

# National Security Bill

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## COMMONS DISAGREEMENT, AMENDMENT IN LIEU AND REASON

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*[The page and line references are to HL Bill 68, the Bill as first printed for the Lords]*

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### After Clause 14

#### LORDS AMENDMENT 22

**22** After Clause 14, insert the following new Clause –

**“Foreign interference in elections: duties on political parties**

- (1) A UK-registered political party must, within three months of the passing of this Act, publish a policy statement to ensure the identification of donations from a foreign power (whether made directly or through an intermediary), and must keep that policy updated in accordance with guidance issued under subsection (2).
- (2) Within three months of the passing of this Act the Secretary of State must publish guidance on the provisions of this section.
- (3) A UK-registered political party must provide the Electoral Commission with an annual statement of risk management that identifies how risks relating to donations from a foreign power (whether made directly or through an intermediary) have been managed, and what measures have been put in place by the party to such effect.
- (4) In this section, “UK-registered political party” means a political party registered under Part 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.”

#### COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 22 for the following Reason –*

**22A** *Because the law already makes sufficient provision in relation to donations to political parties.*

## LORDS NON-INSISTENCE AND AMENDMENT IN LIEU

*The Lords do not insist on their Amendment 22, to which the Commons have disagreed for their Reason 22A, and do propose Amendment 22B in lieu –*

**22B** After Clause 14, insert the following new Clause –

**“Foreign interference in elections: duties on political parties**

- (1) A UK-registered political party must, within three months of the passing of this Act, and annually thereafter, publish a policy statement to ensure the identification of donations from a foreign power (whether made directly or through an intermediary).
- (2) A UK-registered political party must provide the Electoral Commission with an annual statement setting out individually the details of all donations from a foreign power, including whether made directly or through an intermediary (and identifying all such intermediaries).
- (3) In this section, “UK-registered political party” means a political party registered under Part 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.”

## COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 22B for the following Reason –*

**22C** *Because the law already makes sufficient provision in relation to donations to political parties.*

**After Clause 89**

## LORDS AMENDMENT 122

**122** After Clause 89, insert the following new Clause –

**“Duty to update the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament's memorandum of understanding**

- (1) The Prime Minister must ensure that the memorandum of understanding between the Prime Minister and the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament (the “ISC”) under section 2 of the Justice and Security Act 2013 (the “MoU”) is revised to reflect any changes to the intelligence or security activities of His Majesty’s Government as a result of this Act.
- (2) Any revisions to the MoU under subsection (1) must be agreed between the Prime Minister and the ISC in accordance with the process set out in section 2 of the Justice and Security Act 2013.
- (3) Any engagement between the Prime Minister and the ISC relating to revisions to the MoU under subsection (1) must commence within the 6-month period beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.”

## COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 122 for the following Reason –*

- 122A** *Because section 2 of the Justice and Security Act 2013 already makes sufficient provision in relation to memoranda of understanding.*

## LORDS NON-INSISTENCE AND AMENDMENT IN LIEU

*The Lords do not insist on their Amendment 122, to which the Commons have disagreed for their Reason 122A, and do propose Amendment 122B in lieu –*

- 122B** After Clause 89, insert the following new Clause –

**“Duty to review the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament’s memorandum of understanding**

- (1) The Prime Minister must ensure that the memorandum of understanding between the Prime Minister and the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament (the “ISC”) under section 2 of the Justice and Security Act 2013 (the “MoU”) is reviewed in the light of any changes to the intelligence or security activities of His Majesty’s Government as a result of this Act.
- (2) Any revisions to the MoU arising as a result of the review under subsection (1) must be agreed between the Prime Minister and the ISC in accordance with the process set out in section 2 of the Justice and Security Act 2013.
- (3) Any engagement between the Prime Minister and the ISC relating to revisions to the MoU arising as a result of the review under subsection (1) must commence within the 6-month period beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.”

## COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT IN LIEU

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 122B but propose Amendment 122C to the Bill in lieu of the Lords Amendment –*

- 122C** Page 62, line 13, at end insert the following new Clause –

**“Intelligence and Security Committee: memorandum of understanding**

- (1) The Prime Minister and the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament must consider whether the memorandum of understanding under section 2 of the Justice and Security Act 2013 should be altered (or replaced) to reflect any changes arising out of this Act.
- (2) Consideration under subsection (1) must begin before the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which this section comes into force.”

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