leg – Business Rate Supplements Bill – Second reading</li> <li>Adj – Independent mental health advocacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communities and Local Government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral Questions</li> <li>Leg – Marine and Coastal Access Bill (HL) – Committee stage (day 1)</li> <li>Orders and regulations – Transfer of Tribunal Functions and Revenue and Customs Appeals Order 2009</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tues</b> <b>13 Jan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OPQ – Foreign and Commonwealth Office; including Topical Questions</li> <li>Leg – Saving Gateway Accounts Bill – Second reading</li> <li>Adj – Flooding and drainage in South Ribble</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> DLC – Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Revocation) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3018)</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> DLC – Alcoholic Liquor Duties (Surcharges) and Tobacco Products Duty Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3026) and the Alcoholic Liquor (Surcharge on Spirits Duty) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3062)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treasury</li> <li>Home Affairs</li> <li>Business and Enterprise and Culture, Media and Sport</li> <li>Environmental Audit</li> <li>Justice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral Questions</li> <li>Leg – Banking Bill – Committee stage (day 1)</li> <li>Reform of the default retirement age</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU Sub-Committee A: Economic and Financial Affairs, and International Trade</li> </ul>
<p><b>Weds</b> <b>14 Jan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OPQ – Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster</li> <li>Prime Minister</li> <li>Deb – Iraq: Future strategic relationship</li> <li>Adj – Self-balancing personal transporters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> DLC – Draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2009</li> <li>4<sup>th</sup> DLC – Travellers’ Allowances (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3058)</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> DLC – The Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules 2008 (HC 1113)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills</li> <li>Work and Pensions</li> <li>Business and Enterprise</li> <li>Treasury</li> <li>Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</li> <li>Public Accounts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral Questions</li> <li>Leg – Banking Bill – Committee stage (day 2)</li> <li>Deb – Reform of the treatment of women in prisons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU Sub-Comm F: Home Affairs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thurs</b> <b>15 Jan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OPQ – Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Solicitor General; including Topical Questions</li> <li>Business Statement – Leader of the House</li> <li>Topical Debate – tbc</li> <li>Debate – Armed Forces personnel</li> <li>Adj – Cyprus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRC – Corporation Tax Bill</li> <li>6<sup>th</sup> DLC – The Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 794)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health</li> <li>Public Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral Questions</li> <li>Deb – Children’s services departments in local authorities</li> <li>Deb – Local authority parking and traffic regimes</li> <li>Orders and Regs – Companies (Trading Disclosures) (Amendment) Regulations 2008</li> <li>Orders and Regs – Companies (Disclosure of Address) Regulations 2008</li> <li>Local Government (Structural Changes) Areas and Membership of Public Bodies in Bedfordshire and Cheshire Order 2008</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU Sub-Comm G: Social Policy and Consumer Affairs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fri</b> <b>16 Jan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The House will not be sitting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The House will not be sitting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>

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

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

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

\*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 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009**

<b>Mon. 23 February</b>	<b>Tues. 24 February</b>	<b>Wed. 25 February</b>	<b>Thu. 26 February</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign and Commonwealth Office</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster</li> <li>• Prime Minister</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</li> <li>• Solicitor General</li> </ul>
<b>Mon. 2 March</b>	<b>Tues. 3 March</b>	<b>Wed. 4 March</b>	<b>Thu. 5 March</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culture, Media and Sport</li> <li>• Olympics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities and Local Government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Ireland</li> <li>• Prime Minister</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy and Climate Change</li> <li>• Leader of the House</li> <li>• House of Commons Commission</li> </ul>
<b>Mon. 9 March</b>	<b>Tues. 10 March</b>	<b>Wed. 11 March</b>	<b>Thu. 12 March</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children, Schools and Families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Women and Equality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wales</li> <li>• Prime Minister</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innovation, Universities and Skills</li> </ul>
<b>Mon. 16 March</b>	<b>Tues. 17 March</b>	<b>Wed. 18 March</b>	<b>Thu. 19 March</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work and Pensions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotland</li> <li>• Prime Minister</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform</li> <li>• Church Commissioners</li> <li>• Public Accounts Commission and Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission</li> </ul>
<b>Mon. 23 March</b>	<b>Tues. 24 March</b>	<b>Wed. 25 March</b>	<b>Thu. 26 March</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Office</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Development</li> <li>• Prime Minister</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasury</li> </ul>
<b>Mon. 30 March</b>	<b>Tues. 31 March</b>	<b>Wed. 1 April</b>	<b>Thu. 2 April</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign and Commonwealth Office</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster</li> <li>• Prime Minister</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</li> <li>• Solicitor General</li> </ul>

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

**Monday 15 December**

*The House sat at 2.30pm*

**Oral Questions** – Home Office; including Topical Questions

**Statement** – EU Council/Afghanistan, India and Pakistan – Prime Minister

**Debate on the Address** – Economy, Pensions and Welfare

**Adjournment** – Regulation of the grocery sector – Andrew George

*The House rose at 11.13pm*

**Tuesday 16 December**

*The House sat 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 sat at 2.30pm*

**Oral Questions** – Health; including Topical Questions

**Speaker's Statement** – Duties and responsibilities of Members

**Statement** – Royal Mail – Mr McFadden

**Statement** – Family Justice – Mr Straw

**Statement** – Sutherland Inquiry – Ed Balls

**Debate** – Estimates (1<sup>st</sup> allotted day) – i) energy prices, fuel poverty OFGEM (agreed to); ii) dental services (agreed to)

**Presentation of Bill** – Consolidated Fund Bill (Bill presented and read a First time)

**Motion** – Adjournment (Christmas) (agreed to)

**Adjournment** – Physical contact between teachers and pupils – Norman Baker

*The House rose at 10.33pm*

**Wednesday 17 December**

*The House sat 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
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 sat at 11.30am*

