



# House of Lords Committees

## Weekly Bulletin

Current inquiries, programme of meetings, reports and contacts

Friday 12 June 2009

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##### Select Committee

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#### Science and Technology

##### Select Committee

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 Law Commission Bill [HL 103] 21 May  
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 Pre-Legislative Scrutiny in the 2007-08 Session [HL 66] 2 April

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##### European Union Committee

European Contract Law: the Draft Common Frame of Reference [HL 95] 10 June  
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Recast of the First Rail Freight Package

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Procedural rights in EU criminal proceedings—an update [HL 84] 11 May

Priorities of the European Union: evidence from the Ambassador of the Czech Republic and the Minister for Europe [HL 76] 28 April

The United Kingdom opt-in: problems with amendment and codification [HL 55] 24 March

Civil Protection and Crisis Management in the European Union [HL 43] 11 March

##### Joint Committee on Human Rights

Legislative Scrutiny: Coroners and Justice Bill (certified inquests) [HL 94] 18 May

Legislative Scrutiny: Policing and Crime Bill (gangs injunctions) [HL 81] 5 May

Legislative Scrutiny: Welfare Reform Bill; Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Bill; Health Bill

[HL 78] 27 April

Prisoner Transfer Treaty with Libya [HL 71] 15 April

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Reservations and Interpretive Declaration [HL 70] 17 April

##### Science & Technology Committee

Systematics and Taxonomy Follow-up: Government Response [HL 58] 20 March

### Debates

(Dates of debates are shown if known)

#### Merits of Statutory Instruments Committee

The Cumulative Impact of Statutory Instruments on Schools: HL Paper 45 will be debated on 19 June.

# European Union Committee

## Remit

To consider European Union documents and other matters relating to the European Union. The Committee was re-appointed on 9 December 2008.

## Current Business

(i) Inquiry into the implications of codecision for national parliamentary scrutiny -  
A Call for Evidence was issued on 18 March 2009. The deadline for submissions was 14 April 2009.

## Reports recently published

(ii) Priorities of the European Union: evidence from the Ambassador of the Czech Republic and the Minister for Europe—  
A Report was published on 28 April 2009: 8th Report, HL Paper 76.

(iii) Enhanced scrutiny of EU legislation with a United Kingdom opt-in—  
A Report was published on 6 February 2009: 2nd Report, HL Paper 25.

## Meetings

### **Tuesday 23 June**

4.15pm Private

### **Tuesday 7 July**

4.15pm Private

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Lord Mance, Lord Paul, Lord Plumb, Lord Powell of Bayswater,  
Lord Richard, Lord Sewel, Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean,  
Lord Teverson, Lord Trimble, Lord Wade of Chorlton

## **Economic and Financial Affairs, and International Trade**

*European Union Sub-Committee A*

## Current Business

(i) Inquiry into EU Financial Regulation and Supervision. A Report will be published on 17 June 2009.

## Reports recently published

(ii) EU Legislative Initiatives in Response to the Financial Turmoil —  
A short Report including the Call for Evidence was published on 15 December 2008: 1st Report, HL Paper 3.

Further details are available on the website:  
[www.parliament.uk/hleua](http://www.parliament.uk/hleua).

## Meetings

### **Tuesday 23 June**

10.30am Private

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Baroness Hooper, Lord Jordan, Lord Moser, Baroness Northover,  
Lord Renton of Mount Harry, Lord Steinberg, Lord Watson of  
Richmond, Lord Woolmer of Leeds

## Internal Market

European Union Sub-Committee B

### Current Business

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#### Reports recently published

(i) Recast of the First Rail Freight Package—  
A Report was published on 2nd June 2009: 10th Report, HL Paper 90.

### Meetings

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#### Monday 22 June

4.00pm Private  
4.05pm Public

Evidence will be heard from Department for Transport officials on Galileo.

#### Monday 29 June

4.00pm Private  
4.05pm Public

Evidence will be heard from European Commission officials on Galileo.

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## Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Policy

European Union Sub-Committee C

### Current Business

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(i) EU and China Inquiry. A Call for Evidence was issued on 27 February 2009. The deadline for submissions was 17 April 2009.

#### Reports recently published

(ii) After Georgia. The EU and Russia Follow-Up Report—  
A Report was published on 12 February 2009: 3rd Report, HL Paper 26.

### Meetings

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#### Thursday 18 June

10:30am Private  
10:35am Public

Evidence will be heard on (i) from Lord Mandelson, First Secretary of State, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, Lord President of the Council.

