

**Vol. 778
No. 10**



**Friday
9 December 2016**

**PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES
(HANSARD)**

HOUSE OF LORDS

WRITTEN ANSWERS

Written Answers.....1

[I] indicates that the member concerned has a relevant registered interest. The full register of interests can be found at <http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/standards-and-interests/register-of-lords-interests/>

Members who want a printed copy of Written Answers and Written Statements should notify the Printed Paper Office.

This printed edition is a reproduction of the original text of Answers and Statements, which can be found on the internet at <http://www.parliament.uk/writtenanswers/>.

Ministers and others who make Statements or answer Questions are referred to only by name, not their ministerial or other title. The current list of ministerial and other responsibilities is as follows.

<i>Minister</i>	<i>Responsibilities</i>
Baroness Evans of Bowes Park	Leader of the House of Lords and Lord Privy Seal
Earl Howe	Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Deputy Leader of the House of Lords
Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Transport
Baroness Anelay of St Johns	Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Lord Ashton of Hyde	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Whip
Lord Bates	Minister of State, Department for International Development
Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government, Wales Office
Lord Bridges of Headley	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Exiting the European Union
Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen	Whip
Earl of Courtown	Deputy Chief Whip
Lord Dunlop	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Scotland Office and Northern Ireland Office
Lord Freud	Minister of State, Department for Work and Pensions
Lord Gardiner of Kimble	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Baroness Goldie	Whip
Lord Henley	Whip
Lord Keen of Elie	Advocate-General for Scotland and Ministry of Justice Spokesperson
Lord Nash	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Education
Baroness Mobarik	Whip
Baroness Neville-Rolfe	Minister of State, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Lord Price	Minister of State, Department for International Trade
Lord Prior of Brampton	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health
Baroness Shields	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office and Department for Culture Media and Sport
Lord Taylor of Holbeach	Chief Whip
Baroness Williams of Trafford	Minister of State, Home Office
Lord Young of Cookham	Whip
Viscount Younger of Leckie	Whip

© Parliamentary Copyright House of Lords 2016

This publication may be reproduced under the terms of the Open Parliament licence,
which is published at www.parliament.uk/site-information/copyright/

Written Answers

Friday, 9 December 2016

Grammar Schools

Asked by Lord Watson of Invergowrie

To ask Her Majesty's Government upon what basis the figure of £60 million each year for the expansion of grammar schools over the remainder of this Parliament was decided; who was consulted; and what calculations were made. [[HL3726](#)]

Lord Nash: On September 12th the Secretary of State announced that we are consulting on a range of policy proposals aimed at increasing the number of good and outstanding school places.

As part of this, we proposed to make dedicated funding, of up to £50m a year, to support the expansion of existing selective schools to provide additional good quality selective places. This funding was confirmed at the Autumn Statement. In addition, Barnett Consequentials of £10m per year will be paid to the Devolved Administrations in the normal way.

The Department has considered a range of sources in arriving at this commitment, including the average costs of building under existing DfE programmes and bids to the Condition Improvement Fund.

Final proposals for the operation of the fund will be set out once we have considered responses to the current consultation.

Asked by Lord Watson of Invergowrie

To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the announcement in the Autumn Statement that funding would be made available for the expansion of grammar schools, whether new legislation will be introduced to Parliament to achieve this. [[HL3727](#)]

Lord Nash: The Department announced its intention to make up to £50m dedicated funding available each year to support the expansion of existing grammar schools in the consultation 'Schools that work for everyone', which was launched on 12 September. Current legislation permits all categories of schools, including grammar schools, to expand so legislation is not required to implement this proposal.

Asked by Lord Watson of Invergowrie

To ask Her Majesty's Government how the money in the Autumn Statement for the expansion of grammar schools will be allocated; what variables will be used to make the decision; and what assessment criteria are in place to ensure that the funding is being used appropriately. [[HL3728](#)]

Lord Nash: The intention to make up to £50m dedicated funding available each year to support the expansion of existing grammar schools is one of a range of proposals included in the consultation 'Schools that work for everyone', which was launched on 12 September. We will announce further details of our policy proposals once we have had the opportunity to consider the consultation outcomes.

Police: Counter-terrorism

Asked by Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb

To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 24 November (HL3373), what procedures exist for challenging and correcting Prevent practitioners who include participation in anti-fracking groups within their training materials. [[HL3756](#)]

Baroness Williams of Trafford: Prevent is about safeguarding vulnerable people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Prevent training is kept under continued review, and feedback is provided to ensure training materials address the risk of terrorism.

Index to Answers

Written Answers.....1

Grammar Schools 1

Police: Counter-terrorism 1