

Autumn Conference

Conference Daily

Sunday 15th September 2013



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Report back for Saturday 14th September

F2	Report	Federal Conference Committee	Approved
F3	Report	Federal Policy Committee	Approved
F4	Policy motion	<i>A Balanced Working Life</i> (Low and Middle Income Households Policy Paper)	Passed (Amendment One and Two passed). Conference declined to hear a request for a reference back.
F6	Standing order amendment	Emergency Motions	Passed. Lines 2–3 deleted.

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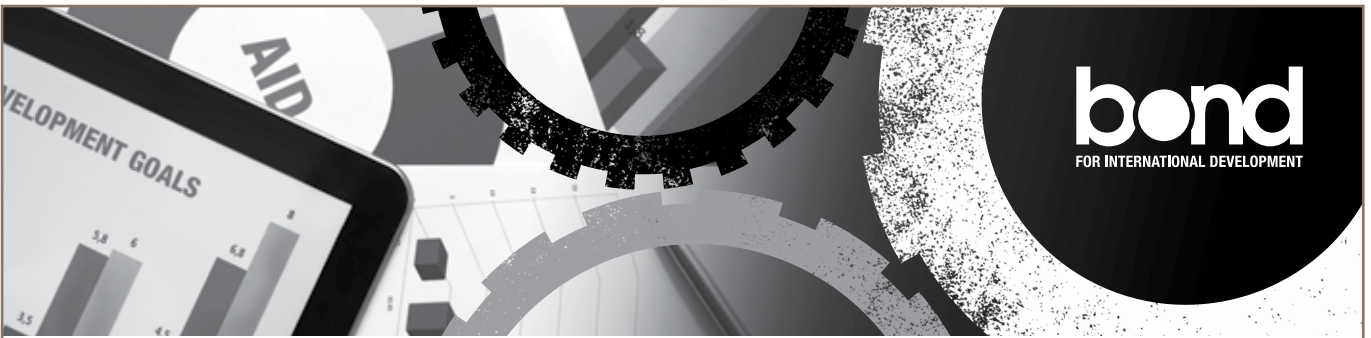
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Sunday 15th September

Additions and updates to the Agenda and Conference Extra for Sunday 15th September.

F7(a) Report: Federal Appeals Panel

See Conference Extra.

F7(b) Report: Federal Finance and Administration Committee

See Conference Extra for questions to the report.

F8 Party business: Membership Subscription and Federal Levy

See Conference Extra for Amendment One.

F9 Report: Parliamentary Parties of the Liberal Democrats

Commons – mover: Alistair Carmichael MP (Chief Whip)

Lords – mover: Lord Newby (Chief Whip)

See Conference Extra for questions to the report.

F10 Policy motion: Green Growth and Green Jobs (Transition to a Zero Carbon Britain Policy Paper)

Option A (lines 45–46) (as amended by drafting amendment – see Conference Extra):

Mover: Fiona Hall MEP

Option B (lines 47–51) (as amended by drafting amendment – see Conference Extra):

Mover: Dr Julian Huppert MP

See Conference Extra for drafting amendments and Amendment One.

There will be a separate vote on 4. m) (lines 56–59).

Background briefing

This motion and the accompanying policy paper 109, *Green Growth and Green Jobs (Transition to a Zero Carbon Britain)*, call for the strengthening of the UK's policy framework for green growth, promotes policies for a carbon-neutral future and significantly develops policy on the decarbonisation of the power, transport, agriculture and industry sectors. It creates new policy on fracking.

Existing party policy on green growth and climate change is set out in policy paper 105, *Sustainable Prosperity and Jobs* (September 2012), conference motions *The Greenest Government Ever* (March 2012) and *A Green Stimulus for Economic Recovery* (2011), the 2010 General Election Manifesto *Change That Works For You* and policy paper 82, *Zero Carbon Britain – Taking a Global Lead* (2007).

Ministerial Q&A sessions

Transport – with Norman Baker MP.

Sunday 09.15–10.15 SECC, Dochart 2

International Affairs – with Lynne Featherstone MP, George Lyon MEP, Lord Wallace & Baroness Garden.

