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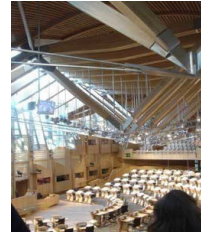
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taken up by the Home Office in this matter.

The hon. and learned Gentleman then turned to the question of burden of proof and the matter of consent. Here I understood that he had only one answer. He said, "Ah, but we are using all the provisions which deal with heterosexual offences and have made them apply to homosexual offences." That may be well; it may be convenient always to follow precedent. But we are dealing with a very different set of circumstances when we deal with homosexual offences. In the other matters the threat of blackmail is not present to the same extent. We are not dealing with an unnatural act or an unnatural offence, whereas in this case we are. Because we are dealing with an unnatural act and an unnatural offence, special provisions should apply to ensure that all those who may be subject to weakness are given particular support and protection.

I support what my hon. Friend the

told that they must stand on their own feet. Those are the people whom the right hon. Lady should be at pains to protect, but I can see no provision in the Bill which will protect them.

I hope that the House will give the fullest support not only to the new Clause, which gives special protection against the unscrupulous employer, but also to the Amendments which seek to ensure that those who are feebly-minded get the complete protection of the law.

Mr. Abse: If there are those who feel that the short contribution which my hon. and learned Friend the Under-Secretary made when he intervened on the first occasion was inadequate, only the most churlish would suggest that he has not explained why it is that the series of Clauses and Amendments before us now are, in effect, impracticable even if they are desirable.

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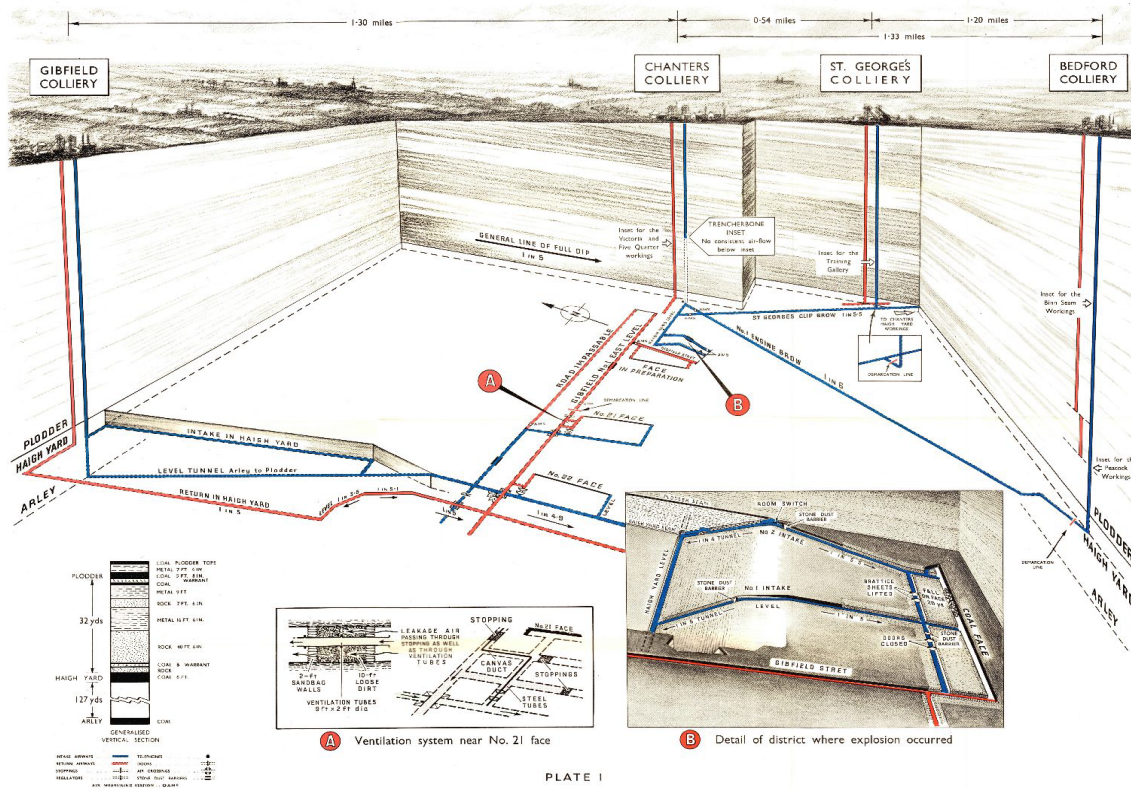
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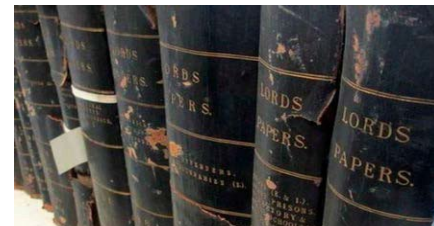
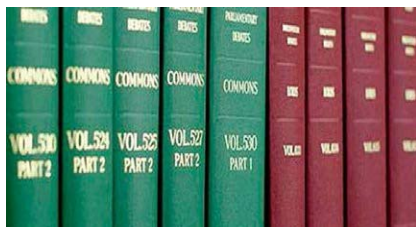
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(3) Anything that a person does (or omits to do) arising from or in connection with that person's past performance of a relevant function or activity is to be treated for the purposes of this Act as being done (or omitted) by that person in the performance of that function or activity. 25

