

# Public Bill Committees - Scrutiny Unit

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Programme: Prisons and Courts Bill

The provisional programme of witnesses for the Prisons and Courts Bill Committee has been agreed by its Programming Sub-Committee. The Committee will hear oral evidence on Tuesday 28 March. The Committee will further consider the Bill on Wednesday 29 March, Tuesday 18, and Thursday 20, Tuesday 25, and Thursday 27 April.

The meetings are open to the public.

<b>Tuesday 28 March at 9.25am in the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House</b>	
c9.25am until no later than 11.00am	Joe Simpson, Assistant General Secretary, Prison Officers Association, Martin Lomas, Deputy HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, HM Inspectorate of Prisons, Nigel Newcomen CBE, Prisons & Probation Ombudsman, and Rachel O'Brien, Director of Transitions spaces, Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA)

<b>Tuesday 28 March at 2.00pm in the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House</b>	
c2.00pm until no later than 3.15pm	Jenny Beck, Co-Chair, Legal Aid Practitioners Group, Professor Richard Susskind OBE, Richard Miller, Head of Justice, The Law Society, Polly Neate, Chief Executive Officer, Women's Aid, and Penelope Gibbs, Director, Transform Justice
c3.15pm until no later than 4.30pm	James Dalton, Director of General Insurance Policy, Association of British Insurers, Brett Dixon, Vice President, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, and Rob Townend, UK General Insurance Claims Director, Aviva

Line by line scrutiny of the Bill (all in Committee Room 12, Palace of Westminster):

Wednesday 29 March 9.25am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 18 April 4.30pm and 7.30pm

Thursday 20 April 11.30am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 25 April 9.25am and 2.00pm
Thursday 27 April 11.30am and 2.00pm

The Committee must complete consideration of the Bill no later than 5.00pm on Thursday 27 April. **However, please note that when the Committee reports it is no longer able to receive written evidence and it can report earlier than the expected deadline of 5.00pm on Thursday 27 April.\***

\* In the current Parliamentary Session, the following Public Bill Committees have concluded their consideration of the Bill earlier than scheduled: Criminal Finances, Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts), Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs), Neighbourhood Planning, Savings (Government Contributions), Technical and Further Education, Commonwealth Development Corporation, Children and Social Work, Pension Schemes, and Bus Services.

**The Bill can be viewed on the Parliamentary website:**

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2016-2017/0145/17145.pdf>

**The Explanatory Notes on the Bill are also available:**

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2016-2017/0145/en/17145en.pdf>

**Further details on giving evidence to a public bill committee are available here:**

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons/Scrutiny/giving-evidence-to-PBC.pdf>

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