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Public Office (Accountability) Bill, As Amended (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Public Office (Accountability) Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

This document should be read alongside the Speaker's provisional selection and grouping, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov NC8

To move the following Clause—

“Information contained in public records

- (1) This section applies to information contained in a record that is transferred to a relevant authority under—
 - (a) the Public Records Act 1958,
 - (b) the Public Records (Scotland) Act 1937,
 - (c) the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923, or
 - (d) any other enactment or arrangement under which records are transferred to a relevant authority for their care and preservation.
- (2) For the purposes of this Chapter, the information is not to be treated as information that is held by—
 - (a) the relevant authority, or
 - (b) persons who work for the authority.
- (3) Each of the following is a “relevant authority”—
 - (a) the Public Record Office;
 - (b) the Keeper of Public Records;
 - (c) an authority responsible for records deposited at a place of deposit appointed under section 4 of the Public Records Act 1958;
 - (d) the Keeper of the Records of Scotland;
 - (e) the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland;

- (f) any other person with responsibility for the care and preservation of records under arrangements made with an authority within any of paragraphs (a) to (e).
- (4) In this section references to a record being “transferred” to a relevant authority include references to it being transmitted to, or accepted or acquired by, the authority.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause provides for an exemption from the duty of candour and assistance for bodies such as the National Archives so far as relating to their statutory responsibilities of holding public records.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov NC9

To move the following Clause—

“Abolition of common law offence: Northern Ireland

- (1) The offence of misconduct in public office under the common law of Northern Ireland is abolished.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to—
 - (a) any act which was done before the coming into force of this section, or
 - (b) any act which began before the coming into force of this section and continues after its coming into force.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not affect—
 - (a) the liability of any person for an offence other than the offence of misconduct in public office under the common law of Northern Ireland, or
 - (b) the civil liability of any person for the tort of misfeasance in public office.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause provides for the abolition of the offence of misconduct in public office under the common law of Northern Ireland.

Maria Eagle

NC1

Ian Byrne
Zarah Sultana
Claire Hanna
Paula Barker

To move the following Clause—

“Post-legislative assessment of the legal duty of candour for public authorities and public officials

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of the passing of this Act, publish a report into—
 - (a) the impact of the Act’s provisions on increasing public confidence that public authorities’ internal processes are fit for purpose in identifying and investigating failures when they first arise following a major incident.
 - (b) the role of the standing public advocate in assessing public authorities’ responses to affected individuals and relatives of bereaved victims following a major incident or where there is a major public concern that public authorities may not be acting in the best interests of those affected by a major incident.
- (2) The report must assess—
 - (a) extending the public advocate’s powers to facilitate the gathering of information from those people affected by a major incident to support official inquiries and investigations to help ensure that all public authorities and officials are acting in accordance with the duty of candour set out in this Act.
 - (b) the case for facilitating a mechanism whereby the public advocate can instigate an independent panel to collate evidence and information following a major incident to support the oversight of public authorities and officials’ responses to major incidents.
 - (c) the costs of establishing independent panels as compared to non-statutory inquiries, or statutory inquiries under the Inquiries Act 2005 in line with paragraph (b).
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay a copy of the Report before Parliament.”

Jess Brown-Fuller

NC2

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Claire Hanna

Liz Jarvis
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Paula Barker

Vikki Slade
Seamus Logan

To move the following Clause—

“Offence of wilfully destroying information or records relevant to an inquiry or investigation

- (1) A public authority or public official commits an offence if—
 - (a) they deliberately destroy relevant information or records relevant to an inquiry, investigation, or inquest;

- (b) they know that, or are reckless as to whether, the information is relevant to or required by an inquiry, investigation, or inquest.
- (2) A public official who commits an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the general limit in a magistrates' court or a fine (or both);
 - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
 - (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
 - (d) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or a fine (or both)."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause introduces an offence for wilfully destroying relevant records after a major incident that may lead to an inquiry or inquest.

Jess Brown-Fuller

NC3

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Mr Will Forster

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Claire Hanna

Liz Jarvis
Helen Maguire
Paula Barker

Vikki Slade
Zarah Sultana

To move the following Clause—

"Monitoring compliance with duties under the Act

- (1) The Secretary of State must commission and publish annually an independent report which monitors public authorities' compliance with their duties under the Act.
- (2) The report must assess—
 - (a) public authorities' record-keeping, disclosures and responses to inquiries and investigations;
 - (b) the effectiveness of enforcement and sanctions provisions in the Act in helping to ensure that public authorities and public officials perform their functions in line with the duty of candour in their dealings with inquiries and investigations; and
 - (c) the effectiveness of the provisions in the Act for supporting persons, including public officials, making protected disclosures and for reporting wrongdoings to an inquiry or investigation following a major incident.

- (3) The Secretary of State must lay a copy of each report before both Houses of Parliament.
- (4) The first report must be laid within the period of 12 months of the passing of this Act.
- (5) Each subsequent report must be laid annually beginning with the day on which the previous report was laid."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause requires the Secretary of State to commission and publish annually an independent report with the purpose of providing an oversight mechanism to monitor compliance with duties under the Act.

Jess Brown-Fuller

NC4

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Max Wilkinson
Marie Goldman
Mr Will Forster

Liz Jarvis
Claire Hanna

Vikki Slade

Sorcha Eastwood

To move the following Clause—

"Conduct of public authorities and access to legal aid for seriously injured survivors who are participating in inquests or inquiries

- (1) Legal aid must be made available, without a means test, to seriously injured survivors who are participating in inquests or inquiries where there are reasonable grounds for believing the matter under investigation relates to the conduct of public authorities tasked with carrying out public functions, or public officials working for bodies in a public capacity, in connection with the discharge of their public duties.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, within three months of the Act receiving Royal Assent, make regulations to—
 - (a) add civil legal services to Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 in connection with proceedings relating to seriously injured survivors who are participating in inquests or inquiries as under subsection (1);
 - (b) amend the Civil Legal Aid (Merits Criteria) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/104) for the purposes of providing criteria for a determination for legal representation in respect of cases under subsection (1).
- (3) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would extend civil legal aid to seriously injured survivors who are participating in inquests or inquiries where the conduct of public bodies or public officials is in question.

