

House of Commons inquiries

Select Committees in the House of Commons have not yet been re-established following the General Election in December 2020, and each new Committee will decide whether it wishes to restart inquiries that were begun under the last Parliament. Information [here](#) about the establishment and composition of Committees.

An overview of the 40 years of departmental Select Committees anniversary in 2019 [here](#).

Public consultations

[Consultation on harassment and sexual misconduct in higher education](#) (Office for Students)

Bills

Bills in the last Parliament fell when Parliament was dissolved for the election and will need to be reintroduced. The [Queen's Speech](#) on 19 December 2020 set out the Government's intention for legislation in this Parliamentary session.

[Abortion Bill](#) (Private Members Bill HL)

[Divorce, Dissolution and Separate Bill](#) (Government Bill HL)

[Modern Slavery \(Victim Support\) Bill](#) (Private Members Bill HL)

[Online Harms Reduction Regulator \(Report\) Bill](#) (Private Members Bill HL)

[Prisoners \(Disclosure of Information About Victims\) Bill](#) (Government Bill HC)

[Refugees \(Family Reunion\) Bill](#) (Private Members Bill HL)

All Party Parliamentary Groups

All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) are informal cross-party groups run by and for Members of the Commons and Lords. All APPGs must apply for inclusion on the Register of APPGs. More info on the APPG webpage [here](#).

What's coming up in 2020?

Spring

Young people, pornography and Age-verification research, BBFC (Jan)

[Spending Review](#) (March)

[Survey on sexual harassment](#), publication of research on the [effect of gender norms on men and boys](#) and on pornography, Government Equalities Office

Modern Families Index, [Working Families](#)

Report on financial decision-making, Fawcett

International Women's Day (8 March)

[International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#), consideration of UK by UN Human Rights Committee (shadow reports on women's rights) See EHRC [human rights tracker](#)

[Commission on Status of Women](#) focusing on [Beijing+25](#) (9-20 March). See also [Generation Equality Forum](#)

[Gender Pay Gap reporting](#) (March-April)

Anniversary of Shared Parental Leave (April)

[Abusive and Offensive Online Communications consultation](#), [Hate crime consultation](#), Law Commission. Government response to [Online Harms White Paper](#)

Bringing Baby Home: fathers in the postnatal period in the UK, [Fatherhood Institute](#)

Funding for women's centres, [Women's Budget Group](#) & [Women in Prison](#)

Economic issues for migrant women, [Women's Budget Group](#)

Summer

Girls' Attitudes Survey, [Girlguiding UK](#)

NICE consultation on [postnatal care](#)

Autumn/Winter

NICE consultation on [Antenatal care for uncomplicated pregnancies](#)

Reporting of the [Commission on a Gender-Equal Economy](#), WBG

Look ahead to 2021...Report and draft bill on [surrogacy](#), Law Comm

UK GENDER EQUALITY POLICY MAP

January 2020

Recently out:

[Global Gender Gap Report 2020](#) (World Economic Forum),
[Gender Equality Index 2019](#) (European Institute for Gender Equality)
[2019 rape inspection](#) (HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate)
[A sense of safety: Trauma-informed approaches for women and girls](#) (Agenda and Centre for Mental Health), [Rethinking the harms of rape](#) (Dr Fiona Vera-Gray)
[On Gender](#) (University of Manchester)
[Making Devolution Work for Women: Including Women's Voices](#), Fawcett Society, [The effects of female leadership on women's voice in political debate](#) (Jack Blumenau),
[Proxy voting in divisions in the House](#) (House of Commons Library)
[Are the Equality Act 2010 and CEDAW working for the women's voluntary & community sector in England?](#) (Women's Resource Centre)
[A Vicious Circle: The relationship between NHS Charges for Maternity Care, Destitution, and Violence Against Women and Girls](#) (Maternity Action)
[Gender-transformative programmes: implications for research and action](#) and [2020: a critical year for women, gender equity and health](#) (The Lancet)
[The female problem: how male bias in medical trials ruined women's health](#), Gabrielle Jackson, [Hundreds of vulnerable patients sexually assaulted on NHS wards, data reveals](#) (Independent)
[Guidance for employers on tackling sexual harassment in the workplace](#) (EHRC)
[Failing Victims, Fuelling Hate](#) (Institute for Race Relations blog on 'grooming gangs'), [Birmingham Islamic school 'segregated' boys and girls](#) (BBC item on Ofsted report)
[Held back: Single parents and in-work progression in London](#), Gingerbread
[Employment – National: Key Economic Indicators](#) (HoC Library)
[The State of Girls' Rights in the UK 2019-2020](#) (Plan UK)

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[Stalking Protection Orders: Statutory guidance for the police](#) (Home Office)
[Poor sexual health more common in British women than men](#) (University of Glasgow)
[Inquiry report finds gaps in UK legal system are allowing known offenders to sexually abuse children abroad](#) (Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse)
[Sex and Power 2020](#) (Fawcett)
[Will this be the Parliament to enact a domestic abuse bill?](#) (House of Commons library)
[The Domestic Abuse Report 2020](#) (Women's Aid)
[UK charity deals with record number of reports of online child sexual abuse material](#) (Internet Watch Foundation)
[Child Sexual Abuse in England and Wales: Year ending March 2019](#) (ONS)

Civil society initiatives

[Equal Power](#) coalition on women's representation in politics (Centenary Action Group, Citizens UK, 50:50 Parliament, Muslim Women's Network UK, Fawcett, The Parliament Project)
[Four nation approach to tackling workplace sexual harassment](#) (Chwarae Teg, Close the Gap, Fawcett Society, WRDA)

Other interesting stuff:

[Parliamentary research briefings](#) including House of Commons Library, House of Lords Library and Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) and POST's '[how to guides](#)' with links to other handy resources
Online resource on [Tackling violence against women](#) (Centre for Women, Peace and Security, LSE)
[Citizens Assembly on Gender Equality](#) (Ireland)
[2019: \(not\) the end of an era](#) (Professor Deborah Cameron's blog on language and feminism)

And...take Parliament's [Virtual Tour](#) of Women and Parliament.