

# Legislation API Service Guide

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## URIs

The following text describes the URI scheme that is used on the Legislation API.

**The best way of finding out the URI for a particular piece of legislation is to search for it. A search on the title of a piece of legislation will redirect you to the proper URI for that item of legislation without you having to construct the URI yourself.**

The Legislation API attempts to follow the guidance given in [How to Publish Linked Data on the Web](#). We define three levels of URIs:

- **identifier URIs;** for example, "The Transport Act 1985",  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67>
- **document URIs;** for example, "The current version of The Transport Act 1985" (as opposed to a previous version), <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67>
- **representation URIs;** for example, "The current version of The Transport Act 1985 in XML" (as opposed to an HTML document), <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/data.xml>

When you request an identifier URI, the response will usually be a 303 See Other redirection to a document URI. When you request a document URI, you will usually get a 200 OK response and a Content-Location header that will point to an appropriate representation URI based on the Accept headers that you use in the request.

## Identifier URIs

**We recommend that you link to identifier URIs.**

Identifier URIs generally follow the template:

`http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/{type}/{year}/{number} [{/section}]`

However, legislation is often quoted without a chapter number, which can make it hard to automatically construct these URIs. If you don't know the chapter number for a piece of legislation, you can use a search URI of the form:

`http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id?title={title}`

If the title is recognised, this will result in a 301 Moved Permanently redirection to the canonical URI for the legislation. For example, requesting:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id?title=The%20Transport%20Act%201985>

will result in a 301 Moved Permanently redirection to

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67>

On occasion, items of legislation have very similar titles, and the title search will result in multiple possibilities. In this case, the response will be a 303 Multiple Choices containing a simple XHTML document. For example, requesting

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id?title=Disability%20Rights%20Commission%20Act>

will result in a document containing

```
<ul>
  <li><a href="/id/uksi/2006/3189">The Disability Rights Commission Act 1999 (Commencement No.3) Order 2006</a></li>
  <li><a href="/id/uksi/2000/880">The Disability Rights Commission Act 1999 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Order 2000</a></li>
  <li><a href="/id/uksi/1999/2210">The Disability Rights Commission Act 1999 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Order 1999</a></li>
  <li><a href="/id/uksi/1999/17">Disability Rights Commission Act 1999</a></li>
</ul>
```

## Legislation Types

The legislation type codes are the same as those used on the Statute Law Database, and within the OPSI site.

The list is:

Description	Document Main Type	URI abbreviation
<b>Primary Legislation</b>		
UK Public General Acts	UnitedKingdomPublicGeneralAct	ukpga
UK Local Acts	UnitedKingdomLocalAct	ukla

Description	Document Main Type	URI abbreviation
Acts of the Parliament of Great Britain (1707-1800)	GreatBritainAct	apgb
Acts of the English Parliament (1267-1706)	EnglandAct	aep
Acts of the Old Scottish Parliament (1424-1707)	ScottishOldAct	aosp
Acts of the Scottish Parliament	ScottishAct	asp
Acts of the Old Irish Parliament (1495-1800)	IrelandAct	aip
Acts of the Northern Ireland Parliament (1921-1972)	NorthernIrelandParliamentAct	apni
Measures of the Northern Ireland Assembly (1974)	NorthernIrelandAssemblyMeasure	mnia
Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly	NorthernIrelandAct	nia
UK Church Measures	UnitedKingdomChurchMeasure	ukcm
Measures of the Welsh Assembly	WelshAssemblyMeasure	mwa
Acts of the Welsh Assembly	WelshNationalAssemblyAct	anaw
<b>Secondary Legislation</b>		
UK Statutory Instruments	UnitedKingdomStatutoryInstrument	uksi
Scottish Statutory Instruments	ScottishStatutoryInstrument	ssi

