



MINUTES

Session 2026-27

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 7th Meeting, held at 10.15am on Wednesday, 15 July

Present: Lord Strathclyde (Chair)
Lord Beith
Lord Bellamy
Lord Bichard
Lord Burnett of Maldon
Lord Griffiths of Burry Port
Baroness Hamwee
Lord Jones of Penybont
Baroness Laing of Elderslie
Lord Murphy of Torfaen
Lord Waldegrave of North Hill.

Advisers in attendance: Professor Roger Masterman (legal adviser)
Professor Stephen Tierney (legal adviser)

1. Apologies and notices

Apologies were received from Lord Cryer.

2. The UK's constitutional safeguards inquiry: oral evidence

At 10.30am the Committee heard evidence from:

- Lord Sedwill, Former Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service

A full transcript was taken.

After the evidence session concluded, the Committee considered a draft call for evidence. It was agreed that a revised call for evidence, taking account of members' comments, would be circulated for agreement by email

3. Legislative scrutiny

The Committee agreed to write a letter in reply to the Government's response on the Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill.

The Committee took note of the Government's response on the Railways Bill.

4. Government response to the Committee's policy letter on the Review of the UK-Overseas Territories Joint Declaration

The Committee considered the draft letter (**CC/26-27/25**) and agreed to send the letter to the Minister.

5. Any other business

The Committee considered its forward work programme (**CC/26-27/26**)

6. Date of next meeting

The Committee would next meet on 2 September 2026 at 10.15am in Committee room tbc.

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