

# Political Affairs Brief

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### UK Parliamentary Questions

#### Equality Act 2010

**Baroness Gould of Potternewton:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their timetable for implementing the Equality Act 2010. [HL502]

**The Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones):** The provisions in the Equality Act will come into force at different times to allow time for the people and organisations affected by the new laws to prepare for them. The first wave of implementation will go ahead to the planned October timetable following the publication of the first commencement order in Parliament this week. This will pave the way for much-needed simplification of discrimination law and the implementation of landmark provisions to protect disabled people from discrimination and to tackle the gender pay gap.

The Government have made clear that a key priority as we support economic recovery is to remove unnecessary burdens on business. By simplifying discrimination law, the Equality Act is an important part of our efforts to deliver on this commitment. The Government are looking at how the rest of the Act can be implemented in the best way for business and will make an announcement in due course.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100708w0001.htm#10070870000371c>

#### Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

**Toby Perkins:** To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport whether he plans to renew the listed places of worship grant scheme on its expiry in 2011. [5880]

**Mr Vaizey:** The Listed Places of Worship (LPW) scheme, which makes grants equivalent to the VAT incurred in making repairs to listed buildings in use as places of worship, is expected to make grants of around £15 million UK-wide in 2010-11. I acknowledge the scheme's significant role in helping to keep our listed ecclesiastical buildings in a good state of repair. A decision on the scheme's future beyond the end of 2010-11 can be made only as part of the 2010 spending review, and will be publicised as soon as is possible.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100708/text/100708w001.htm#10070876000024>

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## Relevant Legislation \*\* New or updated

### UK Parliament

#### **\*\* Academies Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/academieshl.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/013/amend/am013-a.htm>

#### **Daylight Saving Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/daylightsaving.html>

#### **Face Coverings (Regulation) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/facecoveringsregulation.html>

#### **Identity Documents Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/identitydocuments.html>

### Scottish Parliament

#### **End of Life Assistance Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/38-EndLifeAssist/index.htm>

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## Consultations \*\* new or updated

#### **\*\* closes in 4 days**

**Equality Act: obtaining information in potential discrimination and equality of term cases** (closes 13 July 2010)

[http://www.equalities.gov.uk/news/new\\_streamlined\\_procedure\\_for.aspx](http://www.equalities.gov.uk/news/new_streamlined_procedure_for.aspx)

#### **\*\* closes in 6 days**

**Amendments to the Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act 2001** (closes 15 July 2010)

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/cons-2010-pathogens-toxins/consultation-paper2835.pdf?view=Binary>

#### **\*\* closes in 7 days**

**Welsh Assembly Review of Standing Orders** (closes 16 July 2010)

[http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-other-committees/bus-committees-third-bc-home/bus-committees-third-bc-comm/bc3\\_inq\\_so.htm](http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-other-committees/bus-committees-third-bc-home/bus-committees-third-bc-comm/bc3_inq_so.htm)

**Data protection legislative framework** (closes 6 October 2010)

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/dpa-call-evidence-02-07-2010.pdf>

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