Andy Slaughter

NC5

Carla Denyer
Kim Johnson
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Claire Hanna
Ayoub Khan

Sarah Smith

Paula Barker

To move the following Clause—

“Review of the merits of establishing a national oversight mechanism for ensuring candour and transparency of public authorities in respect of inquests and inquiries

The Secretary of State must, within six months of the passing of this Act, carry out a review to determine the merits of establishing an independent oversight mechanism to help ensure candour, transparency and follow up with respect to the actions of a public authority arising from the conclusions and recommendations of inquests and inquiries.”

Andy Slaughter

NC6

Carla Denyer
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Ian Byrne
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Zarah Sultana

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Sarah Smith

Paula Barker

To move the following Clause—

“Monitoring the standards of ethical conduct of officials in response to the recommendations from inquests and inquiries

In discharging its duty under section 9(1) of this Act a public authority must monitor the standards of officials in response to the recommendations from inquests and inquiries to ensure they are acting with candour, transparency and frankness.”

Dr Kieran Mullan

NC7

To move the following Clause—

“Public interest

- (1) Within six months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must define in regulations what constitutes the “public interest” for the purposes of section 1(1)(b).

- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to define public interest for the purposes of this Act by regulations.

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Clause 1, page 2, line 1, after “public authorities” insert “, Members of both Houses of Parliament”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is connected to Amendment 14.

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Clause 2, page 2, line 35, at end insert—

- “(ca) where the authority or official has relevant records, including digital messages and communication, retain and disclose those records;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would add the disclosure of digital messages and communication to the assistance that a public authority or official must provide to an inquiry or investigation.

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Clause 2, page 2, line 39, at end insert—

“(f) ensure all relevant public officials can safely disclose information to an inquiry, investigation or inquest.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires public authorities or officials who assisting an inquiry, investigation or inquest to demonstrate that they have taken steps to ensure relevant persons can safely disclose information relevant to an investigation.

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Clause 4, page 4, line 19, after “authority” insert “or any sub-contractor in any chain of provision to a service provider”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that any person involved in providing a service to a service provider which was subcontracted will fall under the duty to comply with the duty of candour and assistance to an inquiry or investigation.

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Clause 5, page 5, line 21, at end insert—

- “(1A) Where an offence under this section is committed by—
- (a) a public authority, or
 - (b) a body corporate with relevant public responsibility under section 4 of this Act,
- the chief officer or chief executive (as well as the public authority or body corporate) is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would place a personal responsibility on the chief officer or chief executive of a public authority or a corporate body with public responsibility under Clause 4 for an offence of failing to comply with the duty of candour and assistance.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 26

Clause 6, page 5, line 37, after “applies” insert “(subject as follows)—

- (a)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendments 27 and 147.

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Clause 6, page 5, line 37, leave out from “applies” to the end of line 38 and insert “, subject as follows—

- (a) to an intelligence service as it applies to other public authorities, and
- (b) to a person who works for an intelligence service as it applies to other public officials.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure the duty of candour and assistance applies to a person working for an intelligence service as well as the service itself.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 27

Clause 6, page 5, line 38, at end insert—

- “(b) to a person who works for an intelligence service as it applies to other public officials.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment clarifies that the duty of candour and assistance applies to persons working for the intelligence services in the same way as that duty applies to other public officials, subject to certain safeguards dealt with in the rest of clause 6 (as amended by Amendment 147).

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 28

Clause 6, page 5, line 39, leave out “But”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 26.

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Clause 6, page 5, line 40, leave out subsection (2)(a)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would remove the exemption for a person who works for an intelligence service to notify an inquiry or investigation of relevant acts or information.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 29

Clause 6, page 5, line 40, after “service” insert “(other than the head of an intelligence service when discharging that obligation on behalf of the service)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment clarifies that the obligation under clause 2(3) to give a notification applies to the head of an intelligence service when acting on behalf of the service.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 30

Clause 6, page 6, line 2, leave out from “of” to end of line 3 and insert “security or intelligence information”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 36.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 147

Clause 6 , page 6, line 3, at end insert—

- “(2A) Where, in compliance with the obligation under section 2(4), a person who works for an intelligence service would be required to provide security or intelligence information, the obligation applies in respect of that information only if the head of the service consents to it being provided.
- 5 (2B) The head of an intelligence service may withhold consent under subsection (2A) only if it reasonably appears to the head that either of the following conditions is met.
- 10 (2C) The first condition is that it is necessary for consent to be withheld in the interests of national security or otherwise for the purposes of the proper exercise of the functions of the service.
- (2D) The second condition is that the information would not be of assistance to the inquiry or investigation in meeting its objectives.

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- (2E) Where the head of an intelligence service withholds consent under subsection (2A), the head must notify the person leading the inquiry or investigation of that fact.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that the duty of candour and assistance may require a person who works for an intelligence service to provide security or intelligence information with the consent of the head of their service.

As an amendment to Secretary David Lammy's proposed Amendment 147:—

Dr Kieran Mullan

(a)

Line 15, at end insert—

- “(2F) The Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament (ISC) must examine and report on the impact of subsections (2A) to (2E) on the operation of the intelligence services.
- (2G) The Prime Minister must lay the ISC’s report specified in subsection (2F) before both Houses of Parliament.
- (2H) No regulations or order may be made under paragraph 25(2)(b) of this Act to bring into force subsections (2A) to (2E) until the report specified in subsection (2F) has been laid before and approved by resolution of both Houses of Parliament.”

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Clause 6, page 6, line 3, at end insert—

- “(2A) Where an obligation to give notification would have arisen under section 2(3), save for the exemptions in subsection (2), the head of the relevant intelligence service must provide a written notification to the Intelligence and Security Committee of the UK Parliament summarising the acts that may be relevant to an inquiry or investigation.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment aims to provide accountability for intelligence services and their operations in relation to the duty of candour and its exemptions from them.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 32

Clause 6, page 6, line 4, at beginning insert “For the purpose of securing compliance with the obligation under section 2(3),”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment clarifies that the arrangements referred to in clause 6(3) are for the purposes of ensuring that the obligation to notify an inquiry or investigation under clause 2(3) is complied with by intelligence services or those that work for them.