Description	Document Main Type	URI abbreviation
Wales Statutory Instruments	WelshStatutoryInstrument	wsi
Northern Ireland Statutory Rules	NorthernIrelandStatutoryRule	nISR
UK Church Instruments	UnitedKingdomChurchInstrument	ukci
Northern Ireland Orders in Council	NorthernIrelandOrderInCouncil	nisi
UK Ministerial Orders	UnitedKingdomMinisterialOrder	ukmo

### Draft Legislation

UK Draft Statutory Instruments	UnitedKingdomDraftStatutoryInstrument	ukdsi
Scottish Draft Statutory Instruments	ScottishDraftStatutoryInstrument	sdsi
Northern Ireland Statutory Rules	NorthernIrelandDraftStatutoryRule	nidsr
Northern Ireland Draft Orders in Council	NorthernIrelandDraftOrderInCouncil	nidsi
Welsh Draft Statutory Instruments	WelshDraftStatutoryInstrument	wdsi

Wales Statutory Instruments and Northern Ireland Orders in Council follow the same numbering sequence as UK Statutory Instruments, and can therefore be legitimately referred to through a URI using either wsi/nisi or uksi. In these cases, the wsi or nisi URI is the canonical one. For example, a request to

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2002/808>

will result in a 301 Moved Permanently response with a Location header pointing to

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/wsi/2002/808>

## Legislation Years

The legislation *year* can be a calendar year or a [regnal year](#). Calendar years can be used for legislation after 1963, but before that time legislation is unambiguously identified based on the year of reign of the monarch. For example:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67>

identifies The Transport Act 1986 (c.67), and:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/Edw7/7/51>

identifies the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907 (c.51). If you use a calendar year prior to 1963 within a URI, you will be redirected to the canonical identifier, which uses the regnal year. For example, requesting:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1907/51>

will result in a 301 Moved Permanently response with a Location header pointing to

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/Edw7/7/51>

On a few occasions, a pre-1963 calendar year in a URI does not uniquely identify a particular piece of legislation. For example:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1955/19>

Could refer to the Friendly Societies Act 1955 (c.19) or the Air Force Act 1955 (c.19). These items of legislation have different regnal years, but the same calendar years. The above request will result in a 300 Multiple Choices response, and the result will be XHTML that includes:

```
<ul>
  <li><a href="/id/ukpga/Eliz2/3-4/19">Air Force Act 1955</a></li>
  <li><a href="/id/ukpga/Eliz2/4-5/19">Friendly Societies Act
1955</a></li>
</ul>
```

## Legislation Numbers

The legislation *number* is an integer that reflects the legislation's chapter number according to the primary numbering sequence for the type. Legislation is sometimes assigned one or more secondary numbers. Secondary numbering schemes are:

<b>Numbering Scheme</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>URI Number Prefix</b>
Commencement and/or Appointed Day orders (C)	Bring into force an Act or part of an Act.	C
Legal series (L)	Relate to fees or procedures in Courts in England and Wales.	L
Scottish series (S)	Instruments covering reserved matters applying to Scotland only, not to be confused with Scottish Statutory Instruments made under powers devolved under the <a href="#">Scotland Act 1998</a> .	S
Northern Ireland series (NI)	Orders in Council made under <a href="#">section 1(3) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972</a> or paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to <a href="#">the Northern Ireland Act 1974</a> .	ni
National Assembly for Wales series (W/Cy)	Statutory Instruments made by the National Assembly for Wales and applying to Wales only. Such instruments will generally be made in both the English and Welsh languages.	w

It's possible to use a secondary number within a URI by prefixing the number with the appropriate prefix as shown in the above table. This will result in a 301 Moved Permanently redirection to the URI using the main numbering scheme. For example, requesting

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/wsi/2002/w89>

will result in a 301 Moved Permanently redirection to

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/wsi/2002/808>

## Legislation Sections

You can refer to particular sections, articles, regulations and so on within a piece of legislation by appending / {divisionName} / {number} to the URI. For example, to refer to section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, you can use

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1984/27/section/6>

The name of the division that is used depends on the type of the legislation as follows:

Legislation Type	Division Name
Act, Scottish Bill	section
UK Bill	clause
Order in Council, Order of Council or Order	article
Regulations	regulation
Rules	rule

For example, regulation 6 of the Overseas Life Insurance Companies Regulations 2004 can be referenced with:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2004/2200/regulation/6>

Further subsections can be listed after the section number, using forward slashes as separators. For example:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1975/63/section/1/1/ba>

The numbering scheme used for the sections, subsections and so on is that used within the legislation itself.