**Oral Questions** – International Development; Prime Minister

**Speaker's Statement** – Speaker's Committee on the search of offices on the Parliamentary Estate

**Statement** – Pitt Report – Hilary Benn

**Legislation** – Consolidated Fund Bill – Second and Third reading (Bill read a Second and Third time)

**Programme Motion** – Banking Bill (Programme) (No.3) (Motion) (agreed to)

**Legislation** – Banking Bill – Third reading (Bill read a third time)

**Motion** – Value Added Tax (Change of Rate) Order 2008 (negatived on division)

**Motion** – resolution relating to Parliamentary pensions (agreed to)

**Motions** – Electoral Commission (agreed to)

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

*The House rose at 7.15pm*

#### **Thursday 18 December**

*The House sat at 10.30am*

**Oral Questions** – Treasury; including Topical Questions

**Statement** – Iraq – Prime Minister

**Business Statement** – Leader of the House

**Presentation of Bill** – Policing and Crime – Jacqui Smith (Bill presented and read a First time)

**Motion** – on the Christmas recess adjournment

**Royal Assent** – Consolidated Fund Act 2008

**Adjournment** – Sri Lanka – Mr Andrew Pelling

*The House sat in Westminster Hall between 2.30pm and 5.30pm*

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

*The House rose at 6.31pm*

#### **Friday 19 December**

*The House did not sit*



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

- 15.12.08 RAF Puma ZA938 (Board of Inquiry) – Mr Bob Ainsworth
- 15.12.08 Autumn Performance Report – Mr John Hutton
- 15.12.08 EU Energy Council – Mr Mike O'Brien
- 15.12.08 Private Sewers and Lateral Drains – Huw Irranca Davies
- 15.12.08 General Affairs and External Relations Council – Caroline Flint
- 15.12.08 Autumn Performance Report – Alan Johnson
- 15.12.08 Dioxins in Meat Products – Dawn Primarolo
- 15.12.08 Autumn Performance Report 2008 - Jacqui Smith
- 15.12.08 Control Order Powers – Vernon Coaker
- 15.12.08 Use of Restraint in Juvenile Secure Settings – David Hanson
- 15.12.08 Autumn Performance Report 2008 – Mr Geoffrey Hoon
- 15.12.08 Renewable Transport Fuel Targets (Gallagher Review) – Mr Geoffrey Hoon
- 15.12.08 Benefit Uprating – James Purnell
- 15.12.08 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council – Jonathan Shaw
- 16.12.08 Snatch Land Rover – Mr John Hutton
- 16.12.08 Afghanistan Roulement – Mr John Hutton
- 16.12.08 UNFCCC Climate Change Negotiations – Edward Miliband
- 16.12.08 Environment Council – Edward Miliband
- 16.12.08 Independent Mental Health Advocate – Phil Hope
- 16.12.08 Independent Complaints Audit Committee (UK Border Agency) – Mr Phil Woolas
- 16.12.08 Correction of Statement – Mr Jack Straw
- 16.12.08 Freedom of Information Quarterly – Mr Michael Wills
- 16.12.08 Intestate Succession – Bridget Prentice
- 16.12.08 Guaranteed Minimum Pension Calculation – Mr Liam Byrne
- 16.12.08 Bus Service Operators Group – Mr Geoffrey Hoon
- 16.12.08 EU Transport Council – Mr Geoffrey Hoon
- 16.12.08 Freight Discussion Document – Jim Fitzpatrick
- 16.12.08 Autumn Performance Report - James Purnell
- 17.12.08 Speech, Language and Communications Needs – Ed Ball
- 17.12.08 Zero Carbon Homes and Non-domestic Buildings - Margaret Beckett
- 17.12.08 British Waterways Board (Salaries) - Huw Irranca-Davies
- 17.12.08 Single Payment Scheme - Jane Kennedy
- 17.12.08 Family Legal Aid Reform - Mr. Shahid Malik

- 17.12.08 Cremation Regulations – Bridget Prentice
- 17.12.08 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland ) Act 2007 (Independent Reviewer's Report) – Paul Goggins
- 17.12.08 Private Hire Vehicles (Bus Provisions) – Paul Clark
- 17.12.08 Child Dependency Increases – Jonathan Shaw
- 18.12.08 Automated Teller Machines – Ian Pearson
- 18.12.08 Finance Bill (Technical Tax Amendments) – Mr Stephen Timms
- 18.12.08 Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Count – Mr Iain Wright
- 18.12.08 Television Food Advertising (Children) – Andy Burnham
- 18.12.08 Energy Markets – Edward Miliband
- 18.12.08 Uplands Entry Level Stewardship Scheme – Hilary Benn
- 18.12.08 Work Restrictions for Romanian and Bulgarian Nationals – Mr Phil Woolas
- 18.12.08 Appointment to the UK Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Western – Mr Gordon Brown
- 18.12.08 Northern Ireland – Mr Shaun Woodward
- 18.12.08 Airport Security –Mr Geoffrey Hoon
- 18.12.08 Transport Governance Reviews – Paul Clark
- 18.12.08 Local Transport Plans – Paul Clark

## 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

**Legislation** – Business Rate Supplements Bill – Programme motion

**Legislation** – Business Rate Supplements Bill – Money resolution

**Adjournment** – Independent mental health advocacy – Mr Charles Walker

### Tuesday 13 January

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

#### Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

09.30-11.00	Future of local press – Dr Ashok Kumar
11.00-12.30	Growth in the Milton Keynes/South Midlands sub-region – Mr David Lidington
12.30-13.00	Affordable housing in Durham – Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods
13.00-13.30	Funding of policing in Gloucestershire – Mr Mark Harper
13.30-14.00	Home repossessions – Dr Vincent Cable

*The House will sit at 2.30pm*

**Oral Questions** – Foreign and Commonwealth Office; including Topical Questions

**Legislation** – Saving Gateway Accounts Bill – Second reading

**Adjournment** – Flooding and drainage in South Ribble – Mr David S Borrow

### Wednesday 14 January

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

#### Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates –

09.30-11.00	Social housing in central London – Mr Mark Field
11.00-11.30	Chase Farm Hospital – Mr David Burrowes
14.30-16.00	Tax credits, childcare tax credit and working parents – Ms Karen Buck
16.00-16.30	Pharmacy payments and clawbacks – Mr Adrian Sanders
16.30-17.00	Exchange rate policy – Mr Christopher Chope

*The House will sit at 11.30am*

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

**Debate** – Iraq: Future strategic relationship

**Adjournment** – Self-balancing personal transporters – Lembit Öpik

**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** – \*\*\*

**Debate** – Armed Forces personnel

**Adjournment** – Cyprus – Mr Andrew Dismore

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

**Westminster Hall** – a debate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the previous Monday evening and will appear in Tuesday’s Order Paper

**Provisional Forthcoming Business of the House of Commons  
19 – 23 January 2009**

**Monday 19 January**

*The House will sit at 2.30pm*

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

**Legislation** – Policing and Crime Bill – Second reading

**Adjournment** – Revaluation of business rates in the Port of Liverpool – Mrs Louise Ellman

**Tuesday 20 January**

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

**Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates** – \*\*

*The House will sit at 2.30pm*

**Oral Questions** – Communities and Local Government; including Topical Questions

**Motion** – to approve European documents relating to a European framework for action and a European economic recovery plan

**Motion** – to approve European documents relating to financial management

**Motion** – to approve European documents relating to EU-Russia relations

**Adjournment** – \*

**Wednesday 21 January**

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

**Westminster Hall Private Members' Debates** – \*\*

*The House will sit at 11.30am*

**Oral Questions** – Northern Ireland; Prime Minister

**Debate** – Opposition day (1<sup>st</sup> allotted day) – subject to be announced

**Adjournment** – \*

**Thursday 22 January**

*The House will sit at 10.30am*

**Oral Questions** – Energy and Climate Change; House of Commons Commission; including Topical Questions

**Business Statement** – Leader of the House

**Topical Debate** – \*\*\*

**Debate** – subject to be announced

**Adjournment** – \*

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

**Westminster Hall** – a debate on the Department for Culture, Media and Sport Annual Report 2008, Cm 7400

**Friday 23 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 12 – 16 January 2009

### Monday 12 January

*The House will sit at 2.30pm*

**Oral Questions** – Public sector recruitment – Lord James of Blackheath; People’s Mojahedin Organisation of Iran – Lord Waddington; Withdrawal of British troops from Iraq – Lord Astor of Hever; Surrey police force’s budget – Lord Trefgarne

**Legislation** – Marine and Coastal Access Bill (HL) – Committee stage (day 1) – Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