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Clause 6, page 6, line 12, at end insert—

- “(3A) A person who works or has worked for an intelligence service complies with their obligations under section 2(4) by providing all relevant information and assistance to the head of their intelligence service.
- (3B) Within 28 days of receipt of such information, the head shall have the material reviewed for the sole purposes of determining whether to make—
- (a) an application under any enactment or consequent to the common law rules referred to in subsection (3F) that such information should be subject to restrictions on disclosure by the inquiry or investigation, or

- (b) an application to a relevant Minister that the inquiry or investigation should be converted to one which has sufficient powers and safeguards to deal with material to which national security concerns may apply.
- (3C) Minister shall determine an application received under subsection (3B)(b) within 3 months of receipt.
- (3D) On or before the expiry of the 28 days under subsection (3B), the head shall—
 - (a) provide information received under subsection (3A) to the inquiry or investigation together with any application under subsection (3B)(a), or
 - (b) shall make an application under (3B)(b) and withhold the relevant information and assistance until the Minister has determined the application.
- (3E) Compliance with the above process by the head shall be deemed to be a part of the duty of candour and assistance for the purposes of section 5.
- (3F) Nothing in this Chapter affects the common law rules as to the withholding, on grounds of public interest immunity, of any material in any proceedings.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require a person who works for an intelligence service to provide information or assistance relevant to an inquiry to the head of their service and places duties on the head to review and determine whether or how to provide the information to the inquiry or investigation.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 33

Clause 6, page 6, line 13, leave out subsection (4)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 35.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 148

Clause 6, page 6, line 19, at end insert—

- “(5) Nothing in this Chapter affects—
 - (a) the common law rules as to the withholding, on grounds of public interest immunity, of any material in any proceedings;
 - (b) rights to seek any remedy available in connection with decisions taken under this section (whether in proceedings on judicial review or otherwise).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment clarifies that common law rules relating to claims to public interest immunity are unaffected by the duty of candour and assistance and that decisions taken under clause 6 (in particular, a decision of the head of an intelligence service to refuse consent under new subsection (2A) as inserted by Amendment 147) may be challenged on judicial review etc.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 35

Clause 8, page 6, line 28, at end insert—

““head”, in relation to an intelligence service, means—

- (a) in relation to the Security Service, the Director General of the Security Service;
- (b) in relation to the Secret Intelligence Service, the Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service;
- (c) in relation to the Government Communications Headquarters, the Director of the Government Communications Headquarters.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 147.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 36

Clause 8, page 7, line 9, at end insert—

““security or intelligence information” means information relating to security or intelligence, within the meaning given by section 1(9) of the Official Secrets Act 1989.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 147.

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Clause 9, page 8, line 3, after “work” insert “including the retention and disclosure of digital records including messages relevant to their public functions”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that digital messages and records are added to the duty of candour in relation to inquiries and inquests.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 37

Clause 9, page 8, line 7, leave out “code” and insert “standards of conduct expected of them”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is to include cases where some or all of the standards of conduct expected of a person who works for a public authority are contained in legislation or otherwise than in the authority's code of ethical conduct.

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Clause 9, page 8, line 18, after "disclosures" insert "and to whom such disclosures should be made;

- (ba) how a person making a protected disclosure under paragraph (b) is protected;
- (bb) a list of prescribed people and bodies to whom a potential whistleblower may speak to in confidence about a relevant concern."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require that a public authority's code of ethical conduct includes information on whom a person can make a protected disclosure to and how that person would be protected.

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Clause 9, page 8, line 23, leave out subsection (6) and insert—

- "(6) The Secretary of State must introduce a standard template for ethical conduct of conduct for completion by public authorities which satisfies the requirements in this section and which may be added to by public authorities to include information specific to their organisation or function."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to introduce standard template to ensure a consistent and high standard approach to completion of code of ethical conduct documentation across public authorities.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 38

Clause 9, page 9, line 5, at end insert—

“(11A) For the purposes of this Chapter—

- (a) a person who works at a school maintained by a local authority in England or Wales is to be treated as working for the proprietor of that school rather than for the authority;
- (b) a person who works at a designated institution in England or Wales is to be treated as working for the governing body of the institution rather than for any other body;
- (c) a person who works at a grant-aided school in Northern Ireland is to be treated as working for the Board of Governors of the school rather than for any other body.

(11B) In subsection (11A)—

“designated institution” means an institution that is a designated institution for the purposes of Part 1 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992;

“grant-aided school” has the meaning given by Article 2(2) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/594 (N.I. 3));

“proprietor” has the meaning given by section 579(1) of the Education Act 1996;

“school maintained by a local authority” has the same meaning as in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (see section 142(1) of that Act).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that the duties under clause 9 to adopt codes of ethical conduct that fall upon governing bodies of schools, and on the governing bodies of designated institutions in the further education sector, will be adopted for people who work at the school or institution but are employed by a body other than the governing body.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 39

Clause 9, page 9, line 7, at end insert—

- “(b) references to a person who “works for” a public authority are to be read in accordance with subsection (3) of section 23 as if paragraph (h) of that subsection were omitted.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that public authority codes of conduct are primarily required to cover those with employment or contractual relationship with the authority, excluding from scope individuals who exercise functions on behalf of the authority but may not be directly accountable to it.

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 Iqbal Mohamed

Clause 11, page 9, line 22, after “public authority” insert “, Member of either House of Parliament”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment expands the offence of misleading the public to apply to Members of either House of Parliament.

Luke Myer

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 Chris Bloore
 Tonia Antoniazzi
 Tom Morrison

Dr Simon Opher
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Lillian Jones
 Emma Lewell
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Kim Johnson
 Sadik Al-Hassan
 Seamus Logan

Clause 11, page 9, line 23, after “authority” insert “, Member”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is connected to Amendment 14.

Tom Morrison

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Seamus Logan
 Mr Will Forster
 Calum Miller
 Vikki Slade
 Pippa Heylings

Cameron Thomas
 Liz Jarvis

Caroline Voaden
 Wendy Chamberlain

Manuela Perteghella
 Daisy Cooper

Clause 11, page 9, line 26, at end insert—

“(1A) An act under subsection (1)(a) includes the provision of misleading information to a person acting for the purposes of journalism (as described in subsection (4)(b)) carried out via a press statement, media briefing, or other communication intended for dissemination by a recognised news publisher.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the offence of misleading the public would include a public authority or public official providing misleading information to a recognised news publisher.