Sunday 11.30–12.30 SECC, Alsh 1

Crime and Justice – with Jeremy Browne MP and Lord McNally.

Sunday 15.30–16.30 SECC, Alsh 1

Economy – with Danny Alexander MP.

(closed session – members only)

Sunday 16.45–17.45 SECC, Alsh 1

FRINGE UPDATE

Monday early evening 18.15–19.30

Note event cancelled:

acevo (Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations)

The acevo voluntary sector fringe event

Crowne Plaza, Staffa

Sunday 15th September continued

F11 Policy motion: Cycling Reform

See Conference Extra for drafting amendment.

Background briefing

This motion develops public transport infrastructure policy and policy on improving the safety of cyclists as well as justice for victims of road accidents. The motion builds on policy on low-carbon transport as contained in conference motion *The Greenest Government Ever* (2012) and welcomes policy developments made since conference motion *20 is Plenty – Saving Lives on the Road* (2012).

Existing party policy on public transport is set out in policy paper 85, *Fast Track Britain* (2008).

F13 Report: Federal Executive

Chair: Sarah Boad

The Federal Executive has provided the following written answer to Question 1.

Q1. Submitted by Naomi Smith

- a) What is the total value of the expenditure incurred by the Party for the Leadership Programme since its inception?

To the end of 2013 we anticipate the cost of the programme will be approximately £40,000. The programme is a donor-specific project with funds ring-fenced for this purpose.

- b) What is the total value of the projected costs to be incurred by the Party for the Leadership Programme up to and including 2015?

Expenditure for 2014 and 2015 will be decided through ongoing discussion and planning, and will be dependent on candidate needs. As with all Federal funding, costs will be approved by FE on a budgetary basis.

- c) How many Leadership Programme candidates have been formally selected for marginal/held Liberal Democrat seats?

We do not measure Local Party candidates in 'marginal seats'. Instead, we have a class of 'strategic seat' which covers held and target seats for 2015. A total of nine Leadership Programme candidates have been selected so far in strategic seats.

- d) How many Leadership Programme candidates have been selected for non-target seats?

Four Leadership Programme candidates have been selected in non-strategic seats.

- e) How many Leadership Programme candidates have applied for selections that have now closed but have not yet been successfully selected?

Seven Leadership Programme candidates have applied for selections that are now closed and have not yet been selected in any other seat (this includes the Hampstead & Kilburn first selection). Three Leadership Programme candidates are currently involved in ongoing seat selections that are not yet concluded.

- f) Of the Leadership Programme candidates that have been selected, how many represent each diversity strand?

Selected Leadership Programme candidates break down as follows – please note that some candidates are included in more than one strand: ten women, two LGBT+, three BAME, no disabled.

- g) How many Leadership Programme candidates have withdrawn from the Programme since its inception?

One.

- h) How many candidates have been added to the Leadership Programme since the initial 40 candidates were successfully selected in 2011?

Five.

(All figures as of 6th September 2013.)

See Conference Extra for other questions to the report.

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F16 Policy motion: *Learning for Life* (Education and Skills from Upper Secondary to Lifelong Learning Policy Paper)

See Conference Extra for drafting amendment and Amendments One and Two.

Federal Conference Committee has agreed the following revised wording for Amendment Three:

Amendment Three

12 conference representatives

Mover: David Rendel

- 1 In 6. d) (line 92), after 'participation' insert: 'and there should be no increase in the fee cap level
- 2 pending the outcome of the review'.

Background briefing

This motion and accompanying policy paper 110, *Learning for Life – Education and Skills from Upper Secondary to Lifelong Learning*, reiterates the need to improve higher as well as further education and includes policies to combat youth unemployment. In particular, this motion calls for the introduction of a cross-party commission on adult FE in the next Parliament and for further measures to strengthen apprenticeships. It also develops existing party policy on further education funding, the need for transparency in university selection criteria and proposes the removal of international students from immigration figures.

Existing policy on further education, vocational education and skills is set out in conference motions *Getting the Most Out of Schools* (2012), policy paper 103, *Giving Young People a Future: Policies on Combating Youth Unemployment* (2012) and policy paper 90, *Investing in Talent, Building the Economy* (2009). Party policy on student finance in higher education is set out in policy paper 90, *Investing in Talent, Building the Economy* (2009).

