



Procurement Reform Newsletter

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Are you ready for the biggest shake up to public procurement in a generation?

Anyone who buys for, or supplies to, the public sector will experience change as the Procurement Bill transitions into reality. We're with you on the journey, with an extensive programme of content, events, training and support to help you mitigate the risks and maximise the opportunities.

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Latest News

Second Draft of the Bill -
An official second draft of the Procurement Bill has now been published and can be accessed [here](#). This version has many updates from the first draft published on 11th May 2022, gaining these changes as it moved through its 1st, 2nd and Committee stages in the House of Lords. The next stage for the Procurement Bill is the Report Stage, where any member of the Lords can take part in the detailed examination, and vote on any amendments.

Large Numbers of Amendments - Day 7 of the Committee Stage (26th October) saw [119 amendments agreed](#) which shows just how busy the passage of the Bill through the House of Lords is, and the degree to which it is being scrutinised.



Other than this fortnightly **Newsletter** we're publishing a range of **Briefings and Blogs**, covering topics such as 'Open Frameworks', 'Changes to the Challenge Process', etc. Please use this link to view these free [resources](#).

Procurement Reform Conferences



Cabinet Office

To engage with expert stakeholders and to join us on this journey, please come along to our March 2023 Procurement Reform Conferences that we're delivering in partnership with the Cabinet Office.

Our fantastic line up of [speakers](#), includes Lindsay Maguire, Head of Engagement for Procurement Reform in the Cabinet Office, who will be delivering up to date information and insight into the progress of procurement reform. Lindsay will be joined by other notable stakeholders and commentators such as Lucy Sydney (Head of Strategic Relationships, Procurement Reform, Cabinet Office) and Joshua Pritchard (Deputy Director, CBI).

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In more than four hours of debate, the Lords discussed a wide variety of aspects, including the proposals to require KPIs for the delivery of contracts, something that the PCR 2015 is silent on. The Lords debate on the benefits of KPIs included comments such as 'what gets measured gets managed' and 'what's monitored gets done'.

The ebbs and flows of the wording of the Procurement Bill will hopefully stop at a place where the balance between the benefits for buyers and suppliers is fair.

New Exclusion Ground - Day 6 of the Committee Stage (24th October) of the Procurement Bill, included the proposal for a new exclusion ground where the Lords stated 'We are taking action in the Bill to introduce a new ground for exclusion, specifically to address situations where a supplier poses a threat to national security. The new exclusion ground allows a contracting authority to reject bids from suppliers that the authority considers pose a threat to the national security of the United Kingdom.' With the elevated levels of uncertainty in the

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world this proposal (if passed)
may take on great
significance.

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