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1 Introduction

The UK Parliament was dissolved on Monday 11 April ahead of the General Election to be held on 5 May 2005. A number of Bills in the UK Government's legislative programme for the 2004-05 session failed to receive Royal Assent before the dissolution of Parliament.

This paper includes details, including the outcome, of those Bills that had been formally remitted to the Assembly's Subject Committees, and other Bills of possible interest to Committees.

It also includes a complete list of Public Bills in the 2004-05 session, indicating their success or failure.

Table 1: Bills remitted to Subject Committees

Bill	Outcome	Subject Committee to which Bill was remitted	Notes
National Lottery Bill	Bill dropped Latest Parliamentary stage reached: First reading 25/11/04	Culture, Welsh Language and Sport <i>No formal consideration given</i>	The Bill simplifies the system of applying for lottery grants and gives the public more input into how money is distributed. It formalises the merger of the two National Lottery distribution bodies - the Community Fund and New Opportunities Fund - into the Big Lottery Fund.
Railways Bill	Royal Assent 07/04/05 <i>Railways Act 2005 (Ch.14)</i>	Economic Development and Transport <i>13/01/05 Considered at meeting</i> <i>31/01/05 Committee's report on the Bill published</i>	Implements proposals set out in the White Paper, The Future of Rail, presented to Parliament in July 2004. Includes a number of provisions for Wales, e.g. it allows the Assembly to provide financial assistance to any organisation to develop Welsh railways; and the ability to designate new services as experimental for a period of up to five years.
Transport (Wales) Bill	Bill dropped <i>Latest Parliamentary stage reached: First reading 15/12/04</i>	Economic Development and Transport committee <i>13/01/05 Considered at meeting</i> <i>31/01/05 Committee's report on the Bill published</i>	Gives the Assembly new powers over Local Authorities in relation to Local Transport Plans and in setting up Joint Transport Authorities.

Education Bill [HL]	Royal Assent 07/04/05 <i>Education Act 2005</i> (Ch.18)	Education and Lifelong Learning Committee 19/01/05 Considered at meeting March 05 Committee's report on the Bill laid	The Bill aims to help schools to raise standards with clearer priorities and fewer bureaucratic burdens. It takes forward a number of policy developments that were set out in the DfES Five-year Strategy for Children and Learners. The Bill contains provisions relating both to England and Wales, as well as Wales-only and England-only provisions. In many of the cases where provisions relate to England and Wales, the Assembly will decide how, when and whether they are implemented in Wales.
Animal Welfare Bill	Not introduced	Environment, Planning and Countryside 12/01/05 & 02/02/05 Draft Bill considered at meeting (Bill not published)	Regulation and enforcement powers in relation to companion animals (pets, etc.) will be the responsibility of local authorities.
Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill	Royal Assent 07/04/05 <i>Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005</i> (Ch.16)	Environment, Planning and Countryside 12/01/05 Considered at meeting 31/01/05 Committee's report on the Bill published	Regulation and enforcement powers to go to local authorities and community councils. Crosscutting issues relating to crime and anti-social behaviour.
Disability Discrimination Bill [HL]	Royal Assent 07/04/05 <i>Disability Discrimination Act 2005</i> (Ch.13)	Equality of Opportunity 17/03/05 Considered at meeting April 05 Committee's report on the Bill to be laid	Strengthens and broadens the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

**Public Services
Ombudsman (Wales)
Bill [HL]**

Royal Assent 07/04/05
*Public Services
Ombudsman (Wales)
Act 2005 (Ch.10)*

Local Government and Public
Services
*13/01/05 & 17/01/05 Considered
jointly with the House of Commons
Welsh Affairs Committee
February 05 Local Government and
Public Services Committee's report
on the Bill published
21/02/05 Welsh Affairs Committee's
report on the Bill published*

Merges office of Health
Commissioner for Wales with other
Ombudsmen services to create a
single Public Services Wales
Ombudsman. Ombudsman can
investigate complaints against 'listed
authorities' in the Bill including
ASPBs, and health bodies.

