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Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

Fiftieth Report of Session 2024–26

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Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

The Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments (JCSI) is appointed to consider statutory instruments made in exercise of powers granted by Act of Parliament. Instruments not laid before Parliament are included within the Committee's remit; but local instruments and instruments made by devolved administrations are not considered by JCSI unless they are required to be laid before Parliament.

The role of the JCSI, whose membership is drawn from both Houses of Parliament, is to assess the technical qualities of each instrument that falls within its remit and to decide whether to draw the special attention of each House to any instrument on one or more of the following grounds:

- i. that it imposes, or sets the amount of, a charge on public revenue or that it requires payment for a licence, consent or service to be made to the Exchequer, a government department or a public or local authority, or sets the amount of the payment;
- ii. that its parent legislation says that it cannot be challenged in the courts;
- iii. that it appears to have retrospective effect without the express authority of the parent legislation;
- iv. that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in publishing it or laying it before Parliament;
- v. that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in sending a notification under the proviso to section 4(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, where the instrument has come into force before it has been laid;
- vi. that there appears to be doubt about whether there is power to make it or that it appears to make an unusual or unexpected use of the power to make;
- vii. that its form or meaning needs to be explained;
- viii. that its drafting appears to be defective;
- ix. any other ground which does not go to its merits or the policy behind it.

The Committee usually meets weekly when Parliament is sitting.

Current membership

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[Lord Brady of Altrincham](#) (Conservative; Life peer)

[Lord Carter of Haslemere](#) (Crossbench; Life peer)

[Baroness Kennedy of Cradley](#) (Labour; Life peer)

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[Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer](#) (Liberal Democrat; Life peer)

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[Andrew Pakes](#) (Labour; Peterborough)

[David Pinto-Duschinsky](#) (Labour; Hendon)

[Gareth Snell](#) (Labour; Stoke-on-Trent Central)

Powers

The full constitution and powers of the Committee are set out in House of Commons Standing Order No. 151 and House of Lords Standing Order No.74, relating to Public Business.

Publication

This Report, together with formal minutes relating to the report, was Ordered by the House of Commons and by the House of Lords, on 4 March 2026, to be printed.

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Instruments reported

At its meeting on 4 March 2026 the Committee scrutinised a number of instruments in accordance with Standing Orders. It was agreed that the special attention of both Houses should be drawn to none of those considered.

Instruments not reported

At its meeting on 4 March 2026 the Committee considered the instruments set out in the Annex to this Report, none of which were required to be reported to both Houses.

Annex

Draft instruments requiring affirmative approval

S.I. Numbers	S.I. Title
Draft	Building Safety (Responsible Actors Scheme and Prohibitions) (Amendment) Regulations 2026
Draft	Train Driving Licences and Certificates (Amendment) Regulations 2026
Draft	Sussex and Brighton Combined County Authority Regulations 2026
Draft	Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention and Levy and Safety Net: Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2026

S.I. Numbers	S.I. Title
Draft	Energy Prices Act 2022 (Extension of Time Limit) Regulations 2026

Instruments subject to annulment

S.I. Numbers	S.I. Title
S.I. 2026/27	The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2026
S.I. 2026/37	The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2026 ¹
S.I. 2026/60	The Football Spectators (2026 FIFA World Cup Control Period) Order 2026
S.I. 2026/66	The Whole of Government Accounts (Designation of Bodies) Order 2026
S.I. 2026/83	The Pension Protection Fund and Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2026
S.I. 2026/87	The Immigration (Electronic Travel Authorisations and the Islands) Regulations 2026
S.I. 2026/89	The Forestry Act 1967 (Consent to Renewable Electricity Development) (England) Regulations 2026
S.I. 2026/104	The Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2026
S.I. 2026/113	The Universal Credit and Employment and Support Allowance (Rates of Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 2026
S.I. 2026/122	The Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) (Amendment and Saving Provision) Regulations 2026

¹ The Committee asked a question on this instrument and a satisfactory response was received. The memorandum is printed at Appendix 1

Instruments not subject to Parliamentary proceedings not laid before Parliament

S.I. Numbers	S.I. Title
S.I. 2024/716	The Procurement Act 2023 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024
S.I. 2024/959	The Procurement Act 2023 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
S.I. 2025/1307	The Sanctions (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Overseas Territories) Order 2025
S.I. 2026/31	The Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 5) Regulations 2026
S.I. 2026/57	The Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2026
S.I. 2026/73	The Electricity and Gas (Standards of Performance) (Suppliers) (Amendment) Regulations 2026
S.I. 2026/80	The Free Zone (Customs Site No. 1 Celtic) Designation Order 2026
S.I. 2026/82	The Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2026
S.I. 2026/98	The Immigration (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order 2026
S.I. 2026/111	The Compulsory Purchase of Land (Prescribed Forms) (Ministers) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Appendix 1: Memorandum from the Department for Education

S.I. 2026/37

The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2026

1. The Committee has asked the Department for Education for a memorandum on the following point(s):

Explain whether it is the policy intention for the list in paragraph 42 of Schedule 2 to not include expenditure on making payments to, or in providing a temporary replacement for, a person on parental bereavement leave.

2. The list in paragraph 42 of Schedule 2 to the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2026 follows the structure used in the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations since 2020, which have not included expenditure relating to parental bereavement leave. The Department maintained this approach for the 2026 Regulations and will review this position as part of the development of the 2027 Regulations.

Department for Education

16 February 2026

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 4 March 2026

Members present

Sir Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Lord Brady of Altrincham

Lord Carter of Haslemere

Baroness Kennedy of Cradley

Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer

Gareth Snell

Lord Stewart of Dirleton KC

Report consideration

Draft Report (Fiftieth Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Annex agreed to.

A paper was appended to the Report as Appendix 1.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fiftieth Report of the Committee to both Houses.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House of Commons and that the Report be made to the House of Lords.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 March at 3.40 p.m.

List of Reports from the Committee during the current Parliament

All publications from the Committee are available on the [publications page](#) of the Committee's website.

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45th	4 Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xlv
44th	No Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xliv
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41st	1 Statutory Instrument Reported	HC 291-xli
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25th	2 Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xxv
24th	2 Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xxiv
23rd	2 Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xxiii
22nd	3 Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xxii
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20th	5 Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xx
19th	No Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xix
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17th	No Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xvii
16th	1 Statutory Instrument Reported	HC 291-xvi
15th	1 Statutory Instrument Reported	HC 291-xv
14th	No Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xiv
13th	8 Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xiii
12th	2 Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-xii

Number	Title	Reference
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10th	2 Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-x
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8th	4 Statutory Instruments Reported	HC 291-viii
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2nd Special	Scrutinising Statutory Instruments: Departmental Returns, October 2024 – September 2025: Government response	HC 1501
1st Special	Scrutinising Statutory Instruments: Departmental Returns, October 2024 – September 2025	HC 1342