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QUEEN'S SPEECH 2012

Secretary of State for Wales, National Assembly for Wales Address 23 May 2012

The Government's Legislative Programme for the Second Session of Parliament was delivered by Her Majesty the Queen on 9 May 2012.

BILLS WHICH WOULD APPLY TO WALES

Bill	Purpose
Banking Reform Bill	A Bill to create a ring-fence around vital banking services and introduce depositor preference, in line with the recommendations of the Independent Commission on Banking.
Draft Communications Data Bill	A Bill to maintain the capability of intelligence and law enforcement agencies to acquire communications data to protect the public within a framework of strict safeguards.
Crime and Courts Bill	A Bill to establish the National Crime Agency to tackle serious, organised and complex crime and to strengthen border security. Measures will further reform and modernise the courts and tribunal service to increase efficiency, transparency and judicial diversity.
Croatia Accession Bill	A Bill to give effect in UK law to the anticipated accession of Croatia to the European Union.
Defamation Bill	A Bill to reform the law of defamation. This will rebalance the law to give greater protection to free speech, while ensuring that people who have been defamed are able to protect their reputation. This Bill has been subject to pre-legislative scrutiny.
Electoral Registration and Administration Bill	A Bill to introduce individual electoral registration and make improvements to other areas of electoral administration. Most provisions have been subject to pre-legislative scrutiny.
Energy Bill	A Bill to reform the electricity market and establish an independent nuclear regulator.
Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill	A Bill to promote enterprise and fair markets, including provisions on a Green Investment Bank, a new Competition and Markets Authority and reforming employment tribunals.
European Union (Approval	A Bill to give effect in UK law to an amendment to the European Union Treaties confirming

of Treaty Amendment Decision) Bill	the ability of euro area member states to establish a financial stability mechanism within the euro area.
Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill	A Bill to establish an independent Groceries Code Adjudicator to ensure supermarkets deal fairly and lawfully with suppliers. This Bill has been subject to pre-legislative scrutiny.
House of Lords Reform Bill	A Bill to change the composition of the House of Lords. This Bill has been subject to pre-legislative scrutiny.
Justice and Security Bill	A Bill to provide for strengthened oversight of the security and intelligence agencies; to provide for closed material procedures in certain civil proceedings; and to prevent disclosure contrary to the public interest of certain material in judicial proceedings, including material shared with the UK by its allies.
Pensions Bill	A Bill to reform the state pensions system and create a fair, simple and sustainable foundation for private saving.
Public Service Pensions Bill	A Bill to reform public service pensions in line with the recommendations of the report prepared by the Independent Public Service Pensions Commission.
Small Donations Bill	A Bill to enable charities to claim top-up payments, similar to Gift Aid, on small donations they collect without the need to obtain a Gift Aid declaration.

BILLS WHERE SOME PROVISIONS MAY APPLY TO WALES

Draft Care and Support Bill	A Bill to modernise adult care and support law in England, and replace outdated legislation with a new single statute. This Bill will apply to England only, but some provisions will enable cross-border co-operation.
Children and Families Bill	A Bill to improve the lives of children, young people and families, especially those coping with special educational needs. Some provisions will apply to the whole of the UK and some provisions relating to the Children's Commissioner may affect Wales.
Draft Water Bill	A Bill to reform the water industry and make the existing competition regime for water supply more effective.

BILLS WITH LIMITED IMPACT OR NO APPLICATION TO WALES

Draft Local Audit Bill	A Bill to close the Audit Commission and make new arrangements for the audit of local public bodies in England.
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