

# The King's Speech 2026

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**King Charles III has delivered his King's Speech, outlining the Government's legislative programme for the year ahead.**

The full speech can be [found here](#). A list of the Government's full programme can be found below. More detail on each of the Bills will be available on the [parliament website](#).

## **STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMIC SECURITY**

Steel Industry (Nationalisation) Bill  
Northern Powerhouse Rail Bill  
European Partnership Bill  
Small Business Protections (Late Payments) Bill  
Clean Water Bill  
Competition Reform Bill  
Regulating for Growth Bill  
Enhancing Financial Services Bill  
Highways (Financing) Bill  
Overnight Visitor Levy Bill

## **ENDING THE OPPORTUNITY CRISIS - A BRITAIN BUILT FOR ALL**

Social Housing Renewal Bill  
Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill  
Education for All Bill  
Representation of the People Bill  
Remediation Bill

### **Draft Conversion Practices Bill**

The bill aims to bring forward a trans-inclusive ban on conversion practices. Specifically, the Bill will:

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- be published in draft for pre-legislative scrutiny and seek to fill the gaps in criminal law to target conversion practices.
- Ensure that the criminal law offers protection from these practices, while also preserving the freedom for people, and those supporting them, to explore their sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Ensure that the ban must be balanced and targeted, so as not to impinge on legitimate healthcare and the range of broader support that those exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity might seek or receive. The bill is not intended to interfere with people's right to religious belief and expression.
- Conversion practices are often damaging and have long-term impacts. The Government will act to protect all individuals from harmful and abusive attempts to change their sexual orientation or transgender identity.

Draft Ticket Taut Ban Bill

Sporting Events Bill

## **STRENGTHENING PUBLIC SERVICES AND REFORMING THE STATE**

### **Police Reform Bill**

The bill aims to enact significant reforms to the police. The bill aims to restore the public's trust in policing by driving down waste, cutting bureaucracy and empowering officers to focus on issues that matter most to their communities

Specifically, the Bill will:

- Ensure responsive and accountable local policing.
- Create a new national police force, the National Police Service to bring together the National Crime Agency, Counter Terrorism Policing, regional organised crime capabilities, the College of Policing and other 69 national operational functions and specialist capabilities.
- Abolish Police and Crime Commissioners and put in place successor arrangements.
- Establish clear national priorities, from a more active Home Office. Establishing a single set of 'National Strategic Policing Priorities' will give policing clarity on core priorities, align policing towards a single vision, and enable the Government to drive progress in halving violence against women and girls and knife crime.
- Set and enforce standards for policing.
- Establish a new legal framework to underpin law enforcement use of facial recognition and similar technologies.

### **NHS Modernisation Bill**

**Key measures include:**

- Creating a new Single Patient Record to enable joined-up care and empower patients through the NHS App
- Transferring NHS England's functions into the Department of Health and Social Care to cut bureaucracy and restore democratic accountability

- Strengthening local accountability through Integrated Care Boards
- Streamlining the patient safety landscape
- Embedding patient voice in national decision-making through a new Patient Experience Directorate in DHSC

Railways and Passenger Benefits Bill

Digital Access to Services Bill

Public Office (Accountability) Bill

Removal of Peerages Bill

### **Courts Modernisation Bill**

The bill aims to enact significant reforms to the criminal justice system. It intends to make the courts more efficient, including investing large sums in the Crown Courts to empower them to take on as much work and see as many cases as possible.

Specifically, the Bill will:

- Remove the right of defendants to elect for a Crown Court trial in cases which can be heard in either a Magistrates' or a Crown Court (triable either-way cases).
- Extend magistrates' court sentencing powers up to 18 months for single and multiple triable-either-way offences, with the potential to increase this to 24 months if necessary.
- Replace the automatic right to appeal against a conviction or sentence in magistrates' courts with a permission stage, supporting victims in ensuring they do not have to experience the trauma of a second trial at appeal.
- Introduce new modes of trial by judge alone in defined circumstances.
- Bring forward measures to prevent victims of sexual offences being unfairly undermined in the court room. This will include clearer statutory thresholds governing the admissibility of sexual behaviour evidence and previous allegations of assault.
- Introduce measures to strengthen and clarify the special measures available to vulnerable and intimidated victims and witnesses, to help them give their best evidence to the court.
- Repeal the presumption of parental involvement to ensure courts prioritise the child's best interests and adopt an open-minded approach, rather than starting from a presumption that parental involvement will further the child's welfare.

Northern Ireland Troubles Bill

Draft Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Bill

Civil Aviation Bill

Sovereign Grant Bill

## STRENGTHENING OUR ENERGY SECURITY

Energy Independence Bill

Nuclear Regulation Bill

Electricity Generator Levy Bill

## STRENGTHENING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

Tackling State Threats Bill

Armed Forces Bill

National Security Bill

### **Immigration and Asylum Bill**

The legislation intends to increase confidence in the security of the immigration and asylum systems by bringing into effect the main reforms announced in the Restoring Order and Control statement in November 2025.

Specifically, the Bill will:

- Create a fair but firm asylum system
- Scale up the removal of those with no right to be in the UK and ensure immigration rules are enforced
- Restore order and control to the immigration system and ensure it operates fairly and effectively

Cyber Security and Resilience Bill