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Procurement Reform Newsletter

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Procurement Bill Progress & Call for Evidence

The Procurement Bill completed its passage through the Lords on 13th December 2022 and entered the House of Commons the following day. The current version of the Bill as brought from the House of Lords can be viewed using this link: [Bill 218 2022-23](#).

The Bill's second reading in the Commons was held on Monday 9 January 2023. Interestingly the House of Commons Public Bill Committee has issued a [call for evidence](#), and as they state the 'sooner you send in your submission, the more time the Committee will have to take it into consideration'.

The Committee will scrutinise the Bill line by line, and their first sitting is expected to be on Tuesday 31 January and the Committee is scheduled to report by Thursday 23 February.

Over the next few newsletters we will explore some of the changes that have already been made and keep you up to date with all new developments.

Procurement Reform Conferences

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).

Please click here to view the [agenda](#) or to [book](#) your place.



Defence Procurement Reform

We've already discussed that contracts currently within the scope of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 will be brought within the scope of the Procurement Bill and its supporting legislation but in addition, the MOD is

reviewing it's "Single Source" legislation.

In 2014 the UK Government created a new framework for single source procurement for defence. Simply put this single source procurement is when contracts are not competed; and the MOD carries out around 40% of its procurement under this regime, a percentage that may increase as the MOD continues the implementation of its [Defence and Security Industrial Strategy](#).

The Procurement Bill will amend Part 2 of the Defence Reform Act (DRA) 2014. Specifically, Clause 113 of the Procurement Bill points to Schedule 10 which amends the DRA 2014.

This will in turn allow specific legislative changes to the single source legislation through statutory instruments.



Procurement Reform Survey

If you've not yet done so, please take a few minutes to complete our procurement reform survey to help us to understand what the public procurement reforms mean for you: <https://iserve.ingenium-ids.org/sa/g9lciml178/0>

In early 2021 we conducted a survey to gather feedback on the procurement reforms proposed in the UK Government's [Transforming Public Procurement](#) Green Paper.

At that point only around a third of respondents had heard of the Green Paper which is the basis for the procurement reform legislation currently making its way through the House of Lords.

Procurement Reform Resources

Other than this fortnightly **Newsletter** we're publishing a range of **Briefings and**

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