

# Newest inquiries open with Select Committees

## 1 Careers advice, information and guidance inquiry

The inquiry will focus in particular on developments since the publication of the Education Committee report [Careers guidance for young people: The impact of the new duty on schools](#), in 2013.

To read more about the inquiry or to send a written submission click on the link below:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/education-skills-and-economy/inquiries/parliament-2015/careers-advice-15-16/>

## 2 Digital skills inquiry

The Science and Technology Committee has decided to undertake an inquiry examining the digital skills gap, ahead of the government's publication of the Digital Transformation Plan next year. This inquiry will go further than the [Lord Select Committee on Digital Skills](#) and examine the extent of the digital divide and digital exclusion, the impact on the economy and whether government initiatives are sufficient.

To read more about the inquiry or to send a written submission click on the link below:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/digital-skills-inquiry-15-16/>

## 3 Funding for disadvantaged pupils inquiry

The Department for Education aims to improve the quality of education for all. It also aims to raise disadvantaged pupils' attainment and reduce the gap between them and others. In 2011, the Department announced new funding for schools, the Pupil Premium, which specifically aims to improve outcomes for disadvantaged children.

To read more about this inquiry or to send in a written submission click on the link below:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/public-accounts-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/funding-for-disadvantaged-pupils/>

## 4 In-Work progression in Universal Credit inquiry

Written submissions are invited addressing the following points:

- DWP's plans for in-work progression pilots in 2015/16, and how they should be evaluated

- Which organisations are best-placed to deliver the in-work service for DWP e.g. Jobcentre Plus/other providers from the private, public or voluntary sectors?
- What should in-work progression support entail and how should it be delivered (e.g. regularity and nature of contact with claimants)?
- Which groups of claimants should be included and which should be exempt?
- How should employers be encouraged to facilitate progression?
- In what circumstances would it be appropriate to sanction a Universal Credit claimant who is in work?
- Is there any UK or international evidence on effective ways of encouraging in-work progression?

To read more about the inquiry or send in a written submission click on the link below:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/work-and-pensions-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/universal-credit-15-16/>

## 5 Purpose and quality of education in England inquiry

Written evidence is invited addressing the following points:

- What the purpose of education for children of all ages in England should be
- What measures should be used to evaluate the quality of education against this purpose
- How well the current education system performs against these measures

To read more on the inquiry and to send in a written submission please click on the link below:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/education-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/purpose-quality-education-england-15-16/>

## 6 Welfare to work inquiry

The Work and Pensions Committee has said that when the current Work Programme and Work Choice contracts are replaced in 2017, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) must more effectively focus its contracted employment programmes (welfare-to-work) on unemployed people with challenging problems such as drug and alcohol addiction, illiteracy and innumeracy, homelessness and very weak employment history.

To read more about the inquiry or to send in a written submission please click on the link below:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/work-and-pensions-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/welfare-to-work-15-16/>

## 7 Young Adult Offenders inquiry

The Committee considers that it is timely to hold an inquiry to:

- assess the implications of the findings of the Harris Review and selected recommendations for current policy and practice

- examine the evidence on what might constitute more effective or appropriate treatment of young adults throughout the criminal justice process
- Review the impact of guidance to sentencers and prosecutors which advises that they consider the maturity of the offender in their decisions.

To read more on the inquiry or to send in a written submission please click on the link below:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/justice-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/young-adult-offenders/>