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### Membership

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Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean  
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## Environment and Agriculture

*Sub-Committee D*

### Current Business

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(i) Inquiry into the Revision of the EU Directive on the Protection of Animals used for Scientific Purposes— A Call for Evidence was issued on 23 April 2009. The closing date for submissions was 21 May 2009.

### Reports recently published

(ii) The Review of the Less Favoured Areas Scheme— A Report was published on 4 June 2009: 13th Report, HL Paper 98.

### Meetings

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#### Wednesday 17 June

10.30am Private  
**11.00am Public**  
 Evidence will be heard on (i) from representatives of the RSPCA.

#### Wednesday 24 June

10.30am Private  
**11.00am Public**  
 Evidence will be heard on (i) from witnesses tbc.

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### Membership

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 Dillington, Earl of Dundee, Baroness Jones of Whitchurch,  
 Lord Livsey of Talgarth, Lord Palmer, Baroness Sharp of  
 Guildford, Viscount Ullswater

## Law and Institutions

*Sub-Committee E*

### Current Business

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(i) Inquiry into the Commission Green Paper on the functioning of the Brussels I regime for the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters.

### Reports recently published

(ii) European Contract Law: the Draft Common Frame of Reference— A Report was published on 10 June 2009: 12th Report, HL Paper 95.

(iii) Procedural rights in EU Criminal Proceedings – an update—A Report was published on 11 May 2009: 9th Report, HL Paper 84.

### Meetings

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#### Wednesday 17 June

4.15pm Private

#### Wednesday 24 June

4.15pm Private  
**4.30pm Public**  
 Evidence will be heard on (i) from Lord Bach, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice.

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 Lord Norton of Louth, Baroness O’Cathain, Lord Rosser,  
 Lord Tomlinson, Lord Wright of Richmond

## Home Affairs

*Sub-Committee F*

### Current Business

(i) Inquiry into Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism. A Report will be published at the end of July.

### Reports recently published

(ii) The United Kingdom opt-in: problems with amendment and codification—

A Report was published on 24 March: 7th Report, HL Paper 55, and a response was received from the Government on 3 June 2009.

(iii) Civil Protection and Crisis Management in the European Union—

A Report was published on 11 March 2009: 6th Report, HL Paper 43, and a response was received from the Government on 19 May 2009.

### Meetings

#### **Wednesday 24 June**

10.30am Private

#### **Wednesday 1 July**

10.30am Private

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## Social Policy and Consumer Affairs

*Sub-Committee G*

### Current Business

(i) Inquiry into the EU Commission's proposed directive on consumer rights—

A Call for Evidence was issued on 6 March. The closing date for submissions was 3 April.

### Reports recently published

(ii) Healthcare across EU borders: a safe framework—

A Report was published on 24 February 2009: 4th Report, HL Paper 30.

### Meetings

#### **Thursday 18 June**

9.30am Private

#### **Thursday 25 June**

9.30am Private

#### **Thursday 2 July**

9.30am Private

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 Lord Wade of Chorlton  
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# Science and Technology Committee

## Remit

To consider matters relating to science and technology. The Committee was re-appointed on 11 December 2008.

## Current Business

(i) Pandemic Influenza

### Reports recently published

(ii) Systematics and Taxonomy Follow-up: Government Response—  
A Report was published on 20 March 2009: 1st Report, HL Paper 58.

Reports also available at [www.parliament.uk/hlscience](http://www.parliament.uk/hlscience).

## Meetings

**Tuesday 23 June**

3.30pm

Private

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## Membership

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Lord Broers, Lord Colwyn, Lord Crickhowell, Lord Cunningham of Felling, Lord Haskel, Lord Krebs, Lord May of Oxford, Lord Methuen, Baroness Neuberger, Earl of Northesk, Lord O'Neill of Clackmannan, Earl of Selborne, Lord Warner  
*Co-opted Members (Pandemic Influenza):* Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, Lord Jenkin of Roding, Baroness Whitaker

## Sub-Committee I

## Current Business

(i) Nanotechnologies and Food—

A Call for Evidence was issued on 3 February 2009. The deadline for submissions was 13 March 2009.

## Meetings

**Tuesday 16 June**

10.30am

Private

**(a) 10.40am (b) 11.40am**

Public

Evidence will be heard from (a) Dr John Wand, EPSRC; Dr Declan Mulkeen, MRC; Professor Peter Fryer, BBSRC; and Dr Amanda Collis, BBSRC; and (b) Mr Trevor Maynard, Lloyds Corporation; Mr Peter Hatto, British Standards Institute; and Professor Richard Owen, University of Westminster.

