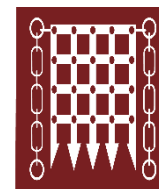


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Next steps for conveyancing and property transaction reform in England
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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Latest developments and implications of reform on the home buying and selling process**
Jordan Turner, Senior Lecturer, University of the Built Environment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **HMRC tax adviser registration - responsibilities, compliance and implications for conveyancers**
Leigh Sayliss, Partner, Tax, Lawrence Stephens; and Chair, Property Taxes Committee, Chartered Institution of Taxation
- 9.40 **Assessing priorities for property transaction reform - upfront information, responsibility and earlier commitment**
implications of the Government's Home Buying and Selling Reform Roadmap | strengthening upfront property information and earlier commitment in the transaction process | liability, the conveyancer's role, responsibility for preparing, verifying and relying on property information | implementing the Law Society's TA6 reforms and the 2026 National Conveyancing Protocol update | implications for buyers and sellers relating to cost, certainty and safeguards under earlier binding commitments, including for property chains and complex transactions | collaboration across government, regulators and the property transaction chain | role of mandatory Codes of Practice and qualification requirements | adhering to HMRC's tax adviser registration requirements
Thom Wilkinson, Partner, Residential Property, Bishop and Sewell
Senior representative, estate agent
Senior representative, lender
Senior representative, advisory
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Modernising home buying and selling - property data, interoperability and digital adoption**
Maria Harris, Chair, Open Property Data Association; and Member, Smart Data Council, Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Supporting regulatory reform across the sector - next steps and priorities for implementation**
Sheila Kumar, Chief Executive, Council for Licensed Conveyancers
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Practical considerations for implementation - sector readiness, workforce and consumer outcomes**
implementing reform across the conveyancing workforce | supporting digital adoption and access to data and technology across firms of different sizes | addressing workforce capacity, recruitment, skills and training needs | assessing application quality through HM Land Registry's support programme | improving collaboration between lenders and conveyancers on mortgage instructions, communication and transaction data | completion and post-completion issues including delay, fraud, client money and continuity where firms fail | consumer access, protection and confidence as transactions become more digital
Beth Rudolf, Director, Delivery, Conveyancing Association
Angela Hesketh, Head, Government and Public Affairs, PEXA
Vicki Redman, Senior Associate, Switich
David Bridge, Head, Conveyancing, Kiteleys Solicitors
Senior representative, consumer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for conveyancing going forward**
Victoria Latham, Deputy Director, Housing, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Legal Policy Forum