

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Date:	9 May 2006
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Venue:	Committee room 1, Senedd, Cardiff Bay
Title:	Constitution Committee

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Constitution Committee

[Inquiry into Government's War Making Powers](#)

- The Committee have recently undertaken an inquiry into: "The Use of the Royal Prerogative Power by Government to Deploy the UK's Armed Forces" ([call for evidence](#)).
- The Committee expect to publish a report late May/early June.

[Latest from the Committee](#)

- [Government of Wales Bill](#), (HL Paper 142)
- The Government response issued 30 March 2006, was published as a [Report](#) (HL Paper 168) on Friday 28 April
- [Constitutional](#) aspects of the challenge to the Hunting Act 2004,

(HL Paper 141)

- [Third Progress Report](#), on the Charities Bill; Company Law Reform Bill; Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill; National Lottery Bill and the NHS Redress Bill (HL Paper 151)

- [Letters](#) from the Committee on the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill; the Constitutional Reform (Prerogative Powers and Civil Service etc) Bill; and the Northern Ireland Bill.

Remit

- The Constitution Committee was first appointed on 8 February 2001. The Committee has both an investigative function in carrying out inquiries into wider constitutional issues and a scrutiny function in examining public bills for matters of constitutional significance. Click [here](#) for a briefing note on the Constitution Committee.

- Please also see two reports which set out in detail the Committee's terms of reference: [Reviewing the Constitution: Terms of Reference and Method of Working](#), 1st Report (HL Paper 11 Session 2001-02); and [Changing the Constitution: The Process of Constitutional Change](#) 4th Report (HL Paper 69 Session 2001-02).

- Click [here](#) to see reports published in sessions 2001-2006.

- Please note: The Committee cannot take up a complaint on behalf of an individual or group. We would advise you to contact your Member of Parliament. Details can be found on the Constituency Locata site at: www.locata.co.uk/commons/

Legislative Scrutiny of Bills

- The Committee have been appointed "to examine the constitutional implications of all public bills coming before the House". The aim is to

inform the House of any constitutional concerns before a bill's second reading in the Lords. It is however for Parliament, not the Committee, to decide whether constitutional change is acceptable or desirable.

· The Committee set out their approach to this task in Chapter 3 of their [First Report](#), Session 2001-02.

Session 2005-06

· For exchanges with Government on bills we are currently scrutinising, see ([Correspondence with Ministers](#)). For bills previously scrutinised see Committee [Reports](#) and [Progress Reports](#).

Government [Response](#) to other Inquiry reports and debates published in Hansard.

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