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sexual predation the committee welcomes the government commissioned report by dr tanya byron on the risks posed by the internet to children and agrees that a uk council for child internet safety should be established sites which host user generated content typically photos and videos uploaded by members of the public have taken some steps to set minimum standards for that content the committee recommends that proactive review of content should be standard practice for such sites and calls for provision of high profile facilities for reporting abuse or unwelcome behaviour directly to law enforcement and support organisations there is a distinct issue about labelling of video games to indicate the nature of their content two systems currently exist side by side the industry awards its own ratings and the british board of film classification awards classifications to a small number of games which feature content unsuitable for children the dual system is confusing and bbfc should have responsibility for rating games with content appropriate for adults or teenagers england is a litter ridden country compared to most of europe north america and japan levels of litter in england have hardly improved in the past 12 years and the best estimates are that litter costs the taxpayer between 717 and 850 million a year to clear up change is needed there has been a 20 increase in fast food litter in the last year the government should bring forward legislation requiring all shops restaurants and retail food outlets to keep the perimeters of their premises free from litter responsible businesses are already doing this in addition the fast food industry should introduce on pack information on all branded take away and fast food packaging to remind consumers to dispose of litter responsibly the most frequently littered items are chewing gum and smokers materials chewing gum and staining are difficult and costly to remove this was a matter of considerable concern upon which the committee deliberated at length levels of fly tipping increased by 20 in the last year there were 852 000 reported incidents but only 2 000 convictions in the courts the government should introduce a fixed penalty notice for fly tipping for household items the bulk of the incidents and the industry must introduce a scheme to take away unwanted household appliances and furniture when replacements are delivered in the end it is individuals who litter and fly tip their unwanted goods and it is this behaviour which needs to change the committee support a variety of behaviour changing activities and campaigns to prevent littering this book presents the concept of regulatory crisis reframing practical and theoretical questions about how disasters and crises challenge regulators and regulation the balance of power between central and local government matters because it affects the responsibility and accountability for delivery of services and improvements to local people and communities democracy is strengthened where local people understand what local government is responsible for in terms of both policy and resources where they can hold to account local government for its performance and where crucially they believe that local government can make a real difference local authorities should have the freedom to shape the development of their communities and the scope to unlock the full potential of local innovation yet the predominant trend particularly since the second world war has been for central government to increase its powers and responsibilities at the expense of local government this report looks at the current role of local government assessing where it could be more proactive in making best use of existing

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premiership of margaret thatcher this period witnessed major transformations in international and domestic politics with defence emerging from its traditional postwar position of relative insignificance to become one of the key issues at the 1983 and 1987 general elections dorman provides a new understanding of policymaking by analysing defence policy in terms of three constituent parts declaratory policy military strategy and procurement policy the committee s proposal of the introduction of an hour long debating slot in westminster hall in place of one of the current half hour slots is intended to provide a further timing option when applying for a debate and enable the participation of a larger number of members the committee also recommends that the monday e petition debates and thursday select committee and backbench business sittings be swapped to avoid the current clash of backbench business on a thursday between the main chamber and westminster hall the trial of allocation of one 90 minute debate slot by the backbench business committee has come to an end the committee has also recommended the end of the use of adjournment motions and their replacement with general debate motions this change which mirrors the change already made for equivalent debates in the main chamber is designed to aid public understanding of house procedures finally the committee has proposed some technical changes that the chairman of ways and means have overall responsibility for all sittings in westminster hall that the chair have the power to suspend a sitting and report disorderly conduct to the house and that unused provisions of the standing order governing business in westminster hall be repealed concrete progress deals with the technology that made concrete the most widely used building material in the world in the course of the past hundred years and the most indispensable for the global socio economic development in the new millennium it offers an insight into many people s dedicated exploratory concrete research and into strategic planning and management of research and its transfer to engineering practice this book is introduced by retrospectively highlighting the international history of concrete technology and uses in 1966 the uk concluded an agreement with the united states giving it permission to use the british indian ocean territory including the island of diego garcia for defence purposes for an initial period of 50 years unless the uk or the us takes steps to terminate the agreement it will automatically be extended in 2016 for a further twenty years the disclosure in 2008 that the us had contrary to previous statements by the fco used facilities at diego garcia in the course of rendition the practice of sending a foreign criminal or terrorist suspect covertly to be interrogated in a country with less rigorous regulations for the humane treatment of prisoners since 2001 dented public confidence in the uk s ability to exercise control over its sovereign territory if the uk allows the 1966 agreement to be extended beyond 2016 the text should be revised it should specify that any extraordinary use of the us base or facilities requires prior approval from the uk government and it should state explicitly that the british indian ocean territory should not be used for rendition unless authority has first been granted by the uk government on a case by case basis

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HC 287 - Government Motoring Agencies - the User Perspective 2014-10-07 baa limited owns and operates seven uk airports heathrow gatwick stansted southampton glasgow edinburgh and aberdeen they handle nearly 150 million passengers a year and are a vital part of the country s transport infrastructure in the light of the office of fair trading s referral of baa to the competition commission to investigate whether baa s market position was limiting competition in the uk aviation sector the committee set up its own inquiry it particularly wanted to consider the regulatory framework the quality of service provided the size and quality of investment any consequences following the acquisition of baa by ferrovial the implications of further runway and terminal capacity how more competition could be introduced into the market the committee concludes that the drawbacks of common ownership outweigh the advantages and identifies a problem with service quality it believes that increased competition is possible and hopes the competition commission will ensure a healthy competitive airport sector for the future