Equality Bill

Bill dropped
*Latest Parliamentary
stage reached: Second
reading 05/04/05*

Social Justice and Regeneration &
Equality of Opportunity
No formal consideration given

Would aim to combat discrimination
in the provision of goods and services
on the grounds of religion, as well as
race, sex and disability and establish
a single Commission for Equality and
Human Rights. May have implications
in relation to the National Assembly
for Wales' existing statutory duty to
promote equality.

Table 2: Other Bills of possible interest to Committees

Bill	Outcome	Notes
Charities Bill [HL]	Bill dropped <i>Latest Parliamentary stage reached: Committee stages February & March 05</i>	The Bill would modernise the law governing the voluntary sector, with a new definition of charitable work. It includes provision for the Secretary of State for Wales to appoint the Charity Commissioner for Wales.
European Union Bill	Bill dropped <i>Latest Parliamentary stage reached: Second reading 09/02/05</i>	The Bill would pave the way for a referendum on the new European Union constitution, expected to be held in early 2006. It includes provision for the referendum question on the EU constitution to be asked in Welsh in Welsh polling stations.
Identity Cards Bill	Bill dropped <i>Latest Parliamentary stage reached: Passed through Commons, Lords second reading 21/03/05</i>	The Bill would introduce compulsory identity cards to tackle terrorism, asylum abuses and identity fraud. It would allow the Assembly to decide whether the card should be a requirement for using devolved public services.
Inquiries Bill [HL]	Royal Assent 07/04/05 <i>Inquiries Act 2005 (Ch.12)</i>	The Bill would modernise the system for holding public inquiries, with the aim of making the reviews quicker and fairer for witnesses. It would give the Assembly power to set up inquiries into devolved issues and to hold joint inquiries.
Road Safety Bill	Bill dropped <i>Latest Parliamentary stage reached: Passed through Commons, Lords first reading 09/03/05</i>	Police would be given new powers to tackle drink driving and uninsured drivers. It would give the Assembly powers re: funding road safety projects and running re-training courses. It would amend the Assembly's existing powers re: Drink Driving Rehabilitation Scheme.

School Transport Bill

Bill dropped
*Latest Parliamentary
stage reached: Passed
through Commons,
Lords Committee stages
March 05*

Carried over from the last session, the Bill would allow local authorities to "provide innovative and safe school transport". It would give the Assembly powers to make some regulations and orders relating to Wales.

4 Complete list of Public Bills in 2004-05 session, indicating outcome

G Government Bills

C Consolidation Bills

B Private Members' Bills (under the ballot procedure). The number after refers to position in ballot

P Private Members' Bills (under SO No 57)

T Private Members' Bills (under the Ten Minute Rule, SO No 23)

L Private Members' Bills starting in the House of Lords

(For ease of reference, Government Bills are highlighted **bold**. Successful Bills are also underlined).

Air Traffic Emissions Reduction Bill (P): Bill dropped

Annual Leave Entitlement (Enforcement) (T): Bill dropped

Anti-Social Behaviour Bill (P): Bill dropped

Appropriation Bill (G): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Armed Forces (Parliamentary Approval for Participation in Armed Conflict Bill (B12): Bill dropped

Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill [HL] (L): Bill dropped

Audible Motor Vehicle Alarms Bill (P): Bill dropped

Banking Practices (Protection of the Elderly) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [HL] (L): Bill dropped

Bus Services (Quality Contracts Schemes) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Buses (Concessionary Fares) Bill (P): Bill dropped

Charities Bill [HL] (G): Bill dropped

Child Benefit Bill (G): Royal Assent 24/03/05

Children's Food Bill (P): Bill dropped

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill (G): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Climate Change Bill (P): Bill dropped

Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Bill (G): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Computer Misuse Act 1990 (Amendment) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Consolidated Fund Bill (G): Royal Assent 16/12/04

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill (G): Royal Assent 17/03/05

Constitutional Reform Bill [HL] (G) (introduced in session 2003-04 and carried over to 2004-05): Royal Assent 24/03/05

Consumer Credit Bill (G): Bill dropped

Control of Identification Documents (Offences) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Council Tax Benefit (Entitlement Information) Bill (B14): Bill dropped