F17 Policy motion: Protecting Children from Online Pornography

See Conference Extra for drafting amendment and Amendment One.

There will be a separate vote on lines 17–18 of Amendment One.

Background briefing

This motion creates new party policy regarding access to pornography on the internet.

Existing policy on use of the internet is set out in policy paper 101, *Preparing the Ground* (2011). Existing policy on access to pornography is set out in policy paper 63, *Censorship and Freedom of Expression* (2004).

FRINGE UPDATE

Monday morning 07.15–08.30

Note change of venue:

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Morning Worship

Everyone is welcome to join us for prayer and worship to start the day. Led by Selwyn Runnett.

Note: this event starts at 08.15 and ends at 08.45

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FRINGE UPDATE

Monday morning 07.15–08.30

Note change of time:

Social Market Foundation and B&CE

Auto Enrolment: its talked the talk, but can it walk the walk?

Speakers: Steve Webb MP, Minister of State for Pensions;

Dr Adam Marshall, Director of Policy and External Affairs,

British Chambers of Commerce; James Kirkup, *The*

Telegraph; Jamie Fiveash, Director of Customer Solutions,

B&CE. Chair: Emran Mian, Director, SMF.

Note: this event starts at 07.45 and ends at 09.00

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Emergency motions ballot

Two of the following motions will be selected by ballot to be debated as F38 (a) and F38 (b). A ballot paper is attached and should be returned to the ballot box in the auditorium between 09.00 and 13.00 on Sunday 15th September.

Emergency Motion 1: Home Office 'Go Home' Vans

Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats and 20 conference representatives

- 1 Conference notes that:
- 2 i) In July 2013 Home Office poster vans bearing the message 'In the UK illegally? Go Home or
3 Face Arrest' were deployed in six London Boroughs as part of a pilot scheme.
- 4 ii) The Advertising Standards Authority is currently investigating the campaign after receiving a large
5 number of complaints.
- 6 Conference believes that:
- 7 a) Immigrants to the UK are largely the result of Britain's history, providing an economic benefit to
8 this country and enriching our culture and diversity
- 9 b) The Government can encourage voluntary returns of those with no legal status who have no
10 alternative in a more collaborative way than forced removals and divisive campaigns
- 11 c) The Home Office poster van advertisements are offensive and irresponsible. They risk inciting and
12 exacerbating racial hatred and tensions, especially in multicultural communities.
- 13 d) The poster van campaign is an insensitive and ineffective way of dealing with illegal immigration
14 and is unlikely to encourage voluntary returns.
- 15 e) Resources and effort should be directed at detecting unscrupulous employers who exploit and
16 provide refuge to illegal immigrants.
- 17 Conference welcomes the condemnation of the Poster Vans by the Party Leader, President and senior
18 Parliamentarians.
- 19 Conference calls on the Government:
- 20 1. Not to repeat or roll out more widely the initial pilot.
- 21 2. To work with local authorities, community groups and NGOs to encourage voluntary returns in a
22 more effective, liberal, sympathetic and humane manner.
- 23 3. To take immediate and decisive action against those encouraging people to come to the UK
24 illegally.

Emergency Motion 2: Legal Aid

Liberal Democrat Lawyers

- 1 Conference notes:
- 2 A. The Party's current policy on Legal Aid, adopted overwhelmingly at the Sheffield Party
3 Conference in 2011.
- 4 B. The pressures upon public spending faced by the government, which is substantially the result of
5 serious failings in economic policy by the previous Labour Government.
- 6 C. The widespread criticism of proposals in the MoJ's consultation paper on Legal Aid including
7 an unsustainable model for Price Competitive Tendering of criminal defence services, and
8 substantial reduction in the number of suppliers, and that whilst big changes have been made