**Orders and regulations** – Transfer of Tribunal Functions and Revenue and Customs Appeals Order 2009 – Lord Myners

### Tuesday 13 January

*The House will sit at 2.30pm*

**Oral Questions** – Export Credits Guarantee Department and UK renewables industry – Lord Teverson; Juveniles held in Secure Training Centres – Baroness Stern; Lisbon Treaty – Lord Dykes

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

**Debate** – Reform of the default retirement age – Baroness Greengross/Baroness Vadera

### Wednesday 14 January

*The House will sit at 3.00pm*

**Oral Questions** – Carbon capture and storage – Lord Ezra; Adults with dyslexia seeking work – Lord Addington; Disarmament – Lord Wallace of Saltire

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

**Debate** – Reform of the treatment of women in prisons – Baroness Howe of Idlicote

### Thursday 15 January

*The House will sit at 11.00am*

**Oral Questions** – Bill of rights for Northern Ireland – Lord Trimble; Public lavatories at bus and rail stations – Baroness Greengross; Interest charged by lenders – Lord Higgins

**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

**Orders and regulations** – Companies (Trading Disclosures) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 – Baroness Vadera

**Orders and regulations** – Companies (Disclosure of Address) Regulations 2008 – Baroness Vadera

**Orders and regulations** – Local Government (Structural Changes) Areas and Membership of Public Bodies in Bedfordshire and Cheshire Order 2008 – Baroness Andrews

### Friday 16 January

*The House will not be sitting*

**Provisional Forthcoming Business of the House of Lords  
19 – 23 January 2009**

**Monday 19 January**

*The House will sit at 2:30pm*

**Oral Questions** – Automotive industry – Lord Harrison

**Legislation** – Banking Bill – Committee stage (day 3) – Lord Myners

**Debate** – Help to the automotive industry – Lord Harrison/Baroness Vadera

**Tuesday 20 January**

*The House will sit at 2:30pm*

**Legislation** – Banking Bill – Committee stage (day 3) – Lord Myners

**Debate** – Funding agricultural and food research – Earl of Selborne/Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

**Wednesday 21 January**

*The House will sit at 3:00pm*

**Legislation** – Marine and Coastal Access Bill [HL] – Committee stage (day 2) – Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

**Debate** – Humanitarian situation in Gaza – Baroness Northover/Lord Malloch-Brown

**Thursday 22 January**

*The House will sit at 11:00am*

**Orders and Regulations** – European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Regulations 2009; European Parliament (Disqualification) (United Kingdom and Gibraltar) Order 2009 – Lord Bach

**Orders and Regulations** – Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2008; Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 3) 2008 – Lord Bach

**Friday 23 January**

*The House will sit at 10:00am*

**Legislation** – House of Lords (Members' Taxation Status) Bill [HL] – Second reading – Lord Oakeshott of Seagrove Bay/Lord Bach

**Legislation** – Equal Pay and Flexible Working Bill [HL] – Second reading – Baroness Morris of Bolton/Baroness Vadera



## 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:

<b>G</b>	Government Bills
<b>C</b>	Consolidation Bills
<b>B</b>	Private Members' Bills (under the ballot procedure). The number after refers to position in ballot
<b>P</b>	Private Members' Bills (under SO No 57)
<b>T</b>	Private Members' Bills (under the Ten Minute Rule, SO No 23)
<b>L</b>	Private Members' Bills starting in the House of Lords
<b>[HL]</b>	Bill starting in the House of Lords
<b>HYBRID</b>	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

**BANK OF ENGLAND (AMENDMENT) [HL] (L)** Lord Saatchi  
Lords: **(11)** 1R: 16.12.2008 *Prov 2R: No date*

**BANKING (G)** Alistair Darling / Lord Davies of Oldham  
(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 Prog: 17.12.2008  
3R: 17.12.2008  
Lords: **(13, 2008-09)** 1R: 17.12.2008 2R: 18.12.2008 *Prov Comm: 13, 14, 19 & 20.1.2009*

**BANKING (NO. 2) [HL] (G)** Lord Myners  
Lords: **(3)** 1R: 4.12.2008 2R: 16.12.2008 (withdrawn)

**BUSINESS RATE SUPPLEMENTS (G)** Hazel Blears  
Commons: **(2)** \*1R: 4.12.2008 *Prov 2R: 12.1.2009 Prov Prog: 12.1.2009 Prov MR: 12.1.2009*

**COHABITATION [HL] (L)** Lord Lester of Herne Hill  
Lords: **(8)** 1R: 11.12.2008 *Prov 2R: No date*

**COMPANIES' REMUNERATION REPORTS [HL] (L)** Lord Gavron  
Lords: **(10)** 1R: 16.12.2008 *Prov 2R: No date*

**CONSOLIDATED FUND (C)** Mr Stephen Timms / Lord Davies of Oldham  
Commons: **(5)** \*1R: 16.12.2008 \*2R: 17.12.2008 \*3R: 17.12.2008  
Lords: **( )** 1R: 17.12.2008 2R: 18.12.2008 CN: 18.12.2008 3R: 18.12.2008  
RA: 18.12.2008 (Ch. 33)  
**CONSOLIDATED FUND ACT 2008**

**CORPORATION TAX (G)** Alistair Darling  
Commons: **(1)** \*1R: 4.12.2008 *Prov SRC: 15.1.2009*

**DISABLED PERSONS (INDEPENDENT LIVING) [HL] (L)** Lord Ashley of Stoke  
Lords: **(7)** 1R: 9.12.2008 *Prov 2R: No date*

**DOG CONTROL [HL] (L)** Lord Redesdale  
Lords: **(9)** \*1R: 12.12.2008 *Prov 2R: No date*

**EQUAL PAY AND FLEXIBLE WORKING [HL] (L)** Baroness Morris of Bolton  
Lords: **(6)** 1R: 8.12.2008 *Prov 2R: 23.1.2009*

**GENEVA CONVENTIONS AND UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL (PROTOCOLS) [HL] (G)** Lord Malloch-Brown  
Lords: **(12)** 1R: 17.12.2008 *Prov 2R: No date*

**HOUSE OF LORDS [HL] (L)** Lord Steel of Aikwood  
Lords: **(5)** 1R: 4.12.2008 *Prov 2R: No date*

**HOUSE OF LORDS (MEMBERS' TAXATION STATUS) [HL] (L)** Lord Oakeshott of Seagrove Bay  
Lords: **(6)** 1R: 4.12.2008 *Prov 2R: 23.1.2009*

**LOCAL DEMOCRACY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
CONSTRUCTION [HL] (G)**

Baroness Andrews

Lords: (2)            1R: 4.12.2008            2R: 17.12.2008            *Prov Comm\*\*:* 19, 21, 26 & 28.1.2009

**MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS [HL] (G)**

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

Lords: (1)            1R: 4.12.2008            2R: 15.12.2008            *Prov Comm:* 12, 21 & 28.1.2009

**POLICING AND CRIME (G)**

Secretary Jacqui Smith

Commons: (7)            \*1R: 18.12.2008            *Prov 2R:* 12.1.2009

**POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS (G)**

Mr Jack Straw

(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            *Prov Rep: No date*

