When your regulatory environment is changing or when your business is under public scrutiny, Parliament is likely to be key to success. Understanding how Parliament works — both legally and in practice — is essential to navigating your way through the corridors of power.

When you are called to appear before an increasingly vocal Parliamentary Select Committee, you want to know that your advisors know the rules — and have been there before.

When you need your view to be heard in the debate about a legislative proposal, you need someone who knows their Second Reading from their Joint Committee. And who knows when and how to intervene to best effect.

Our dedicated public law and policy team can help you with all aspects of parliamentary procedure, including contributing to the legislative process, appearing before parliamentary select committees, drafting and tabling legislative amendments, briefing policy makers, and responding to parliamentary consultations and reports.

Representative experience

Advising The Crown Estate on the drafting and passage of primary and secondary legislation to give effect to the devolution of management of the Scottish estates.
Preparing clients' witnesses for appearances before Select Committees, including advising on Committee powers and confidentiality of proceedings.

Advising Ofgem on the legislative drafting, introduction, and administration of the Renewable Heat Incentive schemes.

Advising on the process, drafting, and impact of the (Great) Repeal Bill.

Advising numerous clients on the application of the Lobbying Act 2014 and the Parliamentary Code of Conduct.

Advising an independent power generator on securing amendments to the draft Energy and Infrastructure Bills.

Advising a number of businesses and financial institutions on campaigning and political donation rules relating to general elections and referendums.

Advising sovereign governments on their engagement with UK parliamentary authorities.

Advising the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition on an inquiry by the Intelligence and Security Committee.

Advising an NGO on parliamentary lobbying and legislative drafting for the introduction of a statutory compensation scheme for victims of terrorism abroad.

Advising a former diplomat on the disclosure of information to the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, including issues arising under the Official Secrets Act 1989 and parliamentary privilege.

Advising Equitable Life on UK and European Parliament proceedings, including as to the power of a committee of Inquiry to compel evidence and related privilege issues.

Advising a financial institution on strategies for influencing legislative proposals for the introduction of collective redress litigation routes against financial services providers.
Advising a trade association on legislation relating to anti-smuggling supply chain controls, including leading negotiations, drafting detailed submissions and proposed amendments.

Advising on engagement with the Treasury and Justice Select Committees regarding the UK government’s representation of the interests of Crown Dependencies.

Advising on parliamentary procedure for the grant of an exemption from requirement to hold a generator licence under the Electricity Act.

Advising on the power of the Work and Pensions Committee to compel the attendance of foreign nationals to give evidence in connection with the BHS investigation.

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