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*Co-opted Members:* Lord Mitchell, Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve

## Sub-Committee II

### Current Business

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(i) Genomic Medicine—

A Call for Evidence was issued on 28 February 2008. The deadline for submissions was 21 April 2008.

### Meetings

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### Contact Details

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### Membership

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Chairman: Lord Patel  
 Lord Colwyn, Lord Krebs, Earl of Northesk, Lord Sutherland of Houndwood, Lord Taverne, Lord Warner  
*Co-opted Members:* Lord Broers, Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve, Baroness Perry of Southwark, Lord Winston

# The Barnett Formula Committee

### Remit

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To examine the purpose, methodology and application of the Barnett Formula as a means of determining funding for the devolved administrations of the United Kingdom, to assess the effectiveness of the calculation mechanism to meet its purpose, and to consider alternative mechanisms.

### Current Business

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Barnett Formula—

A Call for Evidence was issued on 2 February 2009. The deadline for submissions was 2 March 2009.

### Meetings

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**Wednesday 17 June**

4.00pm

Private

**4.05pm**

**Public**

Evidence will be heard from Mr. Liam Byrne MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

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### Membership

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Chairman: Lord Richard  
 Lord Forsyth of Drumlean, Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Lord Lang of Monkton, Lord Lawson of Blaby, Earl of Mar and Kellie, Lord Moser, Lord Rooker, Lord Rowe-Beddoe, Lord Sewel, Lord Smith of Clifton, Lord Trimble

# Communications Committee

## Remit

The Committee was appointed to consider Communications. The Committee was re-appointed on 9 December 2008.

## Current Business

(i) Inquiry into the British film and television industries—  
A Call for Evidence was issued on 9 February 2009. The deadline for submissions was 30 April 2009.

## Reports Recently Published

(ii) Public service broadcasting: short-term crisis, long-term future?—

A Report was published on 8 April 2009: 2nd Report, HL Paper 61.

## Meetings

**Wednesday 17 June**

10.00am

Private

**(a) 10.30am (b) 11.30am**

Public

Evidence will be heard on (i) from witnesses tbc.

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## Membership

Chairman: L Fowler

B Bonham Carter of Yarnbury, B Eccles of Moulton, L Gordon of Strathblane, L Hastings of Scarisbrick, B Howe of Idlicote, L Inglewood, L King of Bridgwater, L Macdonald of Tradeston, Bp Manchester, L Maxton, B McIntosh of Hudnall, B Scott of Needham Market

# Constitution Committee

## Remit

To examine the constitutional implications of all public bills, and to keep under review the operation of the constitution. The Committee was re-appointed on 9 December 2008.

## Current Business

(i) Inquiry into the Cabinet Office and the Centre of Government—

A Call for Evidence was issued on 27 March 2009. The deadline for submissions was 15 May 2009.

(ii) Inquiry into Emergency Legislation—

A Call for Evidence was issued on 29 January 2009. The deadline for submissions was 23 February 2009.

## Reports recently published

(iii) The National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 (relating to Carers)—

A Report was published on 5 June 2009: 13th Report, HL Paper 105

(iv) Law Commission Bill—

A Report was published on 21 May 2009: 12th Report, HL Paper 103.

(v) Banking Act 2009: Supplementary report on retrospective legislation—

A Report was published on 18 May 2009: 11th Report, HL Paper 97.

## Meetings

**Wednesday 17 June**

10.30am

Private

**(a) 11.00am (b) 11.45am**

Public

Evidence will be heard on (i) from (a) Lord Burns, former Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury (1991-98) and Sir Richard Mottram, former departmental Permanent Secretary and senior official at the Cabinet Office (1992-2007); and (b) Lord Lipsey; Lord McNally; and Lord Donoughue.

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## Membership

Chairman: Lord Goodlad

Lord Lyell of Markyate, Lord Morris of Aberavon, Lord Norton of Louth, Lord Pannick, Lord Peston, Baroness Quin, Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, Lord Rowlands, Lord Shaw of Northstead, Lord Woolf, Lord Wallace of Tankerness



# Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee

## Remit

1. To report whether the provisions of any bill inappropriately delegate legislative power, or whether they subject the exercise of legislative power to an inappropriate degree of parliamentary scrutiny.
2. To consider draft orders proposed to be made under Part 1 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 ("legislative reform orders").

## Current Business

(i) fortnightly scrutiny of delegated powers in bills and government amendments. Reports are published on Thursday mornings.