**SAVING GATEWAY ACCOUNTS (G)**

Alistair Darling

Commons: (3)            \*1R: 4.12.2008            *Prov 2R:* 13.1.2009

**Presentation and Publication of Public Bills and Acts  
15 – 19 December 2008**

**Presentation of Bills (not yet published by Parliament)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title and type of Bill</b>	<b>Bill No.</b>
15.12	Dog Control Bill [HL] (L)	9
16.12	Companies Remuneration Reports Bill [HL] (L)	10
16.12	Bank of England (Amendment) Bill [HL] (L)	11
16.12	Consolidated Fund Bill (C)	5
17.12	Geneva Conventions and United Nations Personnel (Protocols) Bill [HL] (G)	12
18.12	Policing and Crime Bill	7

**Bills published after presentation**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title and type of Bill</b>	<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>ISBN</b>	<b>Price £</b>
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None

**Bills receiving Royal Assent**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Ch No.</b>
18.12	Consolidated Fund Act 2008	33

**Acts published after Royal Assent date**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Ch No.</b>	<b>ISBN</b>	<b>Price £</b>
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None

### Public and General Acts 2008 – 2009

<b>Date of Royal Assent</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Ch No.</b>	<b>ISBN</b>	<b>Price £</b>
18.12	Consolidate Fund Act 2008	33		

### Church of England Measures

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Paper No.</b>	<b>ISBN</b>	<b>Price £</b>
None				

### Publication of Bills and Acts on the Internet

<b>Public Bills before Parliament</b> <a href="http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/pabills.htm">http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/pabills.htm</a> <b>Full text of Public General Acts since 1988</b> <a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts.htm">http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts.htm</a>	<b>Private Bills before Parliament</b> <a href="http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/privbill.htm">http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/privbill.htm</a> <b>Full text of Local Acts since 1991</b> <a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts.htm">http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts.htm</a>
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### 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

Bircham Dyson Bell LLP, 50 Broadway, Westminster, London, SW1H 0BL, 020 7227 7000  
E-mail: [pamthompson@bdb-law.co.uk](mailto:pamthompson@bdb-law.co.uk)

Eversheds LLP, 1 Wood St, London, EC2V 7WS, 020 7919 4500  
E-mail: [monicapeto@eversheds.com](mailto: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  
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Winckworth Sherwood, 35 Great Peter Street, London, SW1P 3LR, 020 7593 5000  
E-mail: [agorlov@winckworths.co.uk](mailto: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.

**BEVERLEY FREEMEN (Winckworth Sherwood)**

**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)

**CITY OF WESTMINSTER (Sharpe Pritchard)**

**LEEDS CITY COUNCIL (Sharpe Pritchard)**

Commons: (2007-08) 1R: 22.1.2008 2R: 12.6; 29.10.2008 (Deb adj)  
 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*

## 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.

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

### Legislative Reform Proposals and Orders: Proceedings as at 19 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
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None

### Draft Orders

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)	17.12.2008 (L)
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 19 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
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None

### Draft Orders

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

### Urgent Orders

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

## Northern Ireland Legislation: proceedings as at 19 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 Ireland: 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](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/factsheets/108.cfm)

### Abbreviations:

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

Title and SI No.	Consultation on Proposal	NIGC	(Draft) Order Laid	Commons	Lords	Privy Council
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

<b>Title and SI No.</b>	<b>Consultation on Proposal</b>	<b>NIGC</b>	<b>(Draft) Order Laid</b>	<b>Commons</b>	<b>Lords</b>	<b>Privy Council</b>
Draft Postponement of Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2009			10.12.2008	tbc	tbc	tbc
Draft Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (Retention and Disposal of Seized Motor Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 2009			15.12.2008	tbc	tbc	tbc
Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 (Retention and Disposal of Seized Motor Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 2009			16.12.2008	tbc	tbc	tbc
Draft Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2009			17.12.2008	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.)**

<b>Title of Order</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Final Order</b>
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](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
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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 15 – 19 December 2008

### Monday 15 December

1 <sup>st</sup> DLC	Draft Armed Forces (Alignment of Service Discipline Acts) (No. 2) Order 2008
2 <sup>nd</sup> DLC	Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2008
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

### 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 <sup>th</sup> DLC	Draft Christmas Bonus (Specified Sum) Order 2008
5 <sup>th</sup> DLC	Draft Transfer of Tribunal Functions and Revenue and Customs Appeals Order 2009
6 <sup>th</sup> DLC	Draft Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Prescribed Criteria and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2008
7 <sup>th</sup> DLC	Draft Child Benefit (Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2008
8 <sup>th</sup> DLC	Draft Local Authorities (England) (Charges for Property Searches) Regulations 2008

### Wednesday 17 December

WGC	Public Expenditure in Wales
9 <sup>th</sup> DLC	Draft OGC Buying Solutions Trading Fund (Extension and Amendment) Order 2008

### Thursday 18 December

None

### Friday 19 December

None

**Forthcoming General Committee Meetings  
12 – 16 January 2009**

**Monday 12 January**

None

**Tuesday 13 January**

- 1<sup>st</sup> DLC      Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Revocation) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3018), 10.30 am, Room 9
- 2<sup>nd</sup> DLC      Alcoholic Liquor Duties (Surcharges) and Tobacco Products Duty Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3026) and the Alcoholic Liquor (Surcharge on Spirits Duty) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3062), 4.30 pm, Room 11

**Wednesday 14 January**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> DLC      Draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2009, 2.30 pm, Room 9
- 4<sup>th</sup> DLC      Travellers' Allowances (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3058), 2.30 pm, Room 12
- 5<sup>th</sup> DLC      The Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules 2008 (HC 1113), 2.30 pm, Room 11

**Thursday 15 January**

- SRC          Corporation Tax Bill, 9.00 am, Room 12
- 6<sup>th</sup> DLC      The Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 794), 8.55 am, Room 9

**Friday 16 January**

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](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](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/parliamentary_committees16.cfm)

### Membership:

#### Joint Committee on Human Rights

Appointed by the House of Lords on 15 December 2008:

Lord Bowness Earl of Onslow	Lord Dubs Baroness Prashar	Lord Lester of Herne Hill	Lord Morris of Hansworth
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#### Tax Law Rewrite Bills (Joint Committee)

Appointed by the House of Lords on 15 December 2008:

Lord Blackwell Rt Hon Lord Newton of Braintree	Lord Goodhart Rt Hon Lord Millett	Baroness Goudie	Lord Haskel
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## Select Committee Meetings 15 – 19 December 2008

### Monday 15 December

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

**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

**Tuesday 16 December**

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**Public Administration**

Subject: Good Government

Witnesses: Natalie Creenev, National Archives, Professor Christopher Hood, Oxford University, Professor Colin Talbot, Manchester University, and Tony Travers, London School of Economics

**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

**Wednesday 17 December**

**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

**Work and Pensions**

Subject: Pension, Disability and Carers Service

Witnesses: Terry Moran, Chief Executive, Pension, Disability and Carers Service

**European Scrutiny**

Subject: Scrutiny of European Documents

Witnesses: None

**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)

**Northern Ireland Affairs**

Subject: Cross-border co-operation

Witnesses: Serious Organised Crime Agency

**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

**Thursday 18 December**

None

**Friday 19 December**

None

## Forthcoming Select Committee Meetings 12 – 16 January 2009

### Monday 12 January

#### Communities and Local Government

Subject: The Balance of Power: central and local government  
Witnesses: Department for Communities and Local Government

4:40pm The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

### Tuesday 13 January

#### Treasury

Subject: Banking Crisis  
Witnesses: Professor Willem Buiters, Professor of European Political Economy, London School of Economics, Will Hutton, Chief Executive Officer, The Work Foundation, Professor Charles Goodhart, Professor Emeritus of Banking and Finance, London School of Economics, Mr Richard Lambert, Director General, CBI, and Jon Moulton, Managing Partner, Alchemy Partners

9:45am The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

#### Home Affairs

Subject: Knife Crime  
Witnesses: Association of Chief Police Officers; British Transport Police (at 11.15 am); Youth Justice Board (at 11.45 am)

10:30am The Wilson Room, Portcullis House

#### Business and Enterprise and Culture, Media and Sport

Subject: Pre-Appointment Hearing for new Ofcom Chairman  
Witnesses: Colette Bowe

10:30am Committee Room 16, Palace of Westminster

#### Environmental Audit

Subject: Carbon Budgets  
Witnesses: Lord Turner of Ecchinswell, Chair, Committee on Climate Change

10:00am Committee Room 6, Palace of Westminster

#### Justice

Subject: Work of the Information Commissioner  
Witnesses: Richard Thomas, Information Commissioner, David Smith, Deputy Commissioner, and Simon Entwisle, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Information Commissioner

5:15pm The Grimond Room, Portcullis House

### Wednesday 14 January

#### Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills

Subject: Engineering  
Witnesses: Ian Midgley, Richard Archer, and Bob Dover; BAE, National Grid, and WS Atkins (at 10.15 am)

9:30am The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

#### Work and Pensions

Subject: DWP's response to the economic downturn and the implications for welfare reform  
Witnesses: John Philpot, Chief Economist, Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development; Rt. Hon. James Purnell MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (at 10.00 am)

9:30am The Grimond Room, Portcullis House

#### Business and Enterprise

Subject: The Work of the Department  
Witnesses: Rt Hon Lord Mandelson, Secretary of State, Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

9:30am Committee Room 16, Palace of Westminster

<b>Treasury</b> Subject: Banking Crisis Witnesses: tbc	2:30pm	The Wilson Room, Portcullis House
<b>Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</b> Subject: Energy efficiency and fuel poverty Witnesses: Joan Ruddock MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change	4:00pm	The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House
<b>Public Accounts</b> Subject: Central government's management of service contracts Witnesses: Nigel Smith, Chief Executive, Office of Government Commerce	3:30pm	Committee Room 15, Palace of Westminster

#### Thursday 15 January

<b>Health</b> Subject: Patient Safety Witnesses: Royal College of Radiologists, Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland, and Brian Toft, Professor of Patient Safety, Coventry University; Professor Mike Murphy, Consultant Haematologist, John Radcliffe Hospital, Professor Bryony Dean Franklin, Centre for Medication Safety and Service Quality, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, and GS1 UK. (at 11.15 am)	10:00am	The Wilson Room, Portcullis House
<b>Public Administration</b> Subject: Good Government Witnesses: Sir Michael Bichard, Lord Birt and Lord (Digby) Jones of Birmingham	10:00am	The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

#### Friday 16 January

None

All public select committee meetings are webcast  
Select committees marked with \* will be taken by BBC Parliament  
Please note: The decision of a Committee to sit in public may be rescinded, and the place altered without notice and Committees which sit at short notice may not be included in this list.

**House of Lords Committees: Forthcoming Public Meetings**  
**Enquiries about Lords Committees may be put to the Lords Committee Office 020 7219 2940**

**Monday 12 January**

None

**Tuesday 13 January**

**EU Sub-Committee A: Economic and Financial Affairs, and International Trade** 10:35am  
Subject: EU Financial Regulation  
Witnesses: tbc

**Wednesday 14 January**

**EU Sub-Committee F: Home Affairs** 10:40am  
Subject: Community Civil Protection Mechanism  
Witnesses: Hans Das, Deputy Head of Unit, Civil Protection, European Commission

**Thursday 15 January**

**EU Sub-Committee G: Social Policy and Consumer Affairs** 10:10am  
Subject: Cross-border Healthcare  
Witnesses: Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou, EU Health Commissioner

**Friday 16 January**

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 £
15.12	Constitutional Affairs	Ministry of Justice: Aims and Objectives	Alex Allan Barbara Moorhouse Rod Clark	17.7.07	HC 938-i (2006-07) 0215 525529	9.50

**(B) Select Committee Reports**

Date Received	Committee	Details of Original Report	HC Paper and ISBN	Price £
15.12	Business and Enterprise	1 <sup>st</sup> , Energy policy: future challenges	HC 32 0215 525505	13.50
15.12	Defence	1 <sup>st</sup> , Winter Supplementary Estimates 2008-09	HC 52 0215 525499	8.50
18.12	European Scrutiny	1 <sup>st</sup> , Report of session 2008-09	HC 19-i 0215 525543	15.50
15.12	European Union	1 <sup>st</sup> , EU Legislative Initiatives in Response to the Financial Turmoil	HL 3 010 4014127	8.50
16.12	Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments	1 <sup>st</sup> Report of Session 2008-09	HL 6 HC 3-i 010 4014134	4.50
16.12	Public Accounts	57 <sup>th</sup> , Shared services in the Department for Transport and its agencies	HC 684 (2007-08) 0215 525482	10.00
15.12	Public Administration	2 <sup>nd</sup> , Justice delayed: The Ombudsman's report on Equitable Life Volume 1: Report	HC 41-I 0215 525536	11.50

**(C) Government Responses to Select Committee Reports**

Date Received	Committee	Details of Original Report	HC Paper or Cm No of response	Price £
18.12	Environment	Vehicle Excise duty as an environmental tax [HC 907]	HC 72 0215 525550	4.50
15.12	Treasury	13 <sup>th</sup> , Budget Measures and Low-Income Households [HC 326]	HC 69 0215 525512	6.00

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

<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Paper No and ISBN</b>	<b>Price £</b>
16.12	Financial Management in the NHS: Report on the NHS Summarised Accounts 2007-08	HC 63-I 010 2954418	14.35
17.12	Department for communities and Local Government: Planning for Homes: Speeding up planning applications for major housing developments in England	HC 15 010 2954470	14.35
17.12	Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2008	HC 64-I 010 2954425	14.35
17.12	Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2008 Project Summary Sheets	HC 64-II 010 2954500	34.55
18.12	Central government's management of service contracts	HC 65 010 295 4487	14.35

**The Stationery Office (TSO)** All papers listed in this section can be ordered from the Stationery Office. Contact details are shown on the back cover of this Bulletin

## 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 2008-09 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](http://www.parliament.uk/what_s_on/hoc_news4.cfm)

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### Committee on Arms Export Controls

#### INQUIRY

Scrutiny of Arms export Control (2009): UK Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2007, Quarterly Reports for 2008, licensing policy and review of export control legislation

#### STAGE & NOTES

Inquiry announced  
Written evidence invited

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### 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 in progress  
Oral evidence in progress  
Oral evidence in progress  
Oral evidence in progress

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### 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  
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 in progress  
Oral evidence concluded 24 November 2008; draft Report awaited  
Report to be published 7 January  
One-off evidence concluded  
Inquiry announced  
Deadline for submissions of written evidence is noon on Monday 2 February 2009  
Oral evidence concluded

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**Communities & Local Government**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
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 in progress
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

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**Culture, Media & Sport**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
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 concluded: Report in preparation
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.

