The Queen’s Speech
2017

Brexit Policy

**Repeal Bill**
Repeal Bill to convert EU law into UK law upon leaving, to enable both corrections to EU laws and changes to UK law to reflect any withdrawal deal.

**Immigration Bill**
With the repeal of the European Communities Act, it will be necessary to establish new powers concerning the immigration status of EEA nationals. The Bill will allow the Government to control the number of people coming here from Europe while still allowing the UK to attract the brightest and the best. The Bill will:
- allow for the repeal of EU law on immigration, primarily free movement, that will otherwise be saved and converted into UK law by the Repeal Bill;
- make the migration of EU nationals and their family members subject to relevant UK law once the UK has left the EU.

**Customs Bill**
As it stands, the EU customs code applies directly in the UK. The Bill will ensure:
- that the UK has a standalone UK customs regime on exit;
- flexibility to accommodate future trade agreements with the EU and others;
- that changes can be made to the UK’s VAT and excise regimes to ensure that the UK has standalone regimes on EU-exit.

**Fisheries Bill**
As the UK leaves the EU, the Bill will:
- enable the UK to exercise responsibility for access to fisheries and management of its waters.

**Nuclear Safeguards Bill**
The Bill will establish a UK nuclear safeguards regime as we leave the European Union and Euratom. The Bill will:
- give the Office for Nuclear Regulation powers to take on the role and responsibilities required to meet our international safeguards, and nuclear non-proliferation, obligations.
- introduce a Special Administration Regime to ensure the continuing operation of the national smart meter service if the provider becomes insolvent.

**Trade Bill**
The Bill will cement the United Kingdom’s status as a leading trading nation, driving positive global change through trade, whilst ensuring UK businesses are protected from unfair trading practices. The Bill will:
- put in place the essential and necessary legislative framework to allow the UK to operate its own independent trade policy upon exit from the European Union.

**Agriculture Bill**
Ensure that after the UK leaves the EU there is an effective system in place to support UK farmers and protect the natural environment. The Bill will:
- provide stability to farmers as we leave the EU;
- protect the natural environment for future generations;
- deliver on the manifesto commitment to “provide stability for farmers as we exit the EU.”

Domestic Policy

**Space Industry Bill**
Boost the economy, British business, engineering and science by making the UK the most attractive place in Europe for commercial spaceflight. The Bill will:
- grant new powers to licence a wide range of new commercial spaceflight;
- create a comprehensive and proportionate regulatory framework to manage risk;
- introduce measures to regulate unauthorised access and interference with spacecraft, spaceports and associated infrastructure;
- promote public safety by providing a regulatory framework to cover operational insurance, indemnity and liability.

**Courts Bill**
Reform the courts system in England and Wales to ensure it is more efficient and accessible, and in doing so utilise more modern technology. The Bill will:
- end direct cross examination of domestic violence victims by their alleged perpetrators in the family courts and allow more victims to participate in trials without having to meet their alleged assailant face-to-face;
- introduce digital services which will allow businesses to pursue their cases quickly, enabling them to recover debts more easily;
- provide a better working environment for judges, allowing more leadership positions in the judiciary to be offered on a fixed term basis, and enabling judges to be deployed more flexibly.
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Armed Forces Bill
Provide Service personnel with modern, flexible opportunities to serve their country in ways that better suit their lifestyle aspirations and circumstances - while still ensuring the armed forces have all the resources and capability they need to be the best in the world and keep the country safe. The Bill will:
- enable forms of part-time service and limited geographic employment within the Regular Armed Forces;
- enable Service personnel returning from special leave including maternity, shared parental and adoption leave to have more options to support an easier transition back into duty.

Draft Patients’ Safety Bill
Improve patient safety in the NHS and instil greater public confidence in the provision of healthcare services in England.
The Bill will bring forward proposals to:
- establish the Health Service Safety Investigation Body in statute, providing it with clear powers to conduct independent and impartial investigations into patient safety risks in the NHS in England;
- create a prohibition on the disclosure of information held in connection with an investigation conducted by the Health Service Safety Investigation Body, enabling participants to be as candid as possible. This prohibition will not apply where there is an ongoing risk to the safety of patients or evidence of criminal activity, in which case the Investigation Body can inform the relevant regulator or the police.

Financial Guidance & Claims Bill
Combine three financial advice bodies into one, ensuring that people across the UK are able to seek the help and advice they need to manage their finances. The Bill will:
- establish a new statutory body, accountable to Parliament, with responsibility for coordinating the provision of debt advice, money guidance, and pension guidance;
- transfer the regulation of claims management services to the Financial Conduct Authority, and transfer complaints-handling responsibility to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Travel Protection Bill
Improve protection for holidaymakers by updating the UK’s financial protection scheme for holidays. The Bill will:
- update the Air Travel Organisers’ Licence (ATOL) scheme, to align it with enhancements to the package travel regulations that predate people booking their holidays on the internet.

Data Protection Bill
Fulfill a manifesto commitment to ensure the UK has a data protection regime that is fit for the 21st century. The Bill will:
- ensure that our data protection framework is suitable for our new digital age, and cement the UK’s position at the forefront of technological innovation, international data sharing and protection of personal data;
- strengthen rights and empower individuals to have more control over their personal data including a right to be forgotten when individuals no longer want their data to be processed, provided that there are no legitimate grounds for retaining it;
- establish a new data protection regime for non-law enforcement data processing, replacing the Data Protection Act 1998; and
- modernise and update the regime for data processing by law enforcement agencies.