Criminal Defence Service Bill (G): Bill dropped

Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill (P): Bill dropped

Criminal Law (Amendment) (Householder Protection) Bill (B1): Bill dropped

Crossrail Bill (G): To be carried over

Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill (P): Bill dropped

Cystic Fibrosis (Exemption from Prescription Charges) Bill (P): Bill dropped

Disability Discrimination Bill [HL] (G): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Drugs Bill (G): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Drugs (Sentencing and Commission of Inquiry) Bill (B2): Bill dropped

Education Bill [HL] (G): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Electoral Registration (Northern Ireland) Bill [HL] (G): Royal Assent 24/02/05

Electricity (Microgeneration) Bill (P): Bill dropped

Employment Tribunals (Representation and Assistance in Discrimination Proceedings) Bill (B9): Bill dropped

Energy Markets Bill (P): Bill dropped

Equal Enforcement of the Law Bill (T): Bill dropped

Equality Bill (G): Bill dropped

Estate Agents (Independent Redress Scheme) Bill (B19): Bill dropped

European Union Bill (G): Bill dropped

Finance Bill (G): Bill withdrawn

Finance (No. 2) Bill (G): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Fisheries Jurisdiction Bill (P): Bill dropped

Gambling Bill (G) (introduced in session 2003-04 and carried over to session 2004-05): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Health and Safety (Directors' Duties) Bill (B3): Bill dropped

Human Tissue Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill (B13): Bill dropped

Humber Bridge Bill (B15): Bill dropped

Identity Cards Bill (G): Bill dropped

Immigration Control (Balanced Migration) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Bill (G): Royal Assent 24/03/05

Inquiries Bill [HL] (G): Royal Assent 07/04/05

International Organisations Bill [HL] (G): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Local Services and Facilities Bill (B16): Bill dropped

Management of Offenders and Sentencing Bill [HL] (G): Bill dropped

Mental Capacity Bill (G) (introduced in session 2003-04 and carried over to session 2004-05): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Mobile Telephones (Re-Programming) Bill (B6): Bill dropped

National Lottery Bill (G): Bill dropped

Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [HL] (L): Bill dropped

Pharmaceutical Labelling (Warning of Cognitive Function Impairment) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Prevention of Terrorism Bill (G): Royal Assent 11/03/05

Prevention of Terrorism (No. 2) Bill (P): Bill dropped

Private Parking Enforcement (Regulation) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Proceeds of Crime (Compensation of Prosecution Costs) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Procurement of Innovative Technologies and Research Bill (P): Bill dropped

Public Service (Bank Holiday) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill [HL] (G): Royal Assent 07/06/05

Railways Bill (G): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Registration of Cancer Bill [HL] (L): Bill dropped

Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Regulation of Laser Eye Surgery Bill (T): Bill dropped

Renewable Energy Bill [HL] (L): Bill dropped

Renewable Heat Bill (B8): Bill dropped

Right of Reply and Press Standards Bill (B20): Bill dropped

Road Safety Bill (G): Bill dropped

Road Safety (Pillion Passengers) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Royal Marriages (Freedom of Religion) Bill (T): Bill dropped

School Meals and Nutrition Bill (B18): Bill dropped

School Transport Bill (G) (introduced in session 2003-04 and carried over to session 2004-05): Bill dropped

Second Chamber of Parliament Bill (P): Bill dropped

Serious Organised Crime and Police Bill (G): Royal Assent 07/04/05

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill (B7): Bill dropped

Small Renewable Energy Developments (Permitted Development) Bill (P): Bill dropped

Small Shops (Protection) Bill (T): Bill dropped

Smoking in Public Places (Wales) Bill (B4): Bill dropped

Stamp Duty (Lower Rate for Energy Efficiency Measures) Bill (B5): Bill dropped

Succession to the Crown Bill [HL] (L): Bill withdrawn

Succession to the Crown (No. 2) Bill (B17): Bill dropped

Succession to the Crown and Retirement of the Sovereign Bill (T): Bill negatived

Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill (B11): Bill dropped

Traffic Wardens and Parking Attendants Bill [HL] (L): Bill dropped

Transport (Wales) Bill (G): Bill dropped

Trespassers on land (Liability for Damage and Eviction) Bill (B10): Bill dropped

Video Games Bill (P): Bill dropped

Youth Disorder and Engagement Bill (T): Bill dropped

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