

Public Bill Committees - Scrutiny Unit

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Programme: Digital Economy Bill

The provisional programme of witnesses for the Digital Economy Bill Committee has been agreed by its Programming Sub-Committee. The Committee will hear oral evidence all day on Tuesday 11 October, as well as in the morning of Thursday 13 October. The Committee will further consider the Bill on the 18, 20, 25 and 27 October, as well as 1 November.

The meetings are open to the public.

Tuesday 11 October at 9.25am in the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	
c9.25am until no later than 10.00am	Sean Williams, Chief Strategy Officer, BT/EE; Baroness Harding of Winscombe, Chief Executive Officer, TalkTalk plc; and David Dyson, Chief Executive Officer, Three
c10.00am until no later than 10.30am	David Wheeldon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Sky; Daniel Butler, Head of Public Affairs, Virgin Media; and Paul Morris, Head of Government Affairs and Sustainability, Vodafone
c10.30am until no later than 11.00am	Peter Moorey, Head of Campaigns, Which?; and James Legge, Head of Political, Countryside Alliance
c11.00am until no later than 11.25am	Jeni Tennison OBE, Chief Executive Officer, Open Data Institution; and Mike Bracken, Chief Digital Officer, Co-op
Tuesday 11 October at 2.00pm in the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	
c2.00pm until no later than 2.45pm	David Austin, Chief Executive, British Board of Film Classification; and Alan Wardle, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, NSPCC
c2.45pm until no later than 3.30pm	Dr Edgar Whitley, Associate Professor (Reader) in Information Systems and Co-Chair of Privacy and Consumer Advisory Group, London School of Economics; and Mr Scott Coates, Chief Executive, Wireless Infrastructure Group
c3.30pm until no later than 4.00pm	Renate Samson, Chief Executive, Big Brother Watch;

	and Jim Killock, Executive Director, Open Rights Group
c4.00pm until no later than 4.30pm	Sarah Gold, Founder, Projectsby IF; Chris Taggart, Chief Executive Officer, Open Corporates; and Paul Nowak, Deputy General Secretary, TUC
c4.30pm until no later than 5.00pm	Professor Sir Charles Bean, Professor of Economics, London School of Economics; and Hetan Shah, Executive Director, The Royal Statistical Society
Thursday 13 October at 11.30am in the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	
c11.30am until no later than 12.00pm	Peter Tutton, Head of Policy, StepChange; Alistair Chisholm, Creditor Liaison Policy Officer, Citizens Advice; and Dr Jerry Fishenden, Co-Chair of the Cabinet Office's Privacy and Consumer Advisory Group
c12.00pm until no later than 12.30pm	Lindsey Fussell, Consumer Group Director, and Tony Close, Director of Contents, Standards, Licensing and Enforcement, Ofcom
c12.30pm until no later than 1.00pm	Elizabeth Denham, UK Information Commissioner, and Steve Wood, Deputy Commissioner (Interim), The Information Commissioner's Office

Line by line scrutiny of the Bill (all in Committee Room 9, Palace of Westminster):

Tuesday 18 October 9.25am
Thursday 20 October 11.30am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 25 October 9.25am and 2.00pm
Thursday 27 October 11.30am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 1 November 9.25am and 2.00pm

The Committee must complete consideration of the Bill no later than 5.00pm on Tuesday 1 November. **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 Tuesday 1 November 2016.***

* In Session 2015–16 the following Public Bill Committees reported earlier than their scheduled conclusion: Investigatory Powers Bill, Policing and Crime Bill, Childcare Bill, Energy Bill, and the Finance Bill.

The Bill can be viewed on the Parliamentary website:

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2016-2017/0045/cbill_2016-20170045_en_1.htm

The Explanatory Notes on the Bill are also available:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2016-2017/0045/en/17045en01.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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