Whole schedules can be referred to with /schedule/{numberOrLetter}, and paragraphs within schedules using /schedule/{numberOrLetter}/paragraph/{paraNumber}. For example:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/2005/6/schedule/1/paragraph/2>

Sub-paragraphs can be referred as with sub-sections described above.

In cases where a piece of legislation only has one schedule, the keyword schedule can be used on its own. For example:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1996/6/schedule>

To refer to other structures within a piece of legislation, such as parts, chapter and so on, the appropriate name for the structure should be used in lowercase, with separators between it and its number. Further substructures can be appended to this. For example, Part IV to Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 should be referenced using:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1984/27/schedule/9/part/IV>

The allowed keywords here are:

- group
- part
- chapter
- schedule

Note that these are URI keywords, and always in English regardless of the language used in the legislation. However, the numbers used for parts, chapters and so on reflect the numbers used within the legislation; some legislation may contain Part II while another contains Part 2, and the URIs will reflect this difference rather than normalising on decimal numbers.

Requesting a division that does not exist within the legislation will result in a 404 Not Found response.

## Document URIs

Document URIs are used to refer to particular documents on the web: versions of the legislation. Document URIs follow the template:

```
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/{type}/{year}/{number} [{/section}] [{/authority}] [{/extent}] [{/version}]
```

## Legislation Authorities

The documents provided within the Legislation API come from four possible sources, which may be reflected in the URI:

Publisher	URI abbreviation	Notes
Statute Law Database	sld	Revised versions of primary legislation; unrevised versions of secondary legislation. Revised and unrevised versions of Northern Ireland Acts and Orders in Council prior to 2006.
King's or Queen's Printer of Acts of Parliament	kqpap	Enacted/made versions of UK legislation since 1988.
King's or Queen's Printer for Scotland	kqps	Enacted/made versions of Scottish legislation since 1988.
Government Printer for Northern Ireland	gpni	Enacted/made versions of Northern Ireland legislation since 1988.

The default authority, if one isn't given in the URI, depends on the version of the document being viewed. The revised version of legislation from the Statute Law Database will be returned for a current, dated or prospective version; if the enacted version of legislation is requested, you will get the King or Queen's Printer version unless it's unavailable, in which case the unrevised version from the Statute Law Database will be provided if possible.

For example:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2000/5>

will return the latest version of the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 from the Statute Law Database, which could also be accessed at the URI:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2000/5/sld>

Requesting:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2000/5/enacted>

will return the enacted version of the Act from the Government Printer for Northern Ireland, which could also be accessed at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2000/5/gpni/enacted>

The unrevised version of the Act from the Statute Law Database can be accessed at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2000/5/sld/enacted>

The text of this version will be the same as the Government Printer for Northern Ireland version, but may include annotations and links to other legislation.

## Legislation Extents

To reference legislation as it extends to a particular country, append / {country}, where country is:

- england
- wales
- scotland
- ni

For example, to get the Rent Act 1977 as it extends to England, you would use:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1977/42/england>

It is also possible to select a section based on more than one country by listing them with a + separator. For example,

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/section/6/england+scotland>

requests the versions of Section 6 of The Transport Act 1985 that are applicable to England and Scotland.

Requesting a piece of legislation, or a subsection of legislation, while specifying a country that the legislation or subsection does not extend to will result in a 404 Not Found response.

URIs that do not specify an extent are assumed to refer to the legislation as it extends to all countries.

When a selection for an exact extent is needed, the '=' operator can precede the country list. For example,

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/section/6/=england+wales>

which will request all version of Section 6 of The Transport Act 1985 that are applicable to both England and Wales.