Luke Myer			16
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Siân Berry			
Neil Duncan-Jordan			
Vikki Slade			
Ben Lake	Steve Witherden	Dr Simon Opher	
Dawn Butler	Sean Woodcock	Liz Saville Roberts	
Llinos Medi	Ann Davies	Lillian Jones	
Mr Jonathan Brash	Ian Byrne	Emma Lewell	
Rosie Duffield	Paula Barker	Mary Kelly Foy	
Cat Eccles	Chris Bloore	Kim Johnson	
Adrian Ramsay	Tonia Antoniazzi	Sadik Al-Hassan	
Iqbal Mohamed	Tom Morrison	Seamus Logan	

Clause 11, page 9, line 38, after "authority" insert ", Member of either House of Parliament"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is connected to Amendment 14.

Secretary David Lammy	Gov 40
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Clause 11, page 10, line 2, leave out paragraph (a)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, together with Amendment 70, provides for clause 11 to extend and apply fully to all parts of the United Kingdom.

Jess Brown-Fuller			8
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Max Wilkinson			
Marie Goldman			
Mr Will Forster			
Liz Jarvis	Vikki Slade	Sorcha Eastwood	

Clause 11, page 10, line 5, leave out paragraph (b)

Luke Myer

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Dr Simon Opher
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Mr Jonathan Brash
 Emma Lewell
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Kim Johnson
 Sadik Al-Hassan
 Seamus Logan

Clause 11, page 10, line 8, at end insert “, or

“(c) in furtherance of the privileges of either House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is connected to Amendments 13 to 16 and 18. It provides that the offence of misleading the public does not apply to any act done in furtherance of the privileges of either House of Parliament.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 41

Clause 11, page 10, line 10, after “conviction” insert “in England and Wales”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on amendments 40 and 70.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 42

Clause 11, page 10, line 11, at end insert—

- “(aa) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
- (ab) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides for penalties for offences under clause 11 committed in Scotland or Northern Ireland, in consequence of amendments 40 and 70.

Dr Kieran Mullan 19

Clause 11, page 10, line 23, at end insert—

“(7A) A prosecution for an offence under this section shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Attorney General.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Attorney General to consent to the prosecution of anyone for the offence of misleading the public.

Luke Myer 18

Dr Ellie Chowns
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Siân Berry
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Tonia Antoniazzi
Tom Morrison

Dr Simon Opher
Liz Saville Roberts
Mr Jonathan Brash
Emma Lewell
Mary Kelly Foy
Kim Johnson
Sadik Al-Hassan
Seamus Logan

Clause 11, page 10, line 37, at end insert—

“(8A) A certificate signed by the appropriate authority (as defined in section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000) certifying that an act is done in furtherance of the privileges of either House of Parliament shall be conclusive evidence of that fact.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is connected to Amendments 13 to 17.

Secretary David Lammy Gov 43

Clause 12, page 11, line 22, after “must” insert “be directed to”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendments clarifies that a jury must be directed to have regard to certain matters when considering whether an act is seriously improper for the purposes of the offence under clause 12.

Secretary David Lammy Gov 44

Clause 12, page 12, line 4, after “section” insert “—

(a) in England and Wales,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 45

Clause 12, page 12, line 5, at end insert—

“(b) in Northern Ireland, may be brought only by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 46

Clause 13, page 12, line 24, after “section” insert “—

(a) in England and Wales,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 47

Clause 13, page 12, line 25, at end insert—

“(b) in Northern Ireland, may be brought only by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 48

Clause 13, page 12, line 28, leave out subsection (7) and insert—

“(7) In this section—

“critical harm” means death or serious injury;

“serious injury” means—

(a) in England and Wales and Northern Ireland, grievous bodily harm within the meaning of the Offences against the Person Act 1861;

(b) in Scotland, severe injury (including psychological injury)."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 49

Clause 14, page 12, line 33, leave out subsection (1)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 50

Clause 14, page 13, line 2, leave out "England and Wales" and insert "the United Kingdom"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 51

Clause 14, page 13, line 2, at end insert—

- "(3) Where an offence under section 12 or 13 is committed outside the United Kingdom—
- (a) proceedings for the offence may be taken at any place in the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) the offence may for all incidental purposes be treated as committed at any such place.
- (4) In the application of subsection (3) to Scotland, any such proceedings against the person may be taken—
- (a) in any sheriff court district in which the person is apprehended or is in custody, or
 - (b) in such sheriff court district as the Lord Advocate may determine.
- (5) In subsection (4) "sheriff court district" is to be read in accordance with the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (see section 307(1) of that Act)."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Jess Brown-Fuller

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Tessa Munt
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Marie Goldman
Mr Will Forster

Liz Jarvis
Claire Hanna

Vikki Slade

Sorcha Eastwood

Clause 15, page 13, line 7, at end insert—

“(2A) References in this Part to a person who “holds public office” include references to an individual who was, but is no longer, such an office holder, in respect of conduct occurring while they held such office.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that public officials would still be liable for misconduct during their time in public office if they resign or retire.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 52

Clause 15, page 13, line 8, leave out “Secretary of State” and insert “appropriate national authority”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 53

Clause 15, page 13, line 11, leave out from beginning to end of line 20

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 54

Clause 15, page 13, line 21, leave out “or (4)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 55

Clause 16, page 13, line 23, leave out "common law offence of misconduct in public office" and insert "offence of misconduct in public office under the common law of England and Wales"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC9.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 56

Clause 16, page 13, line 30, leave out "common law"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC9.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 57

Clause 16, page 13, line 31, after "office" insert "under the common law of England and Wales"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC9.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 58

Clause 18, page 14, line 35, leave out from "members" to end of line 36 and insert "where a public authority is, or is represented by, an interested person at an inquest or a participant in a Scottish inquiry."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 142.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 59

Clause 18, page 14, leave out lines 38 and 39 and insert—

"“inquest” means an inquest held under Part 1 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (and the reference to an “interested person” at such an inquest has the same meaning as in that Part of that Act);”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 142.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 60

Clause 18, page 14, line 43, at end insert—

““Scottish inquiry” means an inquiry held under the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 2) (and the reference to a participant at such an inquiry is to be read in accordance with section 11(2)(b) of that Act);”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 142.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 61

