



Queen's Speech 2016

BILLS WHICH WOULD APPLY TO WALES

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Wales Bill	To implement those elements of the St David's Day agreement that require primary legislation, providing for a stronger, fairer and clearer devolution settlement for Wales. This includes the introduction of a reserved powers model of devolution for Wales and the devolution of additional powers in areas such as elections, transport and energy.
Better Markets Bill	The Bill will open up markets, boost competition, give consumers more choice and make economic regulators work better. It includes encouraging consumers to switch providers to get a better deal, speeding up the decision making process for competition investigations, and to give compensation authorities more power to take on anti-competitive behaviour.
Bill of Rights	The Bill will deliver on the Government's manifesto pledge to introduce a Bill of Rights and reform human rights law.
Children and Social Work Bill	This Bill will tackle state failure and transform the outcomes of children in care, so that we give all of them the hope of a better future. It will include changes to the considerations that courts must take into account in



	adoption decisions, introduce a new system of regulating social workers by setting up a specialist regulator for the profession, and establish a new 'Care Leavers Covenant'.
Counter-Extremism and Safeguarding Bill	This Bill enables the Government and law enforcement agencies new powers to protect the public against the most dangerous extremists including the introduction of a new civil order regime to restrict extremist activity, powers to intervene in intensive unregulated education settings, and close loopholes so that Ofcom can continue to protect consumers who watch internet-streamed television content from outside the EU.
Criminal Finances Bill	This Bill will allow the Government to recoup more criminal assets by reforming the law on proceeds of crime, including provisions to strengthen enforcement powers and protect the public.
Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill	This Bill will enable the UK to accede to the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its two Protocols.
Digital Economy Bill	The Bill will modernise our climate for enterprise, making sure Britain remains at the forefront of the global 21 st century economy including giving ever household a legal right to a fast broadband connection and new laws to help telecommunications providers build the infrastructure needed for faster broadband and better mobile networks. It will also provide a new



	power for Ofcom to order communications providers to release data in the interests of consumers and competition and measures to support digital industries and protect citizens.
Education for All Bill	This Bill will deliver the next phase of transformation of education in England. It includes new laws to expand the academies programme in the poorest performing local authorities and provide fundamental reforms to educating excluded children. The Bill will also introduce an insolvency regime for further education and sixth form colleges.
Higher Education and Research Bill	The Bill will deliver the biggest supply side reforms to the higher education sector for a quarter of a century including measures to make it easier for new high quality universities to open, reforming university funding, and put in place new requirements on all universities to publish detailed information about application, offer, and progression rates.
Intellectual Property (Unjustified Threats) Bill	This Bill will reform the law of unjustified threats of infringement proceedings for patents, trade marks and design rights and deliver the Law Commission's detailed recommendations for reform.
Lifetime Savings Bill	This Bill will establish the Help to Save scheme which would support those on low incomes who are trying to save, and create a new Lifetime ISA, providing savers with a bonus on savings.



Modern Transport Bill	The Bill will ensure that the United Kingdom is at the forefront of safe technology for new forms of transport, including autonomous and electric vehicles, and spaceports.
Neighbourhood Planning and Infrastructure Bill	This Bill will ensure that Britain has the infrastructure that businesses need to grow. Measures include establishing the National Infrastructure Commission on a statutory basis, making the compulsory purchase clearer faster and fairer for all involved, and enabling the privatisation of the Land Registry.
NHS (Overseas Visitors Charging) Bill	This Bill will extend the number of services for which the NHS can charge overseas visitors and migrants and ensure that cost recovery is effective and efficient and the full cost of care is recovered and can be put back into the NHS.
Overseas Electors Bill	The Bill will remove the current 15 year time limit on the voting rights of British citizens living overseas for UK Parliamentary and European Parliamentary elections, including provisions relating to the of overseas electors.
Prison and Courts Reform Bill	The Bill will bring about the biggest reform of prisons since Victorian times, ensuring they are not just a place of punishment but also rehabilitation. It will include new powers for Prison Governors to allow them unprecedented levels of control over all aspects of prison management, provide for a



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	complete overhaul of education, health and training to reduce reoffending, and implement new measures to assess prisons' performance.
Pensions Bill	The Bill will provide further reform of Britain's private pensions system by putting in place essential protections for people in Master Trusts, removing barriers for consumers who want to access their pension savings flexibly, and restructuring financial guidance to consumers.
Small Charitable Donations Bill	This Bill will simplify the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, making it easier to claim, to allow more charities particularly small or new charities to benefit.



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BILLS WHICH HAVE NO APPLICATION IN WALES

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Bus Services Bill	The Bill will provide the option for combined authority areas with directly elected mayors to be responsible for the running of their local bus services.
Local Growth and Jobs Bill	This Bill will give local authorities in England full control of the money they raise through business rates, so they can attract business and investment to their local areas.
National Citizen Service Bill	The Bill will create a new statutory framework to deliver the National Citizen Service and placed a duty on schools, colleges, local authorities, and relevant Secretaries of State to promote the service to eligible young people and parents.