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- 9 to the proposals the proposals on tendering to deal with objections to lowest bidder 'cut price'
10 justice, fundamental concerns remain about the sustainability of the supplier base in light of
11 proposed fee cuts of 17 per cent.
- 12 D. Scrutiny by the Joint Committee on Human Rights (JCHR) of proposed changes to civil legal aid,
13 including the proposed introduction of a residence test for civil legal aid claimants, restrictions
14 on the scope of legal aid available to prisoners and on payment for preparation work in judicial
15 review cases, and the JCHR request for the Secretary of State for Justice delay the proposals
16 until the Committee completed its work and reported back to parliament.
- 17 E. That the Ministry of Justice is proposing to create significant new demands on expenditure in
18 prisons policy, at the same time as making cuts to legal aid.
- 19 Conference believes that:
- 20 i) The provision of a high quality justice system and proper access to justice are fundamental
21 obligations for a modern democratic state.
- 22 ii) The human rights implications of the changes to legal aid being investigated by the JCHR are of
23 fundamental significance for the right of access to justice and the rule of law.
- 24 iii) No further cuts in the provision of Legal Aid and the availability of local justice should take place
25 without ensuring that any such proposals are first properly trialled and assessed to demonstrate
26 that there will be no adverse effect upon access to justice and the quality of legal services
27 provided to those who require assistance by means of Legal Aid.
- 28 iv) New areas of Ministry of Justice expenditure cannot be justified while legal aid is being cut so
29 drastically.
- 30 Conference calls for:
- 31 1. Proposed changes to criminal or civil legal to be stayed pending thorough consultation and
32 scrutiny to ensure there will be no adverse effect upon:
- 33 a) Access to justice and the availability of local justice.
- 34 b) The quality of legal services provided to those who cannot afford to pay privately.
- 35 c) The public purse through unintended consequences such as prisoners being
36 detained for longer than necessary or defendants suffering miscarriages of justice.
- 37 d) Public confidence through the removal of the means to ensure public accountability,
38 fairness and equality before the law regardless of means.
- 39 e) Human rights issues as identified by JCHR, and that the Committee's concerns be
40 acted upon in full.
- 41 2. Liberal Democrats to question the proposed model for Price Competitive Tendering, especially in
42 light previous reports on the economy of criminal defence services by the National Audit Office.
- 43 3. A review of the whole system of spending allocation in the Ministry of Justice budget so that so
44 that the demands of legal aid, the courts and the penal system are kept in balance.

Emergency Motion 3: Lobbying Bill

Glasgow North

- 1 Conference recognises the need for better regulation of lobbying practices and approves the
2 principle of setting up a register of lobbyists.
- 3 Conference, however, considers the Transparency of Lobbying, non-Party Campaigning and Trade
4 Union Administration Bill as presented to Parliament was seriously defective in that it:
- 5 a) Was unnecessarily complex in its drafting – the Electoral Commission believes that the drafting

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- 6 of sections of Part 2 of the Bill, which deals with campaigning, is so unclear as to render it
7 unenforceable.
- 8 b) Failed to address certain categories of lobbying whilst, at the same time, lacked clarity in its
9 designation of the types of organisation exempt from registering; research by the Association of
10 Professional Political Consultants (APPC) indicates that of the 988 meetings that ministers in the
11 Department of Business held with lobbyists in 2012, only two would have required to have been
12 declared under the new rules. The proposed form of register for lobbyists will carry no meaningful
13 information on the subjects lobbied on.
- 14 c) Particularly in relation to non-Party Campaigning, was open to an interpretation that would be
15 clearly detrimental to freedom of expression and association in a manner incompatible with
16 Articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights.
- 17 d) Even narrowly construed, reduced the capacity of campaigning organisations to participate in
18 the types of open debate that are essential for good governance and democratic accountability;
19 the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) believe that the definition of 'activities for
20 election purposes' and the expenditure limits set will inhibit much routine charity work.
- 21 Conference notes that the Government has itself introduced amendments to address some of the
22 concerns expressed to it by charities and other voluntary organisations.
- 23 Conference, in addition, appreciates the efforts made by a number of Liberal Democrat members of
24 the House of Commons to amend the Bill.
- 25 Conference, nonetheless, believes that the Bill, even after its Committee stage, may continue to lack
26 clarity and consistency in its range of application, to reduce the capacity of non-Party organisations
27 to engage in open debate and to risk endangering the privacy of members of trade unions.
- 28 Conference, therefore, calls on Liberal Democrat members of Parliament to make every effort to
29 remedy these deficiencies during the remaining stages of the Bill and, failing success in this regard,
30 to record their votes against its enactment.

