

Victims and Courts Bill

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS IN GRAND COMMITTEE

*Tabled up to and including
17 December 2025*

The amendments are listed in accordance with the following Instruction –

Clauses 1 to 3	Schedule 2
Schedule 1	Clauses 8 to 18
Clauses 4 to 7	Title

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

After Clause 7

LORD KEEN OF ELIE
LORD SANDHURST

★ After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Extension of Victim Contact Scheme

- (1) The Secretary of State must ensure that the Victim Contact Scheme is made available to –
 - (a) victims of offenders sentenced to less than 12 months for violent and sexual offences,
 - (b) victims in cases involving coercive or controlling behaviour, stalking, or harassment, and
 - (c) bereaved families in manslaughter or death by dangerous driving cases.
- (2) The Secretary of State must ensure that information under the Victim Contact Scheme is communicated in a timely and trauma-informed manner.
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish data each year on uptake and accessibility of the Victim Contact Scheme.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to extend the Victim Contact Scheme to certain categories of victim. It would also ensure information is provided in a timely, trauma-informed way and require annual reporting on the Scheme's uptake and accessibility.

Clause 13

LORD KEEN OF ELIE
LORD SANDHURST

- ★ Clause 13, page 16, line 36, at end insert –

“(aa) in that sub-paragraph for “28” substitute “56”;

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment increases the window for applying to the Unduly Lenient Sentences Scheme from 28 days to 56 days.

LORD KEEN OF ELIE
LORD SANDHURST

- ★ Clause 13, page 16, line 38, after “(2)” insert “unless an application is made by a victim, or the deceased victim’s next of kin, in which case notice of an application shall be given within 56 days”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment increases the window for applying to the Unduly Lenient Sentences Scheme to 56 days for a victim of a crime or a deceased victim’s next of kin.

LORD KEEN OF ELIE
LORD SANDHURST

- ★ Clause 13, page 17, line 6, leave out “28-day” and insert “56-day”

After Clause 14

LORD KEEN OF ELIE
LORD SANDHURST

- ★ After Clause 14, insert the following new Clause –

“Court transcripts of sentencing remarks

- (1) Where a request is made for the sentencing remarks delivered in the Crown Court, the court must, subject to subsection (2), make those remarks available within one month of the request being received.
- (2) Sentencing remarks may be published only where a judge of the Crown Court has approved their release, having regard to –
 - (a) the accuracy of the record, and
 - (b) the need to comply with any reporting restrictions or other legal prohibitions.
- (3) Sentencing remarks made available under this section must be published free of charge and may be made available online.”

LORD KEEN OF ELIE
LORD SANDHURST

★ After Clause 14, insert the following new Clause —

“Sentencing guidelines on court fines

Within 18 months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Sentencing Council must revise relevant sentencing guidelines so that the court must award compensation to a victim to the value of items stolen when imposing compensation for the offence of theft, burglary, fraud, or any other crime that has resulted in a financial loss to the victim.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Sentencing Council to revise sentencing guidelines so that a court must impose compensation commensurate to the value of stolen items when issuing fines.

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