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**Defence**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
Defence Equipment	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
Defence Support Group	Inquiry announced: written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 13 January. First evidence session 20 January
MOD'S performance against expenditure plans	Inquiry announced.
Readiness and recuperation for the contingent tasks of today	Inquiry announced: written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 19 January
UK Defence: commitments and resources	Oral evidence concluded Further written evidence invited
UK national security and resilience	Oral evidence in progress Next oral evidence session 27 January
Winter Supplementary Estimates	Report published 15 December

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**Environmental Audit**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
Carbon budgets	One off evidence session announced Oral evidence session 13 January
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	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 10 February
Reducing CO2 and other emissions from shipping	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation
The Pre-Budget Report	Inquiry announced: written evidence invited
The scientific basis for carbon reduction targets	Oral evidence concluded: Oral evidence to be published

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**Environmental Audit Sub-Committee**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
Environmental Labelling	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation

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**Environment, Food & Rural Affairs**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
Defra science	Invitation to help frame inquiry
Energy efficiency and fuel poverty (HC 1099, Session 2007-08 – publication of written evidence)	Oral evidence in progress.
Patient Safety	Oral evidence in progress Next evidence session 30 October
Securing food supplies up to 2050: the challenges for the UK	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions 22 January
The English pig industry	Report to be published 13 January
The work of the Committee in 2007-08	Report to be published 13 January
Waste Strategy for England 2007	Oral evidence concluded; report in preparation

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**European Scrutiny**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
Developments in the European Union	Oral evidence in progress
Subsidiarity and the Role of National Parliaments	Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation

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**Foreign Affairs**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
Developments in the European Union	Oral evidence in progress
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.

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**Health**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
Health Inequalities	Report in preparation.
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 in progress
The responsibilities of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Care Services	Oral evidence in progress
Top-up fees	Written evidence invited Deadline for submissions: 11 December

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**Home Affairs**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
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	Report to be published 12 January 2009
Police and the Media	Report to be published 18 January 2009
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

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**Home Affairs Sub-Committee**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
Project CONTEST: The Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy	Inquiry announced

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**Joint Committee on Human Rights**

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<b>INQUIRY</b>	<b>STAGE &amp; NOTES</b>
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

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**Innovation, Universities, Science & Skills**

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**INQUIRY**

DIUS Departmental Report 2008

Engineering (incorporating Plastic Electronics, Nuclear, Geo-Engineering and Engineering in Government case studies)

Formation of DIUS

**STAGE & NOTES**

Report to be published 20 January

Oral evidence in progress  
Next evidence session 14 January

One-off oral evidence session 16 January 2009

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**Innovation, Universities, Science & Skills Sub-Committees**

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**INQUIRY**

After Leitch: implementing skills and training policies

**STAGE & NOTES**

Report to be published 16 January

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**International Development**

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**INQUIRY**

Department for International Development Annual Report 2008

DFID and China

DFID's Programme in Nigeria

Financing for Development

Sustainable Development in a Changing Climate

**STAGE & NOTES**

Oral evidence in progress

Oral evidence in progress

Inquiry postponed

One-off oral evidence session Wednesday 21 January 2009

Written Evidence invited

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**Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill**

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**INQUIRY**

Constitutional Renewal Bill

**STAGE & NOTES**

Oral evidence in progress

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**Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill**

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**INQUIRY**

Draft Marine Bill

**STAGE & NOTES**

Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation

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**Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

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**INQUIRY**

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)

Scrutinising Statutory Instruments: Departmental Returns, 2007, Second Special Report, 2007-08 (HC 915)

**STAGE & NOTES**

Continuing scrutiny:  
2nd Report of 2008-09 to be published 19 December

Awaiting Government response

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**Justice**

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**INQUIRY**

Crown Dependencies and Carter (Legal Aid) follow up

Devolution: A Decade On

Judicial Appointments Commission

Justice Reinvestment

The Role of the Prison Officer

The work of the Crown Prosecution Service

**STAGE & NOTES**

One-off oral evidence session concluded  
Report to be published 19 December

Oral evidence in progress

Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation  
Uncorrected oral evidence on website: HC 416-I & ii

Oral evidence in progress

Inquiry announced  
Written evidence invited - Deadline 14 January 2009

Inquiry announced: Written evidence invited

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**Northern Ireland Affairs**

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**INQUIRY**

Inquiry into Cross-border  
co-operation

**STAGE & NOTES**

Oral evidence in progress  
Next evidence session on 14 January

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**Public Accounts**

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**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

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 in preparation

Report in preparation

One-off oral evidence session announced

One-off oral evidence session announced

Report in preparation

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**Public Administration**

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**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

Oral evidence in progress

Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation



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**Quadripartite Committee**

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**INQUIRY**

Road Safety

**STAGE & NOTES**

Oral evidence in progress

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**Scottish Affairs**

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**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

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**Transport**

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**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

School Travel

Taxes and charges on road users

The enforcement activities of the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA)

The use of airspace

Transport Security: Travelling without Fear

**STAGE & NOTES**

One-off oral evidence session concluded  
Report in preparation

Oral evidence in progress

Oral evidence concluded: report in preparation

Call for evidence announced. Call for evidence closes 14 January 2009

Oral evidence concluded: report in preparation

Oral evidence to concluded: report in preparation

Oral evidence in progress  
Next evidence session 14 January

Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation

Oral evidence in progress  
Next evidence session 21 January

Oral evidence concluded: Report in preparation

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**Treasury**

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**INQUIRY**

Economics of Housing Market

Offshore Financial Centres

Pre-Budget 2008

Regulation of Oil Markets

**STAGE & NOTES**

Oral evidence in progress

Oral evidence in progress

Oral evidence concluded

Inquiry announced

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**Treasury Sub-committee**

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**INQUIRY**

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

**STAGE & NOTES**

Oral evidence in progress

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**Welsh Affairs**

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**INQUIRY**

Digital Inclusion in Wales

Inquiry into the potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales

Pre-legislative scrutiny of the proposed legislative competence order in council dealing with carers

Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: Dealing with Vulnerable Children

Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: Housing

Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: relating to Red Meat

Provision of cross-border public services for Wales

**STAGE & NOTES**

Inquiry announced  
Deadline for written submissions 23 January 2009

Inquiry announced  
Deadline for written submissions 18 December 2008

Written evidence invited  
Deadline for submissions 28 January

Inquiry announced

Oral evidence in progress

Oral evidence concluded

Report to be published 15 January

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**Work & Pensions**

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**INQUIRY**

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

DWPs' response to the economic downturn and the implications for welfare reform

Pension, Disability and Carers Service

Valuing and supporting carers

**STAGE & NOTES**

Oral evidence in progress

Oral evidence in progress  
Next evidence session 14 January

One-off oral evidence session concluded

Government Response published 19 December 2008

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## 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

None

### Green Papers

None

### Regulatory Impact Assessments received since the last Bulletin

Date	Title	Contact
None		

### Other Papers

Community Development Foundation: Annual Report Year ending 31 March 2008, HC 7, ISBN: 010 2957921, £19.15