## Legislation Versions

Legislation versions fall into three general categories: enacted/name versions, dated versions and prospective versions.

### Enacted/Made Versions

The enacted or made version of legislation reflects the text of the legislation when it becomes law. Primary legislation is "enacted" while the majority of secondary legislation is "made" (United Kingdom Church Instruments and Ministerial Orders are simply "created").

Using the keyword enacted, made or created at the end of a document URI provides the enacted or made version of the legislation, if such is available. The enacted version of legislation is not generally available for legislation prior to 1988.

For example, the enacted version of the Childcare Act 2006 can be found at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/21/enacted>

### Dated Versions

It is often helpful to know which parts of a piece of legislation are in force at a particular time. Often, particular sections of a piece of legislation do not come into force immediately (on the enactment date) but are brought into force later on, often through a commencement order (a particular kind of secondary legislation).

In addition, most legislation, particularly primary legislation, goes through multiple changes during its lifetime as other legislation inserts or repeals sections, paragraphs and phrases. Like the original, enacted, sections, inserted sections may not actually come into force until a separate order is made.

If no version is specified in a document URI, this is taken to refer to the version of the legislation that is currently in force. For example:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67>

Indicates the current version of The Transport Act 1985, and will provide the most up to date version of the legislation available through the API. In this case, the result will be the legislation as it stood on 1st April 2003, which is also accessible at the URI:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/2003-04-01>

Any date can be used within the URI. For example:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/1997-06-01>

would refer to the version of The Transport Act 1985 that was in effect on 1st June 1997.

Requesting a date that is prior to the base date of 1st February 1991 will result in a redirection to the legislation as it was on the base date.

Requesting a date that was prior to the enactment of the legislation results in 404 Not Found response. Requests for sections that did not exist within a particular version will return you that section though the fact that it was not in force on that date will be indicated.

### Prospective Versions

At any point in time, there may be prospective sections within or amendments to a piece of legislation: planned sections or changes that have not come into force. Using /prospective instead of a date within the URI refers to the legislation that would be in force were all prospective sections and amendments in effect. For example, Part II of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 has a prospective amendment from the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 (sections 108 and 120) that adds a Section 22B. The prospective version of that Part would be:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/27/part/II/prospective>

Note that the URI

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/27/section/22B>

will return the section but that it is marked as being prospective, as does specifically requesting the prospective version with

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/27/section/22B/prospective>

### Explanatory Notes

Explanatory Notes provide accessible information to readers who are not legally qualified and who have no specialised knowledge of the matters dealt with by the enacting legislation. They are intended to allow the reader to grasp what the Act sets out to achieve and place its effect in context. Using /notes at the end of a document URI provides the Explanatory Notes for that specific legislation. For example, the Explanatory Notes for the Communications Act 2003 would be:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/21/notes>

The explanatory Notes for a specific section within that legislation, for example section 50 of the Communications Act 2003 would be:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/21/section/50/notes>

If there are no Explanatory Notes or no Explanatory Note for a specific section exists then the uri will return a 404 Not Found response, since it does not exist.

## Representation URIs

Each document is available in multiple formats. The URI for a particular format follows the template:

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/{type}/{year}/{number}\[/section\]/{authority}\[/ext\]/{version}.ext](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/{type}/{year}/{number}[/section]/{authority}[/ext]/{version}.ext)

for legislation and

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/{type}/{year}/{number}\[/section\]/{notes}.ext](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/{type}/{year}/{number}[/section]/{notes}.ext)

for Explanatory Notes.

where `ext` is the extension for the particular format.

The format provided as the result of a particular request on a document URI is determined through content negotiation based on the mime types used in the `Accept` header used by the client. Available formats, their mime types and their extensions are listed below.

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## Formats

This section describes the formats that are currently available within Legislation API. The available formats, their mime type and the filename used within the representation URI for the document are listed in the following table.