Clause 22, page 16, line 32, leave out paragraph (b)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, together with amendments 62, 63, 64, 93 and 94, make technical changes in relation to Welsh statutory instruments that are consequential on the commencement of section 1 of the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Act 2025.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 62

Clause 22, page 16, line 33, at end insert—

“(4A) Regulations under this Act made by the Welsh Ministers are to be made by Welsh statutory instrument.”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 61.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 63

Clause 22, page 17, line 9, leave out from “procedure,” to end of line 11 and insert “they are subject to the Senedd annulment procedure (see section 37E of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 (anaw 4));”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 61.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 64

Clause 22, page 17, line 12, leave out from “procedure,” to end of line 14 and insert “they are subject to the Senedd approval procedure (see section 37C of that Act).”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 61.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 65**

Clause 23, page 18, line 16, at end insert “, and

- (b) a children’s hearing within the meaning of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 1) arranged by virtue of, or for the purposes of, that Act or any other enactment;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides that the definition of “court” includes a children’s hearing within the meaning of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011, in addition to any tribunal or body exercising the judicial power of the State.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 66**

Clause 23, page 19, line 31, at end insert “, or

- (iv) Healthcare Improvement Scotland established under section 10A of that Act;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides that Healthcare Improvement Scotland will come within the definition of an “NHS body”.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 67**

Clause 23, page 20, line 28, leave out “maintained school” and insert “school maintained by a local authority”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that the definition of “school” includes maintained nursery schools and pupil referral units.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 68**

Clause 23, page 20, line 29, leave out “20(7)” and insert “142(1)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 67.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 69

Clause 23, page 20, line 31, leave out from “Academy” to end of line 32 and insert “school or an alternative provision Academy”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides that alternative provision Academies are included within the definition of a “school” in relation to England.

Jess Brown-Fuller

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Mr Will Forster

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Claire Hanna

Vikki Slade

Sorcha Eastwood

Clause 23, page 22, line 20, at end insert—

“(6) For the purposes of this Act, any duty or liability imposed on a public official or a person holding public office applies in respect of any act or omission occurring while the person held that office or performed those functions, notwithstanding that the person has subsequently resigned, retired, or otherwise ceased to hold that office or perform those functions.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the duties and liabilities in this Bill apply to public officials during their time in public office even if they have since resigned, retired or ceased to hold a public office.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 70

Clause 24, page 22, line 23, leave out “Part 1, Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 2” and insert “Parts 1 to 3”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides for clause 11 (offence of misleading the public) and Part 3 (misconduct in public office) to apply and extend to all parts of the United Kingdom.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 71

Clause 24, page 22, line 25, leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

“(b) Part 4 extends to England and Wales and Scotland only.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 70 and also on the provision made by Amendment 142 about legal aid for bereaved family members in Scotland where a public authority is a participant in an inquiry into a death.

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Tom Morrison			
Max Wilkinson			
Marie Goldman			
Mr Will Forster			
Liz Jarvis	Vikki Slade	Sorcha Eastwood	
Claire Hanna			

Clause 25, page 22, line 30, leave out subsections (1) to (8) and insert—

“This Act shall come into force on Royal Assent, save for sections 9, 10 and 18, which will come into force six months thereafter.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment clarifies that the Act should come into force straightaway except for those sections which require the provision of codes or guidance.

Secretary David Lammy	Gov 72
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Clause 25, page 23, line 5, after “Schedule 1” insert “or Part 5 of Schedule 6”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 142.

Secretary David Lammy	Gov 73
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Schedule 1, page 25, leave out lines 23 to 29 and insert—

- “(10) A compliance direction requiring the provision of security or intelligence information from a public official—
- (a) may be given—
 - (i) only to a public official who is working for an intelligence service at the time the direction is given, and
 - (ii) only after the chair of the inquiry has consulted the head of that service about the obligations imposed by virtue of the direction;
 - (b) must include a description of the matters or issues to be covered in complying with the direction,
- and a person is not required to provide any such information in response to a direction given otherwise than in compliance with this subsection.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, together with Amendment 147, enables a compliance direction to be given requiring the provision of security or intelligence information to a public official who works for an intelligence service (subject to consultation and consent requirements) in place of the previous prohibition on the giving of such directions.

Ian Byrne

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Schedule 1, page 25, line 23, leave out from “direction” to the end of the sub-paragraph and insert “requiring the provision of information relating to security or intelligence must—

- (a) specify that the information and assistance should be provided in accordance with the process set out in section 6 (3A) to (3E) of the Public Office (Accountability) Act 2026, and
- (b) include a description of the matters or issues to be covered in complying with the direction,

and a public official is not required to provide any such information in response to a direction given otherwise than in compliance with this subsection.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would allow a compliance direction to be given to a public official regarding the provision of information relating to security or intelligence and specifies what the direction must include.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 74

Schedule 1, page 25, line 37, at end insert “and “head” (in relation to an intelligence service)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 73.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 75

Schedule 1, page 25, line 39, at end insert—

““security or intelligence information”;

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 73.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 76

Schedule 1, page 27, line 32, leave out “(1) and (2)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment applies section 17(3) of the Inquiries Act 2005 (duty on chair to act with fairness and avoid unnecessary cost) to non-statutory inquiries to which the duty of candour and assistance applies.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 77

Schedule 1, page 28, line 38, leave out sub-paragraph (11) and insert—

“(11) A compliance direction requiring the provision of security or intelligence information from a public official—

(a) may be given—

(i) only to a public official who is working for an intelligence service at the time the direction is given, and

(ii) only after the chair of the inquiry has consulted the head of that service about the obligations imposed by virtue of the direction;

(b) must include a description of the matters or issues to be covered in complying with the direction,

and a person is not required to provide any such information in response to a direction given otherwise than in compliance with this sub-paragraph.”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement to Amendment 73.

Ian Byrne

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Schedule 1, page 28, line 38, leave out from “direction” to the end of the sub-paragraph and insert “requiring the provision of information relating to security or intelligence must—

- (a) specify that the information and assistance should be provided in accordance with the process set out in section 6 (3A) to (3E) of the Public Office (Accountability) Act 2026, and
- (b) include a description of the matters or issues to be covered in complying with the direction,

and a public official is not required to provide any such information in response to a direction given otherwise than in compliance with this subsection.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would allow a compliance direction to be given to a public official regarding the provision of information relating to security or intelligence and specifies what the direction must include.

