



# Diana Johnson MP Parliamentary Report

November 2009 Queen's Speech Extra

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## Queen's Speech maps out next steps in Building Britain's Future

18 November saw the 2009/10 Queen's Speech setting out new laws that the Government will bring forward in the months up to the General Election. Below is a full summary of the proposed Bills.

**The Flood and Water Management Bill** implements the Pitt Review and will help protect people from flooding and introduce fairer charging for water bills for churches and community groups.

**The Crime and Security Bill** will protect communities by ensuring that parents take responsibility for their children's anti-social behaviour and by tackling youth gang crime. The Bill will stamp out unfair practices by private wheel-clampers. This follows my campaign on clamping earlier this year.

**The Children, Schools and Family Bill** will introduce guarantees for pupils and parents to raise educational standards.

**The Agency Worker Regulations** will follow a joint declaration signed by the CBI and TUC agreeing to a twelve week qualifying period for agency workers to be given equal treatment with permanent staff.



**The Child Poverty Bill** will enshrine in law Labour's ambitious pledge to abolish child poverty by 2020.

**The Cluster Munitions Bill** will put into law the new arms control agreement banning the use, production and transfer of cluster munitions.

**The Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill** will help restore public confidence in the political system.

**The Energy Bill** will provide support for energy consumers, giving a greater amount of help to the poorest and most vulnerable, as well as introducing a new financial incentive for carbon capture and storage.

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**The Equality Bill** will make Britain a fairer place where people have the opportunity to make the most of their abilities whatever their race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or family background.

**The Digital Economy Bill** will ensure a competitive digital communication infrastructure, protect intellectual property, and maintain plurality in regional news. It also will ensure the UK is at the leading edge of the global digital and creative economy.

**The Financial Services Bill** will give consumers more protection and introduce tougher regulation of banks and their risky practices to protect the taxpayer.

**The Fiscal Responsibility Bill** will enshrine in legislation the plan to secure the recovery and then take the steps necessary to keep the public finances on a sustainable footing.

**The Bribery Bill** will develop a comprehensive UK strategy for tackling foreign bribery, which will strengthen our work with international partners, establishing a clear legal framework.

**The Northern Ireland Assembly Members Bill** will permit the NI Assembly to delegate powers in relation to the setting of Members' salaries and expenses.

**The Personal Care at Home Bill** will make it possible for those with the highest care needs to receive free personal care in their own homes.

**Draft Bills**

**The House of Lords Reform Bill** proposes to complete the reform of the House of Lords and replace it with an elected second chamber.

**The International Development Spending Bill** will make binding the Government's commitment to spend 0.7 per cent of gross national income on development assistance from 2013.

**The Third Parties (Rights against Insurers) Bill** will simplify the procedure for a person who has suffered an injury or loss, caused by an insolvent person, but who is likely only to be able to get compensation through the wrongdoer's insurer.

For more detailed information on the 2009 Queen's Speech, see [www.number10.gov.uk/](http://www.number10.gov.uk/)

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