Format	Mime Type	Filename
XML	application/xml or text/xml	data.xml
XHTML	application/xhtml+xml	data.htm
PDF	application/pdf	data.pdf
AKN	application/akn+xml	data.akn
HTML5	application/akn+xhtml	data.html
XHTML	application/xhtml+xml	data.xht
RDF/XML	application/rdf+xml	data.rdf
Atom	application/atom+xml	data.feed

## XML

We provide the content of legislation in XML format using a [Legislation Schema](#) that includes both metadata and the content of legislation. The Legislation Schema uses [Dublin Core](#) for metadata, [XHTML](#) for tables and [MathML](#) for formulae.

Both the table of contents and the full content of the legislation includes links to other parts of the legislation. The `IdURI` attribute provides the identifier URI for the section. This URI identifies the section, but not the particular version that should be linked to from the view of the legislation that you are looking at. The `DocumentURI` attribute provides the document URI for the section, which includes any selected extent and the currently viewed version.

## Entire Items

When an entire piece of legislation is requested using a URL that contains a version such as <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/2003-04-01>, the legislation will be returned in its entirety, including sections that were not in force on the given date, which will include any prospective sections. Using the keyword `prospective` in place of the date will indicate how the legislation

will look if all prospective amendments are applied in the future. A URL without a date will give you the current version of the legislation, which is the same as using today's date in the URI.

Within the XML, any sections that aren't valid at the date requested have a `Match="false"` attribute. The `Status` attribute indicates the status of the section at the requested date, which can be `Prospective` (the section hasn't yet come into force on that date), `Repealed` or `Discarded` (a section which was never brought into force and was later repealed). Other attributes, such as `RestrictStartDate`, `RestrictEndDate` and `RestrictExtent` provide additional information about the validity of the section.

Some items of legislation are very large and therefore take a long time to retrieve. **We recommend avoiding requesting entire items of legislation.**

## Sections

When a section of legislation is requested using a URL such as <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/section/6>, the section will be provided in context, including basic information about its ancestors (such as the part and chapter that it's contained in), their numbers, titles and links to them through the `DocumentURI` and `IdentifierURI` attributes. This information can help in the construction of breadcrumb trails, for example. The metadata will only include unapplied effects that would apply to that section or to the entire piece of legislation.

Where there are concurrent sections with different geographical extents, the body of the XML will contain only one of the versions of the section, and an `AltVersionRefs` attribute will point to the alternative version for that section which is held in the `<Versions>` element.

## Tables of Contents

When a contents page is requested using a URL such as <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/contents> (which is the usual document retrieved after a request to an identifier URI), you will get back a table of contents for the legislation. The table of contents is a combination of the contents of the requested version, previous versions and, if you're looking at the current table of contents, prospective changes to the legislation.

Within the table of contents, any sections that aren't valid at the date requested have a `Match="false"` attribute. The `Status` attribute indicates the status of the section at the requested date, which can be `Prospective` (the section hasn't yet come into force on that date), `Repealed` or `Discarded` (a section which was never brought into force and was later repealed). Other attributes, such as `RestrictStartDate`, `RestrictEndDate` and `RestrictExtent` provide additional information about the validity of the section.

For example, the table of contents at

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1975/30/contents> includes a Part whose content has been repealed:

```
<ContentsPart ContentRef="part-II"
  DocumentURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1975/30/part/II"
  IdURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1975/30/part/II"
  RestrictExtent="S"
  RestrictStartDate="2002-10-23">
  <ContentsNumber>Part II</ContentsNumber>
  <ContentsTitle> Local Administration</ContentsTitle>
  <ContentsItem Match="false" Status="Repealed" ContentRef="section-21">
    DocumentURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1975/30/section/21/2002-10-22"
    IdURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1975/30/section/21"
    RestrictExtent="S"
    RestrictEndDate="2002-10-23" ConfersPower="true">
    <ContentsNumber>21</ContentsNumber>
    <ContentsTitle> Commissioner for Local Administration</ContentsTitle>
    </ContentsItem>
    <ContentsItem Match="false" Status="Repealed" ContentRef="section-22">
      DocumentURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1975/30/section/22/2002-10-22"
      IdURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1975/30/section/22"
      RestrictExtent="S"
      RestrictEndDate="2002-10-23" ConfersPower="true">
      <ContentsNumber>22</ContentsNumber>
      <ContentsTitle> Body to be designated by Secretary of State for purposes of Part II</ContentsTitle>
      </ContentsItem>
    ...
  </ContentsPart>
```