Defence Medical Education and Training Agency: Annual Report 2007/2008, HC 834, ISBN: 010 2957099, £19.15

Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Autumn Performance Report 2008, Cm 7518, ISBN: 010 1751827, £9.50

Department of Health: Autumn Performance Report 2008, Cm 7519, ISBN: 010 1751629, £19.15

Department for International Development: 2008 Autumn Performance Report, Cm 7515, ISBN: 010 1751520, £19.15

Department for Transport: Autumn Performance Report 2008, Cm 7510, ISBN: 010 1751025, £19.15

Home Office: Autumn Performance Report 2008, Cm 7512, ISBN: 010 1751223, £14.35

Ministry of Justice: Family Justice in View, Cm 7502, ISBN: 010 1750226, £14.35

Ministry of Justice: The Government's Response to the Report by Peter Smallridge and Andrew Williamson of a Review of the Use of Restraint in Juvenile Secure Settings, Cm 7501, ISBN: 010 1750127, £14.35

Modernise or decline: Policies to maintain the universal postal service in the United Kingdom, Cm 7529, ISBN: 010 1752923, £26.60

NHS (England) Summarised Accounts 2007-2008, HC 63-II, ISBN: 010 3288079, £15.50

Northern Ireland Office: Autumn Performance Report 2008, Cm 7521, ISBN 010 1752121, £14.35

Memorandum to Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Post-legislative Assessment of Electoral Registration (Northern Ireland) Act 2005, Cm 7504, ISBN: 010 1750424, £ 5.50

Olympic Lottery Distribution Fund Account 2007-08, HC 61, ISBN: 010 2958218, £5.50

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman: Improving public service: a matter of principle, First Report, HC9, ISBN: 010 2958348, £14.35

Statement of the Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Account 2007-08, HC 88, ISBN: 010 2958416 £5.50

The Sutherland Inquiry, HC 62, ISBN: 010 2958393, £34.55

UK Border Agency: Code of Practice for Keeping Children Safe from Harm, [www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk)

## 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>.

Members and others with access to the PIMS database can check the status and progress of EU documentation.

### **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:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmeuleg.htm>

For information on the House of Commons and European Communities Legislation see **HCIO Factsheet L11**.

**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.

**SEC documents** are not normally available for public consultation. The occasional important one on policy issues may be available in the above centres.

For information about your nearest ED or EIC Tel: 020 7973 1992 (London Office of the European Commission) or Tel: 01482 465941, (ED Librarian, University of Hull).

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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) – *to be considered 26.1.2009*

Fisheries: Total allowable catches and quotas for 2009 (15578/08 and Addenda 1, 2 and 3) – *to be considered 26.1.2009*

### **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) – *considered 17.12.2008*

Enlargement strategy and main challenges 2008-09 (15455/08) – *awaiting consideration*

Draft Regulation on Credit Rating Agencies (15661/08) - *awaiting consideration*

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

A European Economic Recovery Plan (16097/08) – *to be considered 20.1.2009*

‘Financial Management (12156/08 and Addendum 1, 12471/08 and Addendum 1, 12472/08 and Addendum 1, 14480/08 and Addendum 1, 14481/08 and Addendum 1, and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 16th October) – *to be considered 20.1.2009*

From Financial Crisis to Recovery: a European Framework for Action (14938/08) – *to be considered 20.1.2009*

Review of EU-Russia relations (15299/08 and 15300/08) – *to be considered 20.1.2009*

## Early Day Motions tabled between 15 – 19 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](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/factsheets.cfm)

Date	EDM	Primary Sponsor	Title
15.12.08	276	Mr Fabian Hamilton	ENERGY PRICES, WINDFALL PROFITS AND FUEL POVERTY
15.12.08	277	Mr Dai Davies	UK ROLE IN GLOBAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT
15.12.08	278	Bob Spink	PARENTLINE HELP AT CHRISTMAS
15.12.08	279	Bob Spink	ANIMAL TESTING FOR HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS
15.12.08	280	Mr Andrew Pelling	LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANNING AND FINANCIAL INCENTIVES
15.12.08	281	Dr Rudi Vis	AUTISM AND WINTER FUEL POVERTY
15.12.08	282	Mr Andrew Pelling	CROYDON VISITOR CENTRE
15.12.08	283	Frank Cook	COUNTERING CLUSTER MUNITIONS
15.12.08	284	Steve Webb	FUEL POVERTY AND ENERGY PRICES
15.12.08	285	Mr Mike Hancock	VOLUME OF RACE HORSE BREEDING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
15.12.08	286	Mr Adrian Sanders	HIGH SPEED RAIL IN THE UK
15.12.08	287	John McDonnell	SOUTHERN CROSS
15.12.08	288	Mr Dai Davies	CAMPAIGN TO END CHILD POVERTY
15.12.08	289	Pete Wishart	CHRIS HOY
15.12.08	290	Mr Nick Clegg	VALUE ADDED TAX (S.I., 2008, No 3020)
15.12.08	291	Bob Spink	TRANSPLANTING ORGANS GROWN FROM ADULT STEM CELLS
15.12.08	292	Tom Brake	TASER GUNS
15.12.08	293	Keith Vaz	MR EDWARD STOURTON AND TODAY PROGRAMME
15.12.08	294	David Maclean [R]	DISABLED TRANSPORT AT RAIL STATIONS AND AIRPORTS
15.12.08	295	Andrew Rosindell	DONKEY SANCTUARY
15.12.08	296	David Maclean	PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES
15.12.08	297	David Maclean	PRE-PAYMENT METERS
16.12.08	298	Bob Spink	ENERGY PRICING
16.12.08	299	Mr Tim Yeo	EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE STANDARD
16.12.08	300	Daniel Kawczynski	CONDUCT OF HANS-GERT POTTERING AND MR DANIEL COHN-BENDIT
16.12.08	301	Mr John Leech	FREE TELEVISION LICENCES FOR PENSIONERS
16.12.08	302	Mr Gregory Campbell	TREATMENT OF SAVERS
16.12.08	303	Mr Dai Davies	US AND IRAQ
16.12.08	304	Bob Spink	CRUELTY AGAINST ANIMALS
16.12.08	305	Mr Adrian Sanders	HUMAN RIGHTS IN KAZAKHSTAN
16.12.08	306	Mr Adrian Sanders	BENEFITS SYSTEM AND SHARED PARENTING
16.12.08	307	Mr Roger Williams	WELSH TRUST FOR PREVENTION OF ABUSE

