

# Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill

---

## RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

*Tabled up to and including  
15 September 2025*

---

*The amendments are listed in accordance with the following Instruction –*

Clauses 1 to 7	Schedule 4
Schedule 1	Clauses 79 to 92
Clauses 8 to 70	Schedule 5
Schedule 2	Clause 93
Clauses 71 to 75	Schedule 6
Schedule 3	Clauses 94 to 107
Clauses 76 to 78	Title

*[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]*

### Clause 1

BARONESS KRAMER

★

Clause 1, page 1, line 13, at end insert –

- “(e) creating a whistleblowing reporting channel for cases of fraud against public authorities which –
- (i) guarantees confidentiality and anonymity if requested,
  - (ii) includes clear definitions of who is a whistleblower in cases of fraud against public authorities,
  - (iii) provides a process to update whistleblowers in cases of fraud against public authorities, and
  - (iv) protects whistleblowers in cases of fraud against public authorities from retaliation and detriment.”

**After Clause 64**

BARONESS KRAMER

★

After Clause 64, insert the following new Clause —

**“The Office of the Whistleblower for public sector fraud**

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations made by statutory instrument within one year after the passing of this Act establish a body corporate called the Office of the Whistleblower for public sector fraud (in this Act referred to as “the Office”).
- (2) The principal duty of the Office is to protect whistleblowers and have oversight of the process of whistleblowing in relation to public sector fraud.
- (3) The Office must carry out all its work in accordance with the principal duty.
- (4) The objectives of the Office are —
  - (a) to encourage and support whistleblowers to refer concerns to the appropriate authorities,
  - (b) to support an effective and fair whistleblowing process,
  - (c) to protect the public purse and ensure that wrongdoers bear the cost of wrongdoing revealed by whistleblowing,
  - (d) to promote good governance through the normalisation of whistleblowing,
  - (e) to ensure that concerns raised by whistleblowers are acted upon, and
  - (f) to monitor and review the operation of this Act.
- (5) The Office must seek to achieve those objectives consistently with its principal duty.
- (6) Regulations made under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment establishes the office of the whistleblower which has the duty to oversee the process of whistleblowing in relation to public sector fraud.*

**Clause 74**

BARONESS KRAMER

Leave out Clause 74

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment removes the requirement for banks to look into relevant claimants' bank accounts.*

**Schedule 3**

BARONESS KRAMER

Leave out Schedule 3

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is related to another in the name of Baroness Kramer and removes the requirement for banks to look into relevant claimants' bank accounts.*

**Schedule 5**

BARONESS KRAMER

Schedule 5, page 105, line 18, leave out from beginning to end of line 32 on page 106

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment will prevent the Department for Work and Pensions from being able to compel banks to disclose the bank statements of benefits recipients to decide whether to issue a direct deduction.*

**After Clause 96**

LORD PALMER OF CHILDS HILL

After Clause 96, insert the following new Clause —

**“Recovery of overpayments of Carer’s Allowance**

The Secretary of State may not exercise any of the powers of recovery under this Act in relation to a person who has received an overpayment of Carer’s Allowance until such time as —

- (a) the Secretary of State has commissioned an independent review of the overpayment of Carer’s Allowance,
- (b) the review has concluded its inquiry and submitted a report containing recommendations to the Secretary of State,
- (c) the Secretary of State has laid the report of the independent review before Parliament, and
- (d) the Secretary of State has implemented the recommendations of the independent review.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would delay any payments being taken from people who the Government may think owe repayments of Carer’s Allowance until the independent review into Carer’s Allowance overpayments has been published and fully implemented.*

**Clause 106**

LORD PALMER OF CHILDS HILL

Clause 106, page 67, line 12, leave out subsections (1) to (3) and insert —

- “(1) This section and section (*Recovery of overpayments of Carer’s Allowance*) come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

- (2) All other sections of this Act come into force on such a day as the Secretary of State or the Minister for the Cabinet Office may by regulations appoint, but they must not come into force until the recommendations of a report commissioned under section (Recovery of overpayments of Carer's Allowance) have been implemented."

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would delay the implementation of the whole Act until the findings of the independent review into Carer's Allowance overpayments has been published and fully implemented.*



# Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill

---

## RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

*Tabled up to and including  
15 September 2025*

---

*15 September 2025*

---

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS