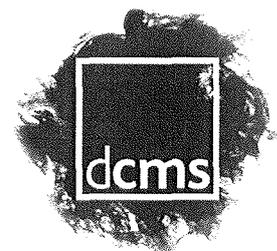


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To All MPs

16 March 2011

Dear Colleague,

LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPIC GAMES (AMENDMENT) BILL

We are today introducing in the House of Commons a short Bill to make some technical amendments to the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006.

The Bill will amend the advertising and trading, ticket touting and traffic management provisions of the 2006 Act. A summary of the Bill's provisions is attached. These amendments do not make any significant changes to policy. Rather, they seek to ensure that the original intentions behind the 2006 Act can be properly and effectively implemented and that we, the Olympic Delivery Authority, the police and the relevant traffic authorities are able to deliver the commitments we have made to the IOC and make the Olympic and Paralympic Games a success. They arise from work which has been carried out since the 2006 Act was passed and which has identified areas where the powers in the Act are insufficient or do not achieve the intended effect.

My officials and officials at the Olympic Delivery Authority have briefed key external stakeholders and so far no specific concerns have been raised about any of the provisions in the Bill.

I would be happy to host a meeting in the House to discuss the Bill, if there is sufficient interest. Please let me know if you would like me to do this.

Alternatively, my officials would be happy to discuss the Bill with you. Please contact the Bill Manager, Jo Trapp, on 020 7211 6096.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hugh Robertson'.

HUGH ROBERTSON MP
Minister for Sport and the Olympics

London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (Amendment) Bill

Summary of provisions

- Provide for the Olympic Delivery Authority ("ODA"), instead of the police, to deal with articles seized in connection with a contravention of the advertising and trading regulations and set out the detailed rules with which the ODA must comply in dealing with seized articles.
- Change the type of Parliamentary scrutiny and public notice rules to which the second (and subsequent) sets of advertising and trading regulations made under the 2006 Act are subject.
- Increase the maximum penalty for illegal touting of Olympics tickets from £5,000 to £20,000.
- Enable the ODA (on the Olympic Route Network (ORN) only) and traffic authorities to make temporary Traffic Regulation Orders purely for traffic management reasons and for Games purposes only; and enable traffic authorities to make temporary notices for immediate changes during Games time.
- Provide local traffic authorities with powers for the civil enforcement of moving traffic contraventions set out in Traffic Regulation Orders made for Olympics purposes.
- Clarify the ability of traffic authorities to use special event traffic powers for Olympics purposes.

- Enable the ODA to set the penalty charge levels for moving traffic contraventions of Traffic Regulation Orders made for Olympics purposes and subject to civil enforcement, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, as already provided by the 2006 Act for parking contraventions.

Devolution Issues

Scotland

The advertising and trading and ticket touting provisions will apply to Scotland, and we intend to seek a Legislative Consent Motion from the Scottish Parliament following the May elections.

Wales

The Bill does not make provision in respect of any matters which are devolved to Wales, and a Legislative Consent Motion from the Welsh Assembly is therefore not required. However, the Bill will alter the procedure by which Welsh Ministers can make advertising and trading regulations for Wales. The First Minister of the Welsh Assembly Government has consented to this provision.

Northern Ireland

The ticket touting provision will apply to Northern Ireland, and we will seek a Legislative Consent Motion from the Northern Ireland Assembly following the May elections.

The advertising and trading provisions in the 2006 Act extend to Northern Ireland, but as it has since been determined that there will be no Games venue in Northern Ireland we do not intend to implement the Bill's amending provisions in respect of Northern Ireland. Therefore a Legislative Consent Motion for these provisions is not required.