



QUEEN'S SPEECH

Secretary of State for Wales, National Assembly for Wales Address JUNE 2010



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The Legislation Programme for the First Session of the coalition Government was delivered by Her Majesty the Queen on the 25 May 2010.

Bills which will apply to Wales	
<i>Equitable Life Payments Scheme Bill</i>	The Bill will give HM Treasury statutory authority to incur expenditure in making payments to Equitable Life policyholders.
European Union Bill	The Bill will increase the democratic and parliamentary control, scrutiny and accountability over EU decision-making. We want the people and their representatives to have more say. We want to increase the democratic accountability of the EU.
<i>Financial Reform Bill</i>	The Bill will give the Bank of England control of macroprudential regulation and oversight of microprudential regulation.
<i>Freedom (Great Repeal) Bill</i>	The Bill will restore freedoms and civil liberties and rebalance the relationship between citizen and the state.
<i>Identity Document Bill</i>	The Bill will cancel identity cards and destroy the National Identity Register (NIR) which contains personal data collected to issue cards.
<i>National Insurance Contributions Bill</i>	The Bill increases rates of National Insurance Contributions from April 2011 to safeguard jobs and support the economy.
<i>Office for Budget Responsibility Bill</i>	The Bill will provide a statutory underpinning for the Office for Budget Responsibility.



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<i>Parliamentary Reform Bill</i>	The Bill provides for a greater public say over how they are represented in Parliament, improve the reputation of Parliament and provide for more parliamentary control over the Government.
<i>Pensions and Savings Bill</i>	The Bill will implement findings of the review of the current timetable for increasing the State Pension age, if the review finds that the existing timetable is no longer appropriate.
<i>Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill</i>	The Bill will make the police service more accountable to local people, create a dedicated Border Police Force and set out measures to tackle alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour.
<i>Postal Services Bill</i>	The Bill would seek to tackle the fundamental and longstanding problems facing Royal Mail. The Bill would enable an injection of private capital, along with other measures, to help Royal Mail and ensure the provision of the universal postal service.
<i>Public Bodies Reform Bill</i>	The bill will ensure that there will be a greater degree of transparency and accountability for all Public Bodies ('quangos'); and provide Ministers with the powers to abolish, merge or transfer functions.
<i>Welfare Reform Bill</i>	Reform to simplify the benefits system in order to improve work incentives
Bills where some provisions may apply to Wales	
The following Bills deal with areas which are wholly or part devolved. A limited number of provisions in each Bill may apply to Wales, and the extent of each Bill's application to Wales will be the subject of further work on scope and content.	
<i>Decentralisation and Localism Bill</i>	Devolve greater powers to councils and neighbourhoods and give local communities control over housing and planning decision.
<i>Education and Children's Bill</i>	The Education and Children's Bill will tackle educational inequality and give greater powers to parents and pupils to choose a good school. It will ensure high standards of discipline in the classroom, robust standards and the highest quality teaching.



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<i>Energy Bill</i>	This Bill will deliver a national programme of energy efficiency measures to homes and businesses. The Bill will also put in place a framework to deliver a future with secure, low carbon energy supplies and fair competition in the energy markets.
<i>Health Bill</i>	The aim of the Bill is to implement the Government's proposals for a streamlined and sustainable national framework for the NHS; to support a patient led NHS focused on outcomes; to deliver on the commitment to streamline quangos; and to support the Government's plans on public health.
Bills with limited impact or no application to Wales	
<i>Academies Bill</i>	The Bill will enable more schools to become Academies and give them the freedoms and flexibilities they need to continue to drive up standards.
<i>Local Government Bill</i>	The Bill will revoke structural change orders establishing Exeter and Norwich as Unitary Councils from 1 April 2010 and prevent the implementation of proposals for a unitary authority in Suffolk that remain outstanding.
<i>Scotland Bill</i>	The Bill will implement some of the recommendations of the Final Report of the Commission on Scottish Devolution (the Calman Commission).