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HC 110 - Who's Accountable? Relationships Between Government And Arm's-Length Bodies 2014 the internet has become an indispensable tool for communications research and commerce but this report addresses the growing public concern at the internet s dark side the easy availability of hardcore pornography which people may find offensive the uploading by ordinary people of

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HC 1114 - Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham: Ofsted and Further Government Issues 2015-03-17 this book presents the concept of regulatory crisis reframing practical and theoretical questions about how disasters and crises challenge regulators and regulation

5th Special Report [Session 1994-95] 1995 the balance of power between central and local government matters because it affects the responsibility and accountability for delivery of services and improvements to local people and communities democracy is strengthened where local people understand what local government is responsible for in terms of both policy and resources where they

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Harmful Content on the Internet and in Video Games 2008 in its report of last year on the communities and local government's departmental annual report 2007 hc 170 session 2007 08 isbn 9780215037978 the committee commented on the particular nature of the department's work on its unusual reliance for the achievement of the goals government has set it on a plethora of other departments agencies non departmental bodies local authorities and other stakeholders on the long devolved delivery chains by which those goals therefore have to be delivered and on the skills of influence brokering and negotiation which are required to achieve them in this report the committee assesses the progress made since last the most recent cabinet office capability review concludes that there has been a positive direction of travel for clg in that period but the committee concludes that there is still some way to go before clg can be said to be performing at the highest achievable level of effectiveness the department's overall performance against its public service agreement targets is likewise moving in the right direction but still short of full effectiveness achievement of efficiency targets is applauded finally the report considers examples of particular policies which highlight some of the department's strengths and weaknesses and follow up some issues in earlier inquiries these issues include eco towns the decent homes programme home information packs fire service response times firebuy the firecontrol programme the report also considers the department's response to the serious flooding of summer 2007 and to the reviews which followed and the mismanagement of european regional development fund monies

HC 607 - Litter and Fly-Tipping in England 2015-03-14 this is the committee s first major inquiry on prisons planning and policies in this parliament and it has provided an opportunity to consider the impact of the government s programme of reforms and efficiency savings across the prison estate these policies have been implemented alongside the creation of working prisons and resettlement prisons designed to improve the effectiveness of the prison estate in increasing employability and reducing re offending as well as the tightening of operational policies on earned privileges and temporary release in order to improve their public credibility they have also come at a time when the total prison population

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The Balance of Power 2009-05 sophie scholten describes the development of carrier sanctions regimes in the netherlands and the united kingdom from the 1980s and assesses the effects of carrier sanctions policies on relationships between the actors involved immigration authorities private carriers and passengers

Nineteenth Report of Session 2012-13 2012-11-16 the departmental report published as cm 7392 isbn 9780101739221

Communities and Local Government's Departmental Annual Report 2008 2009 the liaison committee having considered the proposals of the inside the commons documentary approved by the administration committee and house of commons commission in june 2013 commends the house motion that notwithstanding the practice of the house a select committee may with the unanimous consent of all its members permit the filming of private deliberative meetings for the purposes of the documentary which was approved by the house of commons commission on 15 june 2013

Documents on Disarmament 1978 the communities and local government committee note that the quality of domestic electrical work has improved since some of it was brought within building control eight years ago but much more

needs to be done to protect people in their homes the main mechanism for checking electrical work covered by part p of the building regulations is satisfactory is certification by a qualified supervisor operating under a government approved competent persons scheme as long as the qualified supervisor meets competence standards the person carrying out the work does not necessarily have to be a qualified electrician the report calls for competence requirements to be rolled out within five years for all those actually doing electrical work to which part p applies in the interim it is recommended that there be a limit on the number of notifications that a single qualified supervisor can authorise in a year in order to ensure that they devote enough time to checking each job the government should aim to double public awareness of part p within two years and aim for an awareness level similar to that of gas safe within five years 45 additionally the report calls for more proactive enforcement against those who breach part p HC 309 - Prisons: Planning and Policies 2015-03-18 drawing upon a wide range of interviews with many of the key actors andrew dorman examines how defence policy was formulated and implemented during the premiership of margaret that cher this period witnessed major transformations in international and domestic politics with defence emerging from its traditional postwar position of relative insignificance to become one of the key issues at the 1983 and 1987 general elections dorman provides a new understanding of policymaking by analysing defence policy in terms of three constituent parts declaratory policy military strategy and procurement policy

3rd Special Report [Session 1991-92] 1992 the committee s proposal of the introduction of an hour long debating slot in westminster hall in place of one of the current half hour slots is intended to provide a further timing option when applying for a debate and enable the participation of a larger number of members the committee also recommends that the monday e petition debates and thursday select committee and backbench business sittings be swapped to avoid the current clash of backbench business on a thursday between the main chamber and westminster hall the trial of allocation of one 90 minute debate slot by the backbench business committee has come to an end the committee has also recommended the end of the use of adjournment motions and their replacement with general debate motions this change which mirrors the change already made for equivalent debates in the main chamber is designed to aid public understanding of house procedures finally the committee has proposed some technical changes that the chairman of ways and means have overall responsibility for all sittings in westminster hall that the chair have the power to suspend a sitting and report disorderly conduct to the house and that unused provisions of the standing order governing business in westminster hall be repealed

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