5 **Expectation test**

(1) For the purposes of sections 3 and 4, the **test** of what is **expected** is a **test** of what a reasonable person in the United Kingdom would expect in relation to the performance of the type of function or activity concerned. 30

(2) In deciding what such a person would expect in relation to the performance of a function or activity where the performance is not subject to the law of any part of the United Kingdom, any local custom or practice is to be disregarded unless it is permitted or required by the written law applicable to the country or territory concerned. 35

(3) In subsection (2) "written law" means law contained in—
(a) any written constitution, or provision made by or under legislation, applicable to the country or territory concerned, or
(b) any judicial decision which is so applicable and is evidenced in published written sources. 40

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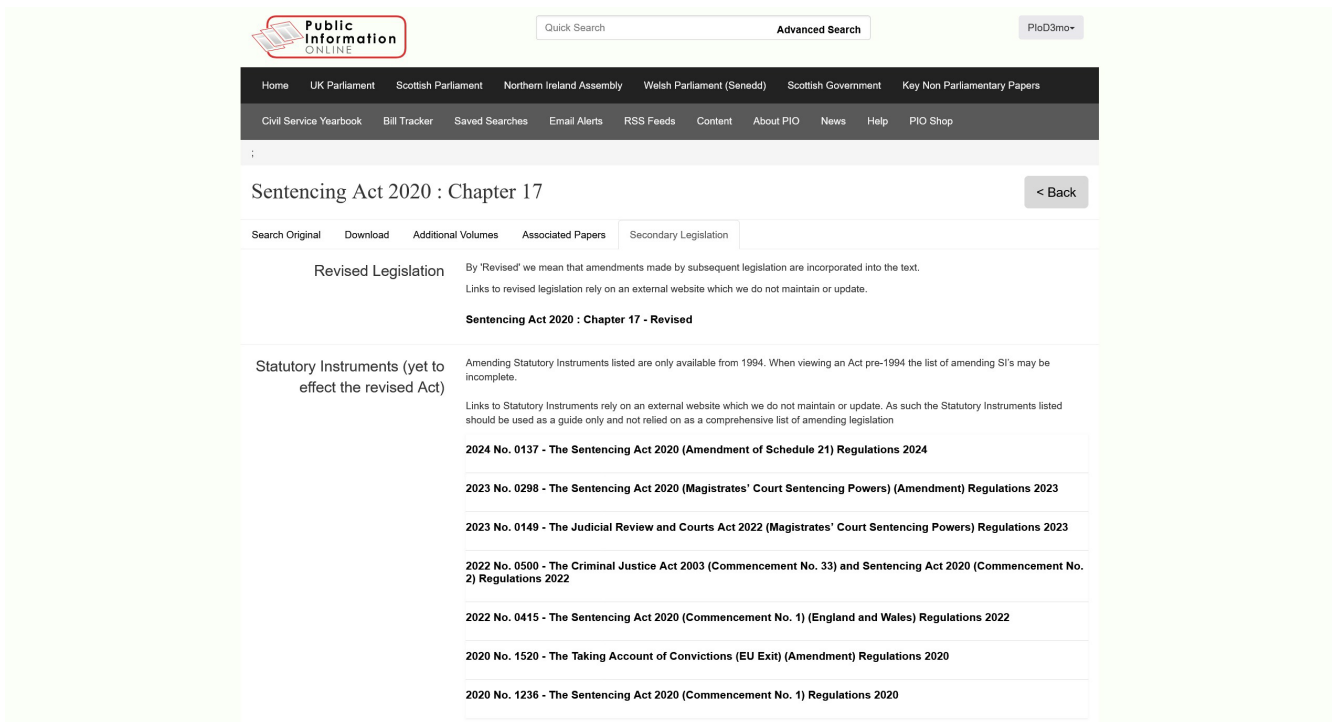
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The service allows you to easily follow the progress of a United Kingdom Bill as it goes through Parliament from introduction through to enactment and everything in between. Let's take for example the European Union Withdrawal Act 2018, this was made up from 459 publications, our service allows you to quickly and easily view, search and save pages to make your own unique document based on your keywords for a particular Act, including results from all the associated, Hansards, Bills, Public Bill Committees, Lords Papers, PGAs and ENs.

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 - 2022 No. 0415 - The Sentencing Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1) (England and Wales) Regulations 2022
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HC 321 published 29th February 2024

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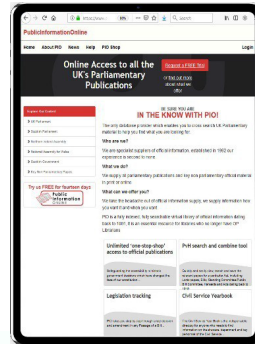
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