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EIA Update

This week EIA were pleased to hear Martyn's Law inclusion in the King's Speech and issued a press statement as follows:

"We are glad to see the reintroduction of Protect Duty legislation in the King's Speech today, we remain committed, as an industry, to seeing measures that ensure the safety of all."

"We have been engaging with the new Security Minister, Dan Jarvis MP, in recent months and look forward to working closely with the new Government to ensure that any proposals from the legislation for Martyn's Law, are realistic, proportionate and workable."

We are continuing to prepare engagement with the new Minister of particular relevance to us as their portfolios of responsibility are released.

The EIA recently received an invitation from Lisa Nandy, the newly appointed Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport of the United Kingdom, to attend an event to celebrate all organisations who fall under the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Political Update

We are now in the second week of the new Government following the General Election. The new Prime Minister Keir Starmer has appointed his front bench and ministers and begun making his mark on Number 10, including by scrapping the Conservatives' flagship Rwanda Scheme and replacing the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities with the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

On Wednesday following the State opening of Parliament, King Charles III delivered the first Kings Speech to a Labour parliamentary majority in over 70 years. The new

Government set out plans for a busy legislative programme, introducing 40 new Bills and Draft Bills, as it looks to deliver on the priorities outlined in its manifesto. There were no real shocks or surprises within the speech as much had been trailed over the past week and recently included in the party's manifesto. Martyn's Law featured in the King's Speech through the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill.

The Prime Minister hosted members of the European Political Community on Thursday at Blenheim Palace where they discussed Ukraine, wider European security issues, and Keir Starmer confirmed that the UK would not be leaving the European Convention of Human Rights.

News

Rishi Sunak supports inclusion of Martyn's Law

During his response to the King's Speech, Leader of the Opposition Rishi Sunak expressed his support at the inclusion of Martyn's Law. The Law is a measure inherited by Labour from the former-administration and one that Sunak promised would be implemented by summer recess.

Jonathan Reynolds tells G7 counterparts UK is "open for business"

Jonathan Reynolds the new Business and Trade Secretary, told his G7 counterparts that the UK is "open for business" during a Trade Ministerial Meeting in Italy. He suggested, that for UK business to plan for sustained investment and economic growth over the next decade, a new level headed approach on the world stage was needed.

He told business representatives and trade counterparts:

"My message to you today is simple - Britain is back. A confident, outward-looking, future-facing UK is ready and willing to play our part on the international stage.

"We are seeking a closer, more mature, more level-headed relationship with our friends in the European Union – our nearest and largest trading partner, and we also intend to forge better trading relationships with countries around the world."

Gordon Brown has called for the Government to roll out T-levels faster

Former Labour Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, has called on the new Government to not delay on rolling out T-levels. He said that delaying the roll out would deprive young people of vital opportunities and impede economic growth. He further argued that T-levels offered best starting point for the Chancellor and Prime Minister to tackle skills shortages in the UK, after training was 'side-lined' under the Conservative Government.

Keir Starmer is welcomed by the European Community

Prime Minister Keir Starmer was welcomed by other political leaders during the European Political Community Summit this week. French President Emmanuel Macron praised the new PM for bringing 'new momentum' to tackling political issues, whilst

Irish Prime Minister Simon Harris said his first few days in office were a 'gamechanger' for Europe.

Starmer told the summit:

"We want to work with all of you to reset relationships, rediscover our common interest and renew the bonds of trust and friendship that brighten the fabric of European life."

"We will strengthen our existing relationships and we will build new ones.

"This includes resetting our relationship with the EU because I believe that the UK and the EU, working together as sovereign partners, are a powerful force for good across our continent"

Inflation Rate remains the same in June

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) released the inflation statistics for the month of June on Wednesday 17th July, the first time the statistics have been released since the election of a new Government.

The Consumer Price Index stayed at 2% in the month of June, remaining at the Bank of England's target rate. The cost of living is therefore still rising but now at a rate which is acceptable to the Bank of England. Despite a fall in price for footwear and clothing prices from a year ago, prices of restaurants and hotels have risen.

Parliament

House of Commons

Kings Speech

On Wednesday 17th July, King Charles addressed the new Parliament, setting out the new Government's legislative agenda for the upcoming year. Cavendish summarised the full speech which you can access [here](#).

Bills of particular interest to EIA members include:

- **Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill** – The Bill will fulfil the Government's manifesto commitment to bring into effect 'Martyn's Law' by strengthening the security of public events and venues. The measures required by venues to reduce the risk vary according to the capacity of the premises.
- **Skills England Bill** – The legislation will establish Skills England by transferring functions from the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE). Skills England will convene employers, unions, education and training providers, Mayoral Combined Authorities and national Government to develop a single picture of national and local skills needs to ensure skills systems are meeting these needs and are aligned. It will also identify the training for which the Growth and Skills Levy will be accessible.
- **Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill** – Delivering on its manifesto commitment, the Government will bring rail services back into public ownership. Existing legislation will be amended so that appointing a public-

sector operator is the default position, rather than a last resort. Operations will transfer to a public-sector operator as existing contracts expire or operators fail to meet their commitments, avoiding the need to pay compensation to the current train operators.

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