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EIA Update

Earlier this week, the EIA gave a presentation as part of the 'How Trade Shows Contribute to the UK Economy' panel at 'The Business of Events Conference'. At this panel we shared headline figures from our newly issued Economic Impact Report. As well as this, our new manifesto was shared with around 170 delegates from across the UK Business Events Landscape including Government Ministers and policy officials.

Political Update

This week, following the State opening of Parliament, King Charles III delivered the first 'King's Speech' in decades, laying out his Government's legislative plans and ambitions for the next Parliamentary session.

While this was also Rishi Sunak's first King's Speech as Prime Minister, most of the measures included had been trailed. Many saw the speech as a legislative program designed to establish dividing lines with the Opposition going into election season.

The speech was split into three key themes, 'growing the economy', 'strengthening society' and 'keeping people safe', a clear nod to the Prime Minister's key priorities for 2023. The speech outlined a total of 21 bills that the Government intends to bring forward over the course of the Parliament between now and the next General Election.

Predictably the Labour party were quick to criticise the speech describing it as thin without “proper ambition.” Liberal Democrat leader, Sir Ed Davey, has described the politics of the King's Speech as "pretty dreadful" while accusing the Government of “not touching on issues important to ordinary people.”

Key bills of relevance to the EIA are:

- The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill
- The Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill

For a description of these Bill's and a summary of the King's Speech, please click the link below for Cavendish's Briefing on the King Charles' Address.

[Click here to download Cavendish's Briefing on the King's Speech.](#)

News

Prime Minister launches new AI Safety Institute

Following last week's AI Summit, the Prime Minister launched the world's first AI Safety Institute. This announcement has the intention to cement the UK's position as a world leader in AI Safety. This new hub will help spur international collaboration on AI's safe development, with leading AI companies and nations including the US, Singapore and Google DeepMind agreeing to partner with the Institute. The AI Safety Institute puts the UK's leading Frontier AI Taskforce on a permanent footing, following two days of praise for its work on AI safety.

Government slashes up to £1bn a year of business burdens

British businesses could save up to £1 billion a year as the Government confirms plans to remove unnecessary and outdated bureaucracy with its announcement of amendments to several retained EU laws to ensure UK regulations are brought up to date and tailored to the needs of businesses, freeing up firms to refocus their time and money elsewhere to help create jobs.

The reforms will see the reduction of time-consuming reporting requirements and the simplifying of annual leave and holiday pay calculations under the Working Time Regulations as well as the streamlining of regulations that apply when a

business transfers to a new owner. These proposals don't change existing workers' rights in the UK.

UK hosts talks with Taiwan to boost trade ties

Trade Minister Nigel Huddleston co-chaired the 26th annual UK-Taiwan trade talks in London alongside Taiwanese Deputy Minister Chern-Chyi Chen of the Ministry of Economic Affairs to boost trade and investment ties with Taiwan.

Talks focused on collaboration in critical sectors such as renewable energy and semiconductors, as well as removing barriers to trade to unlock more opportunities for UK firms to export to and invest in Taiwan.

Government publishes response to Border Minimum Service Levels Consultation

This consultation was related to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act, which introduced new powers for employers to require certain employees to work on strike days to deliver Minimum Service Levels, including for Border workers. This consultation invited comments on defining essential border security services and defining the minimum service level.

The Government's response determined that all ports and airports should remain open on a strike day and that in the event of a strike, it should be open to the Home Office to consider the relevant factors necessary regarding staffing decisions to deliver the required minimum level of service

Parliament

House of Commons

Prime Minister's representative to AI Summit questioned on UK approach to regulating Artificial Intelligence

The Science, Innovation and Technology Committee questioned Matt Clifford, the Prime Minister's representative at the Bletchley Park AI safety summit and Emran Mian, Director General of Digital Technologies and Telecoms at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, on the UK's latest position and direction forward for regulating and safely optimising AI technologies - including the response to the Government's white paper consultation, expected this year.

European Scrutiny Committee launches inquiry into EU Entry/Exit and the UK border

The European Scrutiny Committee has initiated an inquiry into the potential consequences of the EU Entry/Exit System (EES) on the UK's border. The EES aims to replace manual passport stamping with an automated IT system, recording entry and exit from the Schengen Area. While the EU emphasizes its role in enforcing Schengen rules, including the 90-day stay limit, concerns arise as the current plan lacks remote registration for travelers. Operators at UK ports with 'juxtaposed' border controls anticipate significant disruption, raising questions about the impact of the EES on efficient border processes, particularly at locations like St Pancras Station and Dover.

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