



Wales Office  
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## Queen's Speech 2014

### BILLS WHICH WOULD APPLY TO WALES

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Armed Forces (Service Complaints and Financial Assistance) Bill</b>	The Bill would improve and strengthen the Service complaints system and enable payments to be made to charities and other organisations that support our Armed Forces across the United Kingdom.
<b>Childcare Payments Bill</b>	The Bill will introduce a scheme that will offer working families 20 per cent support towards qualifying childcare costs, up to a maximum of £2,000 per year for each child.
<b>Modern Slavery Bill</b>	The Bill will provide law enforcement with stronger tools to stamp out modern slavery, ensure slave drivers receive suitably severe punishments and enhance protection of and support for victims.
<b>National Insurance Contributions Bill</b>	The Bill will protect public revenues by tackling avoidance and also simplify the collection of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions (NICs) paid by the self-employed.
<b>Private Pensions Bill</b>	The Bill will enable the establishment of new Defined Ambition pensions that share more of the risk between parties. It will also enable Remploy to allow the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to fund its pension scheme directly.
<b>Pensions Tax Bill</b>	The Bill will give effect to the changes to the pension tax rules as announced at Budget, giving individuals greater freedom and choice over how to access their defined contribution pension savings.
<b>Recall of MPs Bill</b>	The Bill will fill a gap in the regulatory oversight of MPs by allowing voters to trigger a by-election where an MP is found to have engaged in serious wrongdoing and has had a

	petition calling for a by-election signed by 10% of his or her constituents.
<b>Social Action, Responsibility and Heroism Bill</b>	The Bill will reassure those who are acting for the benefit of society, demonstrating a generally responsible approach towards protecting the safety of others or intervening in an emergency, that the courts will consider the context of their actions in the event that something goes wrong and they are sued for negligence or breach of statutory duty.
<b>Serious Crime Bill</b>	The Bill will build on current criminal and civil law to continue to ensure the pursuit, disruption and bringing to justice of serious and organised criminals, guard against the threat of terrorism and protect vulnerable women and children.
<b>Draft Protection of Charities Bill</b>	The Bill will better protect charities in England and Wales from abuse and equip the Charity Commission to tackle abuse more effectively and efficiently.
<b>Draft Riot (Damages) Bill</b>	The Bill would reform the existing Riot (Damages) Act, improving and modernising the way compensation is paid to individuals and businesses who experience losses or damage to property during riots.

#### **BILLS WHERE SOME PROVISIONS MAY APPLY TO WALES**

<b>Infrastructure Bill</b>	The Bill will bolster investment in infrastructure by providing appropriate governance frameworks to allow stable long term funding, deliver better value for money and relieve unnecessary administrative pressures. The Bill will also increase transparency of information provision and improve planning processes, allowing us to get on and get Britain building for our future.
<b>Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill</b>	The Bill will support small businesses and allow them to compete, ensuring they aren't disadvantaged by those that don't play by the rules

#### **BILLS WHERE WHICH HAVE NO APPLICATION IN WALES**

<b>Draft National Parks Authorities (Elections) Bill</b>	The draft Bill will enable the composition of National Parks' authorities and the Broads Authority in England to be broadened in the future, by an order of the Secretary of State. The main purpose of the draft Bill would be to provide for the holding of local elections to the authorities
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