Yasmin Qureshi

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Ian Byrne
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Claire Hanna
Paula Barker
Ayoub Khan

Maria Eagle
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Daisy Cooper
Cat Eccles

Kim Johnson
Ian Roome
Josh Dean
Anna Sabine

Schedule 1, page 29, line 9, after “an inquiry” insert “, independent panel or review established by a Minister”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that the statutory duty of candour and assistance extends automatically to independent panels and reviews established by Ministers of the Crown.

Tessa Munt
146

Schedule 1, page 29, line 9, after "an inquiry" insert ", independent panel, review established by a Minister, or independent panel or review established by a local authority."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that the statutory duty of candour and assistance extends automatically to independent panels and reviews established by Ministers of the Crown and by local authorities.

Secretary David Lammy
Gov 78

Schedule 1, page 30, line 40, leave out "sub-paragraph (11)" and insert "sub-paragraphs (11) and (11A)"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 81.

Secretary David Lammy
Gov 79

Schedule 1, page 31, line 38, leave out "(1) and (2)"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment applies section 17(3) of the Inquiries Act 2005 (duty on chair to act with fairness and avoid unnecessary cost) to local authority inquiries to which the duty of candour and assistance applies.

Secretary David Lammy
Gov 80

Schedule 1, page 32, line 33, leave out paragraph (c)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 81.

Ian Byrne
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Steve Witherden
Vikki Slade

Schedule 1, page 32, line 33, leave out paragraph (c) and insert—

- (c) requiring the provision of information relating to security or intelligence must—
 - (i) specify that the information and assistance should be provided in accordance with the process set out in section 6 (3A) to (3E) of the Public Office (Accountability) Act 2026, and
 - (ii) include a description of the matters or issues to be covered in complying with the direction,
 and a public official is not required to provide any such information in response to a direction given otherwise than in compliance with this subsection.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would allow a compliance direction to be given to a public official regarding the provision of information relating to security or intelligence and specifies what the direction must include.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 81

Schedule 1, page 32, line 39, at end insert—

- “(11A) A compliance direction requiring the provision of security or intelligence information from a public official—
 - (a) may be given—
 - (i) only to a public official who is working for an intelligence service at the time the direction is given, and
 - (ii) only after the chair of the inquiry has consulted the head of that service about the obligations imposed by virtue of the direction;
 - (b) must include a description of the matters or issues to be covered in complying with the direction,
 and a person is not required to provide any such information in response to a direction given otherwise than in compliance with this sub-paragraph.”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement to Amendment 73.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 82

Schedule 1, page 34, leave out from beginning of line 43 to end of line 6 on page 35 and insert—

- “(9) A compliance direction requiring the provision of security or intelligence information from a public official—
- (a) may be given—
 - (i) only to a public official who is working for an intelligence service at the time the direction is given, and
 - (ii) only after the senior coroner conducting the investigation has consulted the head of that service about the obligations imposed by virtue of the direction;
 - (b) must include a description of the matters or issues to be covered in complying with the direction,
- and a person is not required to provide any such information in response to a direction given otherwise than in compliance with this sub-paragraph.”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement to Amendment 73.

Ian Byrne

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Claire Hanna
Carla Denyer
Barry Gardiner
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Steve Witherden
Vikki Slade

Schedule 1, page 34, line 43, leave out from “direction” to the end of the sub-paragraph and insert “requiring the provision of information relating to security or intelligence must—

- (a) specify that the information and assistance should be provided in accordance with the process set out in section 6 (3A) to (3E) of the Public Office (Accountability) Act 2026, and
- (b) include a description of the matters or issues to be covered in complying with the direction,

and a public official is not required to provide any such information in response to a direction given otherwise than in compliance with this subsection.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would allow a compliance direction to be given to a public official regarding the provision of information relating to security or intelligence and specifies what the direction must include.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 83

Schedule 1, page 35, line 15, at end insert “and “head” (in relation to an intelligence service)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 82.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 84

Schedule 1, page 35, line 17, at end insert—

““security or intelligence information”;

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 82.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 85

Schedule 1, page 37, leave out lines 25 to 31 and insert—

“(13) A compliance direction requiring the provision of security or intelligence information from a public official—

- (a) may be given—
 - (i) only to a public official who is working for an intelligence service at the time the direction is given, and
 - (ii) only after the procurator fiscal has consulted the head of that service about the obligations imposed by virtue of the direction;
- (b) must include a description of the matters or issues to be covered in complying with the direction,

and a person is not required to provide any such information in response to a direction given otherwise than in compliance with this subsection.”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement to Amendment 73.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 86**

Schedule 1, page 37, line 39, at end insert "and "head" (in relation to an intelligence service)"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 85.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 87**

Schedule 1, page 37, line 41, at end insert—

""security or intelligence information";"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 85.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 88**

Schedule 1, page 40, leave out lines 1 to 7 and insert—

- "(9) A compliance direction requiring the provision of security or intelligence information from a public official—
- (a) may be given—
 - (i) only to a public official who is working for an intelligence service at the time the direction is given, and
 - (ii) only after the coroner has consulted the head of that service about the obligations imposed by virtue of the direction;
 - (b) must include a description of the matters or issues to be covered in complying with the direction,
- and a person is not required to provide any such information in response to a direction given otherwise than in compliance with this subsection."