Automated & Electric Vehicles Bill
Ensure the UK is the global leader in self-driving vehicles and electric vehicles. The Bill will:
- extend compulsory motor vehicle insurance to cover the use of automated vehicles.
- allow the Government to require the installation of charge points for electric vehicles at motorway service areas and large fuel retailers.

Draft Tenants’ Fees Bill
Tackling unfair fees on tenants will make the private rental market more affordable and competitive. The draft Bill will bring forward proposals to:
- ban landlords and agents from requiring tenants to make any payments as a condition of their tenancy with the exception of the rent, a capped refundable security deposit, a capped refundable holding deposit and tenant default fees;
- cap holding deposits at no more than one week’s rent and security deposits at no more than one month’s rent.

Good Mortgage Bill
Implement recommendations from the Law Commission to update Victorian era law on logbook loans. The Bill will:
- increase protections to borrowers who have taken out a mortgage on goods that they own, such as their car (a “logbook loan”);
- ensure borrowers are better informed about their loan and provide safeguards if borrowers get into financial difficulty.

Civil Liability Bill
Crack down on fraudulent whiplash claims and is expected to reduce motor insurance premiums by about £35 per year. The Bill will:
- introduce a Special Administration Regime to ensure the continuing operation of the national smart meter service if the provider becomes insolvent.

“Ensure the United Kingdom is the safest place to be online”

“Promote fairness and transparency in the housing market”

“Strengthening our economy, tackling injustice and promoting opportunity and aspiration”

“Invest in our gallant armed forces”
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**Housing & Construction**
- Meet 2015 target to deliver 1 million homes by end of 2020; deliver half a million more by 2022
- Deliver Housing White Paper reforms
- New Council Housing Deals for pre-development local authorities, providing them with significant low-cost capital funding; new fixed-term social housing to be sold privately after 10 to 15 years with automatic Right to Buy for tenants
- Reform Compulsory Purchase Orders to make them easier and cheaper for councils to use
- Crack down on unfair practices in leasehold; improve protections for those who rent, including by looking at how we increase security for good tenants and encouraging landlords to offer longer tenancies as standard
- Upgrade all fuel poor homes to energy efficiency EPC Band C by 2030

**Transport and Infrastructure**
- Strengthen ministerial scrutiny and control over foreign ownership of companies controlling critical national infrastructure
- Largest investment in railways since Victorian times; invest £1.1bn to improve local transport
- Continue programme of strategic investments: HS2; Heathrow; Northern Powerhouse Rail
- Develop strategic road network
- Lead the world in electric vehicle technology, with £600m investment by 2020
- Review rail ticketing, removing complex pricing; introduce a passenger ombudsman
- Agree minimum service levels with train companies during periods of industrial dispute

**Education**
- £250m in skills by end of 2020
- Lift ban on grammar schools; review of school admissions policy
- Increase schools budget by £4bn by 2022; fairer funding reforms
- Scrap free school lunches for first three years of primary school and introduce free breakfasts for all primary school pupils
- Improve technical education, with major review of funding
- Allow large firms to pass apprenticeship levy funds to small firms in supply chain
- Introduce right to request leave for training for workers
- Launch new Institutes of Technology specialising in STEM subjects

**Health, Food & Pharmaceuticals**
- Increase NHS spending by a minimum of £8bn in real terms over the next five years
- Increase the Immigration Health Surcharge
- Implement the recommendations of the Accelerated Access Review
- Review operation of the NHS internal market by 2018
- Support life sciences research, maintaining European hub status
- Reform social care for the elderly: align means testing for domiciliary care with that for residential care; introduce a £100,000 single capital floor; extend freedom to defer payments for residential care to those receiving care at home
- Reform mental health legislation
- Improve patients’ access and ability to update aspects of care records, as well as control over personal data use
- Patients to receive definitive cancer diagnosis within 28 days by 2020

**Financial Services**
- Ambition for all routine consumer banking services to be available in rural post offices
- “Breathing Space” scheme: up to six weeks protection period for people in serious debt
- Help start-ups: encourage early stage investment and consider further incentives through Enterprise Investment Scheme and Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme
- Open new offices of the British Business Bank in Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Manchester and Newport, and fund it with repatriated funds from European Investment Fund
- £740 million investment in digital infrastructure
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- Improvements in online safety
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- Increase the Minimum Wage
- Support a diverse range of reliable and affordable energy sources which help meet carbon goals and create industrial opportunities, including offshore but not onshore wind
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**Leisure, Hospitality & Gambling**
- 2018 Great Exhibition of the North
- Support UK city bid for 2022 Commonwealth Games
- Support 70th anniversary of Edinburgh Festival
- Independent review into the Cost of Energy
- Energy bills: introduce a safeguard tariff cap that will extend the price protection currently in place for some vulnerable customers to more customers on the poorest value tariffs; support initiatives to make the switching process easier
- Ensure rollout of smart meters by 2020
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**Business Environment**
- Develop and support the Industrial Strategy
- Cut Corporation Tax
- Increase the Minimum Wage
- Enhance employee rights