16.12.08	308	Mr Virendra Sharma	RECENT ATTACKS AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN ORISSA INDIA
16.12.08	309	Mr David Anderson	DEVELOPING THE NORTHERN KITES PROJECT
16.12.08	310	Keith Vaz	EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS JUDGEMENT AND THE NATIONAL DNA DATABASE
16.12.08	311	Mrs Linda Riordan	COST OF TELEPHONE CALLS FOR PRISONERS
16.12.08	312	Mrs Linda Riordan	RECOGNITION OF KASHMIRI COMMUNITY IN CENSUS RETURNS
16.12.08	313	Daniel Kawczynski	EQUITABLE LIFE (NO.2)
16.12.08	314	Mrs Linda Riordan	EARLY VOTING
16.12.08	315	Mr Andrew Dismore	LATE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS
16.12.08	316	Alun Michael	FUTURE OF MOLDOVA
16.12.08	317	Mr Lindsay Hoyle	ASSAULTS ON NHS STAFF
16.12.08	318	Mr Lindsay Hoyle	MILITARY PERSONNEL OVERSEAS
16.12.08	319	Mr Lindsay Hoyle	CHARITIES AND CHURCHES AT CHRISTMAS
16.12.08	320	Mr Lindsay Hoyle	CAFOD AND THE HALLMARK NICKEL PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES
16.12.08	321	Graham Stringer	UK INTERNATIONAL HUB AIRPORT
16.12.08	322	Frank Cook	DEPARTMENTAL SELECT COMMITTEES
16.12.08	323	Mr John Leech	ILLEGAL LOGGING (NO.2)
16.12.08	324	Mr John Leech	POSTAL COLLECTION IN SOUTH MANCHESTER
16.12.08	325	Mr John Leech	MINIMUM WAGE RATES AND SUPPORT WORKERS
16.12.08	326	Paddy Tipping	FOOD AND DRINK FEDERATION AND REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
16.12.08	327	John McDonnell	PROSTITUTION
16.12.08	328	Mr John Grogan	PUBLIC TRANSPORT OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
16.12.08	329	Janet Anderson	COPYRIGHT TERM FOR PERFORMERS
16.12.08	330	Ms Katy Clark	BBC SCOTLAND
17.12.08	331	Greg Mulholland	RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS
17.12.08	332	Michael Connarty	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND AND RETRAINING
17.12.08	333	Mr Ronnie Campbell	BLYTH SPARTANS FC
17.12.08	334	Lembit Öpik [R]	SELF-BALANCING PERSONAL TRANSPORTERS
17.12.08	335	Lembit Öpik [R]	POLICE TRIALS OF SELF-BALANCING PERSONAL TRANSPORTERS
17.12.08	336	Mr Gordon Prentice	ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER
17.12.08	337	Bill Wiggin	MARINE RESERVES
17.12.08	338	Mr Greg Knight	CAMPAIGN FOR LIGHTER EVENINGS
17.12.08	339	Martin Salter	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THIRD RUNWAY AT HEATHROW
17.12.08	340	Miss Anne Begg	MOBILITY BENEFITS FOR BLIND PEOPLE
17.12.08	341	John Austin	KURDISH POLITICIAN LEYLA ZANA
17.12.08	342	John Austin	DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
17.12.08	343	John Battle	UNITED NATIONS AND POLITICAL PRISONERS IN BURMA
17.12.08	344	Mr Edward Leigh	TREATMENT OF CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ
17.12.08	345	Mr John Leech	TRANSPORT INNOVATION FUND FUNDING FOR GREATER MANCHESTER
17.12.08	346	Mr John Leech	EWING SCHOOL
17.12.08	347	Mr John Leech	LANCASTERIAN SCHOOL IN WEST DIDSBURY



17.12.08	348	Mr Mike Hancock	PREVENTION OF HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS
17.12.08	349	Mr Don Foster	NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING AND THE LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES
17.12.08	350	Greg Mulholland	SHELTER'S BAUBLES TO BAD HOUSING! CAMPAIGN
17.12.08	351	Mr David Anderson	WORKINGMEN'S SOCIAL CLUBS
17.12.08	352	Janet Anderson	USE OF MUSIC AS AN INSTRUMENT OF TORTURE
17.12.08	353	John McDonnell	BANKING SECTOR AND CITY BONUSES
17.12.08	354	Mr Clive Betts	FIRST BUS FARE INCREASES IN SHEFFIELD
17.12.08	355	Mr Austin Mitchell	COUNCIL HOUSE BUILDING
17.12.08	356	Bob Spink	SUPERBUGS
17.12.08	357	Mr Lindsay Hoyle	UNITED UTILITIES CHARGES FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP
17.12.08	358	Mr Lindsay Hoyle	SUPPORT FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR
17.12.08	359	John McDonnell	GB WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM AT LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS
17.12.08	360	Dr Evan Harris	INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA
18.12.08	361	Mr Stewart Jackson	FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND DATA COLLECTION
18.12.08	362	Mr Dai Davies	INVESTMENT BANK BONUSES
18.12.08	363	Mr David Burrowes	CHASE FARM HOSPITAL
18.12.08	364	Mr Dai Davies	PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF ROYAL MAIL
18.12.08	365	Mr Peter Kilfoyle	TRINITY MIRROR
18.12.08	366	Mr Peter Kilfoyle	US MISSILE DEFENCE
18.12.08	367	Nick Harvey	NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD
18.12.08	368	Hywel Williams	DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY PARTY AND TURKEY
18.12.08	369	Martin Horwood	GREENEST UNIVERSITY AWARD
18.12.08	370	Jeremy Corbyn	ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS AND SETTLEMENT GOODS
18.12.08	371	John McDonnell	INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AT NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY
18.12.08	372	Andrew Rosindell	50th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, RUSH GREEN, ROMFORD
18.12.08	373	Mr Nick Clegg	SOCIAL SECURITY (S.I., 2008, No. 3109)
18.12.08	374	Mr Nick Clegg	SOCIAL SECURITY (S.I., 2008, No. 3108)

**State of the Parties in the House of Commons as at 19 December 2008**

<b>Labour</b>	350	<b>Independent Labour</b> (Clare Short)	1
<b>Conservative</b>	193	<b>Independent Conservative</b> (Derek Conway)	1
<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	63	<b>Independent</b> (Dr Richard Taylor, Dai Davies, Andrew Pelling, Robert Wareing, Bob Spink)	5
<b>Scottish National Party / Plaid Cymru</b> (SNP – Messrs Robertson, Salmond, Weir, Wishart, MacNeil, Hosie & Mason/ PC – Messrs Llwyd, Price, H Williams)	10	<b>Respect</b> (George Galloway)	1
<b>Democratic Unionist Party</b> (Messrs Campbell, Dodds, Donaldson, McCrea, Paisley, P Robinson, Ms Iris Robinson, Simpson, Wilson)	9		
<b>Sinn Fein</b> (Messrs Adams, Doherty, McGuinness, Murphy & Ms Gildernew)	5 (Have not taken their seats and cannot vote)	<b>The Speaker and 3 Deputies</b> (Sir Alan Haselhurst, CWM; Mrs Sylvia Heal, 1 <sup>st</sup> DCWM; Sir Michael Lord, 2 <sup>nd</sup> DCWM)	4 (Do not normally vote)
<b>Social Democratic &amp; Labour Party</b> (Messrs Durkan, McDonnell, McGrady)	3	<b>Vacant seats</b>	0
		<b>Total number of seats</b>	646
<b>Ulster Unionist</b> (Lady Sylvia Hermon)	1	<b>Current working Government Majority</b> (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  
 1<sup>st</sup> DCWM – 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means  
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Vacancy	Cause	By – Election	New Member	Date of introduction	Maiden Speech
Cheadle	Death of Patsy Calton (LD) (29.5.2005)	14.7.2005	Mark Hunter (LD)	19.07.2005	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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