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement to Amendment 73.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 89**

Schedule 1, page 40, line 16, at end insert "and "head" (in relation to an intelligence service)"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 88.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 90

Schedule 1, page 40, line 18, at end insert—

““security or intelligence information”;

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 88.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 91

Schedule 1, page 41, line 24, leave out paragraph (c)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 92.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 92

Schedule 1, page 41, line 38, at end insert—

“(5A) Subsection (10) of section 23A of the Inquiries Act 2005 (which provides for safeguards in the case of compliance directions requiring security or intelligence information from public officials) (as inserted by Part 1 of this Schedule) applies to a compliance direction given by virtue of regulations under this paragraph as it applies to a compliance direction given under that section (taking the reference to the chair of the inquiry as a reference to the person leading the investigation in question).”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement to Amendment 73.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 93

Schedule 1, page 42, line 42, leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert—

- “(a) they are subject to the Senedd confirmation procedure (see section 37D of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 (anaw 4)), and
- (b) they cease to have effect at the end of the period of 40 days beginning with the day on which the Welsh statutory instrument containing them is made unless, during that period, they are confirmed by a resolution of Senedd Cymru.”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 61.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 94

Schedule 1, page 43, line 31, leave out "this paragraph" and insert "sub-paragraph (2)(b), (3)(c) or (5)(b)"

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 61.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 95

Schedule 2, page 46, line 8, leave out "or (11)" and insert ", (11) or (11A)"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 97.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 96

Schedule 2, page 46, line 8, at end insert—

"(ca) being appointed as a member of the Children's Panel in accordance with section 4 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 1);"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides for an exclusion from the definition of "public official" for those appointed as members of the Children's Panel in Scotland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 97

Schedule 2, page 46, line 32, at end insert—

"(11A) This sub-paragraph applies if the local authority is a local authority in Scotland and the individual is, in relation to the authority—

- (a) a convener elected in accordance with section 4(1) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994,
- (b) a depute convener elected in accordance with section 4(2) of that Act, or
- (c) a councillor designated by the authority for purposes relating to the payment of remuneration, in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 9), as—
 - (i) the Leader of the Council,
 - (ii) the Civic Head, or
 - (iii) a senior councillor."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides that certain elected officials of local authorities in Scotland will fall within the definition of a "public official" and therefore be subject to the duty of candour and assistance.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 98

Schedule 3, page 47, line 38, leave out from "Kingdom" to "unless" in line 2 of page 48

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendments 40.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 99

Schedule 3, page 48, line 7, after "5" insert "or 11"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendments 40 and 70.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 100

Schedule 3, page 48, line 21, after "5" insert "or 11"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendments 40 and 70.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 101

Schedule 3, page 48, line 26, leave out sub-paragraph (2)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendments 40 and 70.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 102

Schedule 4, page 49, line 35, at end insert—

- "1A A member of the Scottish government (see section 44 of the Scotland Act 1998) or a junior Scottish Minister (see section 49 of that Act).
- 1B A member of the Welsh Government (see section 45 of the Government of Wales Act 2006).
- 1C A Minister or junior Minister within the meaning of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (see sections 7(3) and 19 of that Act)."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 103**

Schedule 4, page 49, line 36, leave out paragraph 2

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 104**

Schedule 4, page 50, line 4, leave out from "State" to end of line 10

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 105**

Schedule 4, page 50, line 11, leave out "The condition is that" and insert "A person does not fall within sub-paragraph (1) if"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 106**

Schedule 4, page 50, line 16, at end insert—

"(aa) the Scottish Ministers,"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 107**

Schedule 4, page 50, line 17, at end insert—

"(c) a Northern Ireland devolved authority."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 108**

Schedule 4, page 50, line 23, at end insert—

- “4A (1) A member of the Scottish Parliament.
- (2) A member of the staff of the Scottish Parliament within the meaning of the Scotland Act 1998 (see paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 2 to that Act).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 109**

Schedule 4, page 50, line 26, at end insert—

- “5A (1) A member of the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- (2) A member of the staff of the Northern Ireland Assembly within the meaning of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (see paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 5 to that Act).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 110**

Schedule 4, page 50, line 33, after “body” insert “, within the meaning given by section 101 of the Police Act 1996”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 111**

Schedule 4, page 50, line 34, at end insert—

- “7A (1) A constable of the Police Service of Scotland, within the meaning of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.
- (2) A member of the police staff within the meaning of that Act.

- 7B (1) A police officer, within the meaning of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (see section 77(1) of that Act).
- (2) A person who is a member of the police support staff, within the meaning given by section 4(6) of that Act.
- 7C A person who is a member of or works for the Northern Ireland Policing Board."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 112**

Schedule 4, page 51, line 28, at end insert—

- "(3) A person appointed under section 79 of the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847.
- (4) A person appointed to be a constable under Article 19 of the Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1))."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 113**

Schedule 4, page 51, line 33, at end insert—

- "(1A) A member of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
- (1B) A member of the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 114**

Schedule 4, page 51, line 34, leave out "fire and rescue authority" and insert "body mentioned in any of sub-paragraphs (1) to (1B)"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 115

Schedule 4, page 51, line 37, after “exercises” insert “core”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, together with Amendment 117, clarifies that, in respect of persons exercising functions at places of state detention, only persons who exercise custodial or escort functions, or functions involving the provision of healthcare or education, are subject to the provisions of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office).

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 116

Schedule 4, page 51, line 37, leave out from “detention,” to end of line 39

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 117

Schedule 4, page 51, line 39, at end insert—

- “(2) In sub-paragraph (1), “core functions” means—
 - (a) custodial or escort functions, or
 - (b) functions involving the provision of healthcare or education, so far as carried out at a place of state detention.
- (3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), a person is in state detention if the person is compulsorily detained by a public authority within the meaning of section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- (4) A person is not in state detention at any time when they are detained in circumstances amounting to a deprivation of liberty by virtue of any of the following—
 - (a) sections 4A(3) or (5) or 4B of the Mental Capacity Act 2005;
 - (b) the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 4);
 - (c) Part 2 of the Mental Capacity Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 18 (N.I.)).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 115 and on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 118

Schedule 4, page 52, line 2, at end insert—

- “(2) A member of the Parole Board for Scotland.

