



## Response to Scrutiny Committee recommendations-implementations

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Title	<b>Community Safety Implications Arising from the 2015 Queens Speech</b>
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**The Queen's Speech contains 26 Bills. Those most pertinent to community safety are summarised below**

### **IMMIGRATION BILL**

The Immigration Bill is designed to support working people, clamp down on illegal immigration and protect public services. It will include a new offence of illegal working - with the police being given powers to seize the wages paid to illegal workers as the 'proceeds of crime'.

There are proposals to deal with unscrupulous landlords and to evict illegal immigrants more quickly and all foreign criminals awaiting deportation will be fitted with satellite tracking tags.

It will also become an offence for businesses and recruitment agencies to hire abroad without first advertising in the UK and a new enforcement agency will be set up to tackle what the Prime Minister called the 'worst cases of exploitation'.

### **CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVOLUTION BILL**

The Bill will pave the way for powers over housing, transport, planning and policing to be devolved to English cities as part of the Government's plans for 'a balanced economic recovery'. Cities will be able to have elected mayors.

### **PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE BILL**

Legislation will be introducing a blanket ban on 'legal highs'. The move is to 'protect UK citizens from the risks posed by untested, unknown and potentially harmful drugs'. It would be an offence to produce, supply, offer to supply, possess, import or export psychoactive substances. This Bill will support the local Public Space Protection Order.

## **INVESTIGATORY POWERS BILL**

New legislation will be introduced to modernise the law on communications data. The Bill will revive plans to give intelligence agencies new tools to target communications data. The Government says it will equip the police intelligence agencies with the tools to keep people safe.

## **POLICING AND JUSTICE BILL**

The Government is promising to 'improve the law' to make communities safer and to build confidence and improve efficiency in the criminal justice system. It includes plans to reform pre-charge bail in England and Wales - with an initial 28-day limit and to ban the use of police cells for the emergency detention of mentally ill people under the Mental Health Act. There are also proposals to reform the Police Federation in England and Wales and plans to extend police-led prosecutions and overhaul the complaints system. There will also be measures to improve child protection.

## **DRAFT PUBLIC SERVICE OMBUDSMEN BILL**

It is proposed to reform and modernise the Public Service Ombudsman sector to provide ' a more effective and accessible final tier of complaints redress within the public sector. It will absorb the functions of the Parliamentary Ombudsman, the Health Ombudsman and the Local Government Ombudsman and potentially the Housing Ombudsman.

## **Modern Slavery Act 2015**

This act will give law enforcement tools to tackle modern slavery, ensure perpetrators can receive suitably severe punishments for these appalling crimes and enhance support and protect victims.