Emergency Motion 4: National Ranking of Primary School Pupils

The movers of this motion asked for it to be withdrawn.

14 conference representatives

- 1 Conference:
- 2 A. Acknowledges the importance of primary pupils developing the skills, knowledge and attitudes to
3 learning that will enable them to progress effectively in their future education.
- 4 B. Welcomes the recent decision to increase the Pupil Premium for primary pupils to £1,300 so that
5 the relative under-achievement of disadvantaged pupils may be addressed more substantially.
- 6 C. Recognises and values the improved performance of primary schools in raising standards of
7 achievement in numeracy and literacy at KS2 since SATs were first introduced in 1993.
- 8 Conference is concerned by the trends:
- 9 i) To over-test young pupils.
- 10 ii) To publish school results in increasing detail in league tables.
- 11 ii) To increase pressure on teachers to meet targets at the risk of being labelled by Ofsted as failing.
- 12 Conference notes that one of the highest performing jurisdictions in the world, where the gap
13 between the highest and lowest achievers is small, has no publicly reported testing until age 18.

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- 14 Conference believes that the proposal to rank 11 year old pupils in deciles on the basis of national
15 tests of English and Mathematics is wrong because it:
- 16 a) Is likely to distort even further teaching in primary schools, undervaluing the rest of the
17 curriculum, creativity, cultural and artistic development.
- 18 b) Is likely to demoralise and demotivate young people rather than challenge complacency and raise
19 aspirations.
- 20 c) Will make the task of secondary teachers more difficult rather than less.
- 21 Conference therefore calls on the Government to:
- 22 1. Abandon its proposal to rank Year 6 pupils in deciles.
- 23 2. Encourage greater use of formative rather than summative assessment.

Emergency Motion 5: Royal Mail privatisation

Redbridge and 17 conference representatives

- 1 Conference acknowledges:
- 2 a) The important role that employee ownership has always played in liberal thought going back to
3 John Stuart Mill in his 'Principles of Political Economy'.
- 4 b) The Preamble to the Party Constitution states that 'We want to see democracy, participation and
5 the co-operative principle in industry and commerce...'
- 6 c) The support from the Deputy Prime Minister for the benefits of collective employee ownership
7 such as the John Lewis partnership as set out in his Mansion House speech in January 2012,
8 which led to the establishment of the Nuttall review on employee ownership.
- 9 d) That the Party as recently as the Autumn Conference 2012 approved a policy paper
10 *Mutualisation, Employee ownership and Workplace Democracy* which recognised the important
11 benefits which employee ownership can bring to economic performance and set out radical
12 proposals for boosting employee ownership throughout the economy.
- 13 Conference therefore sees the planned privatisation of Royal Mail, a company which is critically
14 reliant on its workforce for its future success, as an ideal opportunity to put these long held Liberal
15 Democrat principles into practice as set out in the policy agreed at the Spring Conference 2006 of
16 25% of the shares of Royal Mail being placed in a trust for Royal Mail staff.
- 17 Conference therefore regrets that:
- 18 1. The recent announcement of the privatisation of Royal Mail contained provision for only 10% of
19 shares to be distributed to employees.
- 20 2. It is proposed that the shares should only be distributed to employees as individuals. Although
21 some individual share ownership should be encouraged it should be recognised that it is short-
22 term with limited benefits, and in the medium term many employees may sell their shares.
- 23 Conference therefore calls on Liberal Democrat Ministers to press for at least a further 10% of shares
24 to be held in trust for employees. This will help to ensure that they feel part of a business having an
25 economic interest without being able to transfer ownership when they leave, and enables them to be
26 able to use their voting power to help to influence the strategic direction of the company.