(ii) scrutiny of legislative reform orders (LROs) as they arise.

## Meetings

Every other Wednesday when the House is sitting.  
10.30am Private

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## Membership

Chairman: Lord Goodhart  
 Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, Lord Blackwell, Lord Boyd of Duncansby, Viscount Eccles, Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Lord Razzall, Lord Soley.

# Joint Committee on the Draft Bribery Bill

## Remit

To consider and report on the draft Bribery Bill presented to both Houses on 25 March (Cm 7570); and to report on the draft Bill by 21 July 2009.

## Current Business

Draft Bribery Bill —  
 A Call for Evidence was issued on 12 May 2009. The deadline for submissions is 17 June 2009.

## Meetings

**Wednesday 17 June**  
 10.00am Private  
 10.15am **Public**  
 Evidence will be heard from Jack Straw, Secretary of State, Anti-Corruption Champion, Ministry of Justice.

**Thursday 25 June**  
 11.15am Private  
 11.30am **Public**  
 Evidence will be heard from Baroness Scotland, Attorney General, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

**Monday 29 June**  
 3.30pm Private

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## Membership

Chairman: Viscount Colville of Culross  
 Lord Anderson of Swansea, Lord Goodhart, Lord Grabiner Baroness Henig, Lord Lyell of Markyate, Lord Mayhew of Twysden, Earl of Onslow, Lord Sheikh, Lord Thomas of Gresford, Baroness Whitaker, Lord Williamson, Mr David S. Borrow MP, Mr Alistair Carmichael MP, Mr Geoffrey Cox MP, Mary Creagh MP, Mr Jonathan Djanogly MP, Mr Bruce George MP, Linda Gilroy MP, Dr Brian Iddon MP, Martin Linton MP, Mr Virendra Sharma MP, Dr Desmond Turner MP and Jeremy Wright MP.

# Economic Affairs Committee

## Remit

To consider economic affairs. The Committee was re-appointed on 15th December 2008.

## Current Business

### Reports recently published

(i) Banking Supervision and Regulation—  
A Report was published on 2 June 2009: 2nd Report, HL Paper 101.

(ii) Government Response to Report on the Economics of Renewable Energy—  
A Report was published on 16 February 2009: 1st Report, HL Paper 33.

(iii) Inquiry into the Economics of Renewable Energy—  
A Report was published on 25 November 2008: 4th Report, HL Paper 195.

Further details are available on the website:  
[www.parliament.uk/hleconomicaffairs](http://www.parliament.uk/hleconomicaffairs)

## Meetings

**Tuesday 16 June**  
3.30pm

Private

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## Membership

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# Economic Affairs Finance Bill Sub-Committee

## Remit

To consider aspects of Finance Bill 2009 from the point of view of tax administration, clarification and simplification.

## Current Business

The Economic Affairs Committee has agreed the establishment of the Sub-Committee to consider the 2009 Finance Bill.

The topics on which the Sub-Committee has chosen to focus its inquiry this year are:

- Foreign Profits: clauses 35-37 and associated schedules.
- Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS): clause 65 and schedule 34.
- Pensions: clause 71 and schedule 35.

## Meetings

**Monday 15 June**  
3.30pm

Private

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## Membership

Chairman: Lord Vallance of Tummel  
Lord Barnett, Lord Best, Lord Blackwell, Lord Currie of Marylebone, Lord Eatwell, Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach, Lord MacGregor of Pulham Market, Lord Paul, Lord Powell of Bayswater, Lord Sheppard of Didgemere, Lord Wakeham

# Joint Committee on Human Rights

## Remit

To consider human rights in the UK, excluding individual cases; and to report on human rights Remedial Orders.

## Current Business

(i) Equality Bill—

A Call for Evidence was issued on Thursday 4 June 2009. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday 17 June 2009.

(ii) A Bill of Rights for the UK?—

A Call for Evidence was issued on 1 June 2009. The deadline for submissions is 3 July 2009.

(iii) UK Legislation Relating to Genocide, Torture and Related Offences.

(iv) Inquiry into Business and Human Rights—

A second Call for Evidence was issued on 9 June 2009. The deadline for submissions is 26 June 2009.

(v) Policing and Protest

(vi) Children's Rights

(vii) UNCAT: allegations of abuse and mistreatment involving UK agents in Pakistan.

## Reports recently published

(viii) Legislative Scrutiny: Coroners and Justice Bill (certified inquests)—

A Report was published on 18 May 2009: 16th Report, HL Paper 94.

