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Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill

I write on behalf of the Constitution Committee regarding the Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill.

The Bill is being fast-tracked through Parliament with the intention of securing Royal Assent by 5 March 2026.¹ As a Committee, we have repeatedly raised concerns about the fast-tracking of legislation, highlighting in particular the need to ensure that effective parliamentary scrutiny is maintained.

The intention of the Bill is that the new prioritisation regime will apply to medical training places commencing in August 2026. The Bill may, therefore, have a detrimental impact on those applicants for the 2026 cohort who would fall outside of the prioritised groups. Given that the application process is already underway, these applicants will be placed in a less favourable position than appeared to be the case at the beginning of the application round.

Given that the Bill is being expedited, and the opportunity for detailed parliamentary scrutiny is thus limited, we would welcome further information from the Government as to the assessment they have undertaken to ensure that these individuals outside of the priority groups are not unduly affected. In order to inform the House's consideration of the Bill at Report stage, we request a response to this letter by Friday 20 February 2026.

Yours,

The Rt Hon. Lord Strathclyde CH
Chair of the Constitution Committee

¹ Explanatory Notes to the Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill [HL Bill 165 (2024-26)-EN], para 38