

Public Bill Committees – Scrutiny Unit

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Programme: Welfare Reform and Work Bill

The provisional programme of witnesses for the Welfare Reform and Work Bill Committee has been agreed by its Programming Sub-Committee. The Committee will hear oral evidence all day on Thursday 10 September and in the morning of Tuesday 15 September. The Committee will further consider the Bill on the afternoon of Tuesday 15 September and then 17 September, and 13 and 15 October.

The meetings are open to the public.

Thursday 10 September at 11.30am in Lords Committee Room 3A	
c11.30am until no later than 12.30pm	Marcus Mason, Head of Business, Education and Skills, British Chambers of Commerce; Rebecca Plant, Head of Apprentices and Graduates, Capp; Geoff Little, Deputy Chief Executive, Manchester City Council; and David Holmes CBE, Chief Executive, Family Action
c12.30pm until no later than 1.00pm	Neera Sharma, Assistant Director, Policy and Research, Barnardo's and Emma Stewart MBE, Chief Executive Officer, Women Like Us

Thursday 10 September at 2.00pm in the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	
c2.00pm until no later than 2.30pm	Paul Smee, Director General, Council of Mortgage Lenders and Paul Broadhead, Head of Mortgage Policy, Building Society Association
c2.30pm until no later than 3.45pm	Octavia Holland, Policy Director, Gingerbread; Tony Wilson, Director of Policy & Research, Centre for Economics and Social Inclusion; Charlotte Pickles, Senior Research Director, Reform; and Kirsty McHugh, Chief Executive, Employment Related Services Association
c3.45pm until no later than 5.15pm	Gareth Parry, Director of Strategy, Remploy; Matt Oakley, Senior Researcher, Social Market Foundation; Roy O'Shaughnessy, Chief Executive, The Shaw Trust; Sophie Corlett, Director of External Relations, Mind; Elliot Dunster, Group Head of Policy, Research and Public Affairs, Scope; and Laura Cockram, Policy and Campaigns Manager, Parkinson's UK

Tuesday 15 September at 8.55am in the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	
c8.55am until no later than 10.00am	David Orr, Chief Executive, National Housing Federation; Councillor Gary Porter, Chair, Local Government Association; Mike Donaldson, Group Director, Strategy and Operations, L&Q London Housing Association; and Alistair Graham, Director of Golden Lane Housing (Housing arm of Mencap), Royal Mencap Society
c.10.00am until no later than 10.55am	Alison Garnham, Chief Executive, Child Poverty Action Group; Matt Padley, Centre for Research in Social Policy; Professor David Gordon, University of Bristol; and Dr Samantha Callan, Associate Director, Centre for Social Justice
c10.55am until no later than 11.25am	Dr Kristian Niemietz, Head of Health and Welfare, Institute of Economic Affairs and Julia Unwin, Chief Executive, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

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

Tuesday 15 September 4.30pm
Thursday 17 September 11.30am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 13 October 9.25am and 2.00pm
Thursday 15 October 11.30am and 2.00pm

The Committee must complete consideration of the Bill no later than 5.00pm on Thursday 15 October.

The Bill can be viewed on the Parliamentary website:

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2015-2016/0051/cbill_2015-20160051_en_1.htm

The Explanatory Notes on the Bill are also available:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2015-2016/0051/en/16051en01.htm>

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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