(ix) Legislative Scrutiny: Policing and Crime Bill (gangs injunctions)—

A Report was published on 5 May 2009: 15th Report, HL Paper 81.

## Meetings

**Monday 15 June – Thursday 18 June**

Committee visit to the United States.

**Tuesday 23 June**

1.30pm

Private

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## Membership

Chairman: Mr Andrew Dismore MP

Lord Bowness, Lord Dubs, Lord Lester of Herne Hill, Lord Morris of Handsworth, Earl of Onslow, Baroness Prashar, John Austin MP, Dr Evan Harris MP, Virendra Sharma MP, Richard Shepherd MP, Edward Timpson MP

# Information Committee

## Remit

To consider the House's information and communications services, including the Library and Parliamentary Archives, within the strategic framework and financial limits approved by the House Committee.

## Current Business

People and Parliament—

A Call for Evidence has been issued. The deadline for submissions was 4 May 2009.

## Meetings

**Wednesday 17 June**

3.45pm

Private

**Wednesday 8 July**

3.45pm

Private

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## Membership

Chairman: Lord Renton of Mount Harry

Baroness Billingham, Baroness Coussins, Earl of Erroll, Baroness Gibson of Market Rasen, Lord Jones of Cheltenham, Lord Kalms, Lord Methuen, Baroness Prosser, Lord Puttnam, Lord St John of Bleso, Lord Selsdon, Lord Taylor of Warwick

# Merits of Statutory Instruments Committee

## Remit

To draw the special attention of the House to Statutory Instruments (SIs) which:

- (a) have political, legal or public policy importance;
- (b) are inappropriate in view of changed circumstances since the parent Act;
- (c) inappropriately implement European Union Legislation; or
- (d) imperfectly achieve their policy objectives.

## Current Business

- (i) Weekly scrutiny of statutory instruments
- (ii) The Committee publishes its weekly report on SIs each Thursday when the House is sitting.

## Reports recently published

(iii) The cumulative impact of statutory instruments on schools: Government response—  
A Report was published on 21 May 2009: 18th Report, HL Paper 100.

## Meetings

Every Tuesday when the House is sitting.  
3.30pm Private

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## Membership

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Baroness Butler-Sloss, Lord Crisp, Baroness Deech, Viscount Eccles, Lord Hart of Chilton, Lord James of Blackheath, Lord Lucas, Baroness Maddock, Lord Rosser, Baroness Thomas of Winchester

# Committee on the Perpetuities & Accumulations Bill [HL]

## Remit

The Perpetuities and Accumulations Bill [HL] has been committed to a Special Public Bill Committee in the House of Lords. The Bill, which is based on the Law Commission's recommendations for the reform of the rule against perpetuities and the rule against excessive accumulations (Law Commission Report 251), seeks to simplify and modernise two long-standing and exceptionally technical legal rules affecting trusts and property ownership in England and Wales.

## Current Business

Perpetuities and Accumulations Bill [HL].

## Meetings

**Tuesday 30 June**  
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**Public Meetings**

**Tuesday 16 June**

**Science & Technology Sub-Committee I  
(a) 10.40am (b) 11.40am**

**Wednesday 17 June**

**Joint Committee on the Draft Bribery Bill  
10.15am**

**Communications Committee**

**(a) 10.30am (b) 11.30am**

**Constitution Committee**

**(a) 11.00am (b) 11.45pm**

**European Union Sub-Committee D**

**11.00am**

**Barnett Formula Committee**

**4.05pm**

**Thursday 18 June**

**European Union Sub-Committee C  
10.35am**

**Monday 22 June**

**European Union Sub-Committee B  
4.05pm**

**Wednesday 24 June**

**European Union Sub-Committee D  
11.00am**

**European Union Sub-Committee E**

**4.30pm**

**Thursday 25 June**

**Joint Committee on the Draft Bribery Bill  
11.30am**

**Monday 29 June**

**European Union Sub-Committee B  
4.05pm**

## **Abbreviations**

BERR	Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform
DCMS	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
DCSF	Department for Children, Schools and Families
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DFID	Department for International Development
DfT	Department for Transport
DIUS	Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills
DoH	Department of Health
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
HC	House of Commons
HMT	Her Majesty's Treasury
HO	Home Office
IGC	Intergovernmental Conference
MoD	Ministry of Defence
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
NIO	Northern Ireland Office
Org	Organisation
Prof	Professor
PUSS	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
TBC	To be confirmed
Univ	University

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