(3) A Parole Commissioner for Northern Ireland.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 119

Schedule 4, page 52, line 3, leave out paragraph 16 and insert—

- “16 (1) A member of an independent monitoring board, appointed under section 6 of the Prison Act 1952 or section 10 of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 (c. 18 (N.I.)).
- (2) A member of a Visiting Committee, appointed under section 152 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- (3) A prison monitoring co-ordinator appointed under section 7A of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 or prison monitor appointed under section 7C of that Act.
- (4) A person approved under Rule 14 of the Juvenile Justice Centre Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.) 2008 No. 427).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 120

Schedule 4, page 52, line 10, leave out sub-paragraph (1)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 121.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 121

Schedule 4, page 52, line 11, leave out from “person” to “is” in line 12 and insert “who”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 123.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 122

Schedule 4, page 52, line 13, at end insert—

“(aa) the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment adds the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales to the list of holders of public office for the purposes of Part 3 of the Bill.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 123

Schedule 4, page 52, line 17, at end insert—

- “(ca) the Lord President or Lord Justice Clerk of the Court of Session;
- (cb) a judicial office holder, within the meaning of Part 2 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 (asp 6) (see section 43 of that Act);
- (cc) a member of the Scottish Tribunals, within the meaning of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (see section 13(3) of that Act);
- (cd) a member of the Children’s Panel appointed in accordance with section 4 of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 1);
- (ce) a member of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland or Scottish Land Court (including the Deputy Chairman of that Court);
- (cf) the President of, or a member of, the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland;
- (cg) the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland;
- (ch) a Lord Justice of Appeal in Northern Ireland;
- (ci) the holder of an office mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002;
- (cj) the Chief Coroner or a Deputy Chief Coroner appointed under Schedule 8 to the Coroners and Justice Act 2009;
- (ck) a senior coroner, area coroner or assistant coroner appointed under Schedule 3 to that Act.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland and also makes drafting refinements.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 124

Schedule 4, page 52, line 20, at end insert—

- “(f) any other member of a court or tribunal in which legal proceedings may be brought.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that persons exercising judicial functions are subject to the misconduct offences in Part 3 of the Bill even if the office they hold is not specifically mentioned.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 125

Schedule 4, page 52, line 20, at end insert—

“(3) Any other person (other than a person employed in the civil service of the State) who—

- (a) works for a person within sub-paragraph (2) in relation to the exercise of that person’s judicial functions, or
- (b) works for a court or tribunal in which legal proceedings may be brought in relation to the exercise of the judicial functions of that court or tribunal.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures the persons who work for a judicial office holder or court (other than civil servants, who are caught by paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Bill) are subject to the misconduct offences in Part 3 of the Bill.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 126

Schedule 4, page 52, line 21, leave out paragraph 18

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 123.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 127

Schedule 4, page 52, line 29, leave out from “authority” to end of line 31

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 128

Schedule 4, page 52, line 32, leave out “in England”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 129

Schedule 4, page 52, line 32, at end insert—

“(2A) Sub-paragraph (1) includes—

- (a) in relation to a London borough council, a district council or a county council in England, an elected mayor within the meaning of Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000;
- (b) in relation to a county borough council or a county council in Wales, an elected mayor within the meaning of Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 130

Schedule 4, page 52, line 34, leave out from "school" to end of line 3 on page 53

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 131

Schedule 4, page 52, line 35, at end insert—

- "(4) The reference in sub-paragraph (3) to a person who works for a school includes a person who works—
- (a) at a place mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of the definition of "school" in section 23(1), or
 - (b) at a public school in Scotland within the meaning of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (see section 135(1) of that Act)."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 132

Schedule 4, page 53, line 18, leave out "or" and insert ", the Scottish Ministers,"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Scotland.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 133

Schedule 4, page 53, line 18, at end insert "or a Northern Ireland devolved authority"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the extension of Part 3 of the Bill (misconduct in public office) to Northern Ireland.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 134**

Schedule 5, page 54, line 18, leave out "in subsection (11), omit "England and Wales or"" and insert "omit subsection (11)"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC9.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 135**

Schedule 5, page 54, line 19, at end insert—

"Investigatory Powers Act 2016

4 In section 1 (overview of Act), omit subsection (5)(b)(v)."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC9.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 136**

Schedule 6, page 60, line 38, after "authority" insert "or any of the following persons"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and Amendment 137 provide for Part 4 of the Bill to apply in relation to inquests where a public authority is represented by its head or another person, if the authority is not itself an "interested person" at the inquest.

Secretary David Lammy**Gov 137**

Schedule 6, page 60, line 39, at end insert—

- "(a) a chief constable;
- (b) a Provost Marshal of a service police force or the tri-service serious crime unit;
- (c) the Director General of the Independent Office for Police Conduct;
- (d) a person who is an interested person by virtue of section 47(2)(l) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 Act (persons appointed by a Government department)."

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 136.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 138

Schedule 6, page 61, line 20, at end insert—

““chief constable” means—

- (a) a chief officer of police, within the meaning given by section 101(1) of the Police Act 1996;
- (b) the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland;
- (c) the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
- (d) the Chief Constable of the Ministry of Defence Police;
- (e) the Chief Constable of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary;
- (f) the Chief Constable of the British Transport Police;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendments 136 and 137.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 139

Schedule 6, page 62, line 4, leave out “who has made an application” and insert “to whom the legal help may be provided”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is to clarify the meaning of this amendment of legal aid regulations.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 140

Schedule 6, page 62, line 10, leave out “omit the words after paragraph (c)” and insert “for the words from “any” to the end of the regulation substitute “civil legal services other than—

- (a) acting as a mediator or arbitrator, or
- (b) issuing or conducting court proceedings.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment enables the additional legal services being made available to bereaved family members at inquests to be dealt with together for the purposes of administration of legal aid.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 141

Schedule 6, page 62, line 21, at end insert—

“Exercise of other powers in relation to legal aid

7 Nothing in this Part of this Schedule affects—

- (a) the powers conferred on the Lord Chancellor by section 9(2) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 in relation to Schedule 1 to that Act, or

- (b) any other power of the Lord Chancellor to make orders or regulations under Part 1 of that Act.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment makes clear that nothing in Part 4 of Schedule 6 to the Bill affects the exercise of the Lord Chancellor's powers to make orders and regulations about legal aid.

Secretary David Lammy

Gov 142

Schedule 6, page 62, line 21, at end insert—

“PART 5

LEGAL AID AT INQUIRIES IN SCOTLAND INTO FATAL ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN DEATHS

Amendment of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

7 (1) The Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 36 (regulations), in subsection (3), after paragraph (bb) insert—

“(bc) is participating, or seeking to participate, in inquiry proceedings within the meaning of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016 (see section 11(2)(a) of that Act);””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment enables regulations to be made to extend legal aid to bereaved family members where a public authority is a participant in an inquiry in Scotland into a fatal accident or sudden death.

Order of the House

[3 November 2025]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Public Office (Accountability) Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 11 December 2025.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.
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Withdrawn Amendments

The following amendments were withdrawn on 14 January 2026:

31 and 34