

Victims and Prisoners Bill

AMENDMENTS
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[Supplementary to the Third Marshalled List]

Amendment
No.

Clause 29

LORD WILLS

- 106A★** Clause 29, page 29, line 31, at beginning insert “Within six months of the passing of this Act”

Clause 31

LORD WILLS

- 110ZA★** Clause 31, page 31, line 19, leave out subsection (4) and insert—
“(4) The Secretary of State must make provision for an advocate to have secretarial and all other support necessary for them to exercise their functions effectively.”

After Clause 39

LORD WILLS

This Amendment is intended to replace Amendment 108

- 119AA★** After Clause 39, insert the following new Clause—

“Power of Secretary of State to establish an inquiry on major incidents

- (1) Within six months of the declaration of a major incident under section 28(2), the Secretary of State must make a statement to the House of Commons on whether they intend to establish—
 - (a) an inquiry under the Inquiries Act 2005,
 - (b) an alternative fact-finding inquiry, or
 - (c) no inquiry at that time.
- (2) A person or persons appointed to hold an inquiry established under subsection (1)(b) must be granted the powers to see and report on all relevant documentation.

- (3) A statement under subsection (1) must set out why the Secretary of State believes the decision is in the public interest.
- (4) In consideration of the public interest, the Secretary of State must demonstrate that they have had regard to timeliness, cost, transparency and the emotional and financial interests of the parties.”

BARONESS FEATHERSTONE

As an amendment to Amendment 121A

This amendment is intended to replace Amendment 121G

121GA★ Leave out paragraph 2 and insert –

- “2 (1) The Chair is to be appointed by the Lord Chief Justice.
- (2) The Chair must be a High Court judge or a judge of the Court of Session.
 - (3) The other non-executive members are to be appointed by the Chair.
 - (4) Four of the other non-executive members must be people infected or affected by blood contamination or people representing such interests and must be from all four home nations”

Clause 59

LORD BELLAMY

157CA★ Clause 59, page 59, line 8, at end insert –

- “(2A) The Secretary of State or the Minister for the Cabinet Office must make the first regulations under section (*Infected blood compensation scheme*) before the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2B) In calculating the period of 3 months, no account is to be taken of any whole days that fall within a period during which –
- (a) Parliament is dissolved or prorogued, or
 - (b) either House of Parliament is adjourned for more than four days.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the first regulations made under the new clause inserted by amendment 119C to be made within 3 months of Royal Assent. Subsection (2B) is to cater for circumstances in which the dissolution, prorogation or adjournment of Parliament affect the government's ability to make the regulations.

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