Emergency motions ballot continued

Emergency Motion 6: Schedule 7 of Terrorism Act 2000

40 conference representatives

- 1 Conference affirms its strong support for effective counter-terrorism powers and its appreciation of
- 2 the crucial work of the police, border force and intelligence services in responding to terrorist threats
- 3 and protecting the public.
- 4 However, conference firmly believes:
- 5 1) That these powers must be framed and applied in strict compliance with the principles of
- 6 necessity and proportionality, with appropriate respect for civil liberties and the rule of law and
- 7 subject to robust parliamentary as well as legal accountability, so as to ensure continued public
- 8 confidence;
- 9 2) That national security must not be invoked unjustifiably to undertake blanket surveillance, stifle
- 10 investigative journalism, practice abusive stop and search or discourage public debate.
- 11 Conference deplores the over-broad powers contained in Schedule 7 of Labour's Terrorism Act 2000
- 12 and welcomes the reforms secured by the Liberal Democrats and contained in the current Anti-
- 13 social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill.
- 14 Conference is however disturbed by the extensive use of Schedule 7 in general, as well as its
- 15 application to David Miranda on 18th August 2013, and thus urges the government to heed the
- 16 advice of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism David Anderson QC and to introduce further
- 17 possible safeguards in Schedule 7, including:
- 18 a) A requirement that a person may not be detained without reasonable grounds for suspecting his
- 19 involvement in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism;
- 20 b) Abolishing the criminal offence of refusal to answer questions;
- 21 c) The mandatory recording of all questioning;
- 22 d) A right to independent legal advice prior to questioning;
- 23 e) Restrictions on the copying and retention of data from electronic devices;
- 24 f) Monitoring of application to avoid prejudicial racial or religious bias.

Emergency Motion 7: Tobacco Plain Packaging

Twickenham & Richmond and 10 conference representatives

- 1 Conference notes that:
- 2 A. Smoking is the biggest preventable cause of death in England.
- 3 B. People who take up smoking between age 11 and 15 are three times more likely to die
- 4 prematurely than someone who takes up smoking at the age of 20.
- 5 C. A recent YouGov poll for Cancer Research found that 85% of all mothers and grandmothers with
- 6 children under 18 believe that children should not be exposed to any tobacco marketing.
- 7 Conference welcomes:
- 8 i. The progress in recent years in tobacco control through legislation, notably the banning of
- 9 smoking in enclosed work and public places, and the prohibition of point of sale displays,
- 10 building on the earlier ban on advertising.
- 11 ii. The implementation in Australia of plain packaging for tobacco products.
- 12 iii) Early evidence showing that more than 70% of smokers in Australia there were less satisfied with

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- 13 cigarettes as a result and users of standardised packs thought about quitting more than users of
14 branded packaging.
- 15 iv) That Ireland is going to introduce standardised packs, while Scotland, Wales and Northern
16 Ireland have expressed their support.
- 17 Conference remains concerned by:
- 18 a) The ability of tobacco companies in England to market their products in a way that appeals to
19 young people through packaging, such as iPod and lipstick cigarette packs.
- 20 b) The fact that nearly 65% of smokers started before they were 18 years old.
- 21 Conference deplores:
- 22 1. That on 12th July 2013, the Minister for Public Health announced a delay to the Government's
23 decision on whether to introduce standardised packaging of tobacco products.
- 24 2. The announcement was nearly a year after the end of the Government's consultation on the
25 issue, which closed in August 2012.
- 26 3. The fact that 570 children start to smoke every day in the UK.
- 27 Conference urges Liberal Democrat Parliamentarians to support measures to adopt standardised
28 packs as soon as possible.

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Emergency motions ballot paper

Please vote by indicating your preferences in order (1, 2, 3, 4).

Number	Emergency Motion	Preference
1	Home Office 'Go Home' Vans	
2	Legal Aid	
3	Lobbying Bill	
4	National Ranking of Primary School Pupils <i>The movers of this motion asked for it to be withdrawn.</i>	
5	Royal Mail privatisation	
6	Schedule 7 of Terrorism Act 2000	
7	Tobacco Plain Packaging	

Please return this ballot paper to the ballot box in the auditorium of the SECC between 09.00 and 13.00 on Sunday 15th September.

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