



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.

Online Supplier Events

We have a programme of **Online Supplier Events** that focus on the impacts for suppliers ahead of the changes coming into force. They will deliver actionable insights and allow for effective preparation, helping to mitigate the risks and increase the opportunities that will come with the reforms. Our speakers include key stakeholders from the Cabinet Office, CBI and Places for People who will provide complementary perspectives on the challenges and opportunities ahead.

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 its '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 Resources

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', and many more. Please use this link to view these free [resources](#).

Procurement Reform Consultancy Packages

We also have a range of Procurement Reform Consultancy Packages to enable you

to manage the transition successfully. Please use this link for more information on our [Supplier Support Packages](#).

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