

# Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Bill

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## COMMONS REASON

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*[The clause number refers to HL Bill 16, the bill as first printed for the Lords]*

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### After Clause 74

#### LORDS AMENDMENT 17

17 Insert the following new Clause –

**“Independent review of the electronic communications code**

- (1) Within the period of three months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must appoint an independent person to undertake a review of the effect of –
  - (a) the electronic communications code, and
  - (b) the Telecommunications Infrastructure (Leasehold Property) Act 2021,on the deployment of 1 gigabit per second broadband and other forms of telecommunications infrastructure.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must, in addition to any other matters the Secretary of State deems appropriate, include consideration of –
  - (a) the extent to which revisions to the electronic communications code have secured progress towards His Majesty’s Government’s targets relating to telecommunications infrastructure,
  - (b) the balance of rights and responsibilities of landowners and telecommunications operators, and
  - (c) the impact of this Act on the level of competition in the telecommunications sector.
- (3) The independent person may make recommendations to the Secretary of State on matters including (but not limited to) –
  - (a) potential further revisions to the electronic communications code,
  - (b) potential amendments to –
    - (i) legislation, or
    - (ii) guidance,relating to the valuation of land used to host telecommunications

- infrastructure, and
- (c) the potential benefits of imposing a requirement for telecommunications operators to report annually to OFCOM on their investment in new infrastructure.
- (4) Upon receipt of the report from the independent person, the Secretary of State must—
- (a) publish the report,
  - (b) prepare a response to the report, and
  - (c) lay a copy of the report and response before Parliament.”

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*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 17 for the following Reason –*

**17A**

*Because it would give rise to a new head of public expenditure, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*



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