The table of contents at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/2007/288/contents> includes an Article that has not yet come into force:

```
<ContentsPart ContentRef="part-IV"
  DocumentURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/2007/288/part/IV"
  IdURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/nisi/2007/288/part/IV"
  RestrictStartDate="2007-03-01">
  <ContentsNumber>
    <Strong>PART IV</Strong>
  </ContentsNumber>
  <ContentsTitle>ARREST</ContentsTitle>
  ...
  <ContentsItem ContentRef="article-17"
    DocumentURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/2007/288/article/17"
    IdURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/nisi/2007/288/article/17"
    RestrictStartDate="2007-03-01">
    <ContentsNumber>17</ContentsNumber>
    <ContentsTitle>Search upon arrest</ContentsTitle>
  </ContentsItem>
  <ContentsItem Match="false" Status="Prospective"
    ContentRef="article-18"
    DocumentURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/2007/288/article/18"
    IdURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/nisi/2007/288/article/18">
    <ContentsNumber>18</ContentsNumber>
    <ContentsTitle>Arrested juveniles</ContentsTitle>
  </ContentsItem>
</ContentsPart>
```

The DocumentURI attribute always points to an existing version of the section. In the case of a section that has been repealed, it will point to the version of the section that was in force on the day before its repeal.

## Metadata

The `<ukm:Metadata>` element contains metadata about the item of legislation or section of legislation that's requested. Among other things, this includes `<atom:link>` elements that point to other interesting documents:

<b>Relation</b>	<b>Description</b>
self	The representation URI for the provided XML representation
alternate	Representation URIs for alternative representations, such as the RDF/XML representation
<a href="http://purl.org/dc/terms/tableOfContents">http://purl.org/dc/terms/tableOfContents</a>	The document URI of the table of contents for the item of legislation
<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/def/navigation/act">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/def/navigation/act</a>	The document URI for the whole item of legislation
<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/def/navigation/introduction">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/def/navigation/introduction</a>	The document URI for the introduction of the item of legislation
<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/def/navigation/body">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/def/navigation/body</a>	The document URI for the body of the item of legislation
<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/def/navigation/schedules">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/def/navigation/schedules</a>	The document URI for the schedules of the item of legislation
<a href="http://purl.org/dc/terms/hasPart">http://purl.org/dc/terms/hasPart</a>	Document URIs for any concurrent versions; the title indicates their extents
<a href="http://purl.org/dc/terms/isPartOf">http://purl.org/dc/terms/isPartOf</a>	If you've requested a particular extent, the document URI for the combined version
<a href="http://purl.org/dc/terms/replaces">http://purl.org/dc/terms/replaces</a>	The document URI of the previous version, or the current version if you're looking at the prospective version; the title provides the date or the keyword 'current'
<a href="http://purl.org/dc/terms/isReplacedBy">http://purl.org/dc/terms/isReplacedBy</a>	The document URI of the next version, or the prospective version if there is one; the title provides the date or the keyword 'prospective'
up	A link to the parent of the section (the item of legislation)

prev

A link to the previous section

next

A link to the next section

## Unapplied Effects

The content of an item of legislation can, and often is, changed by other legislation. Most of these changes are reflected in the content of the XML that we publish. However, one of the limitations of this site is not all the changes we know about have been applied to the content. It is therefore out of date.

The effects that have not yet been applied to the content of the legislation are listed in the metadata of the XML, within the <ukm:UnappliedEffects> element. For example:

```
<ukm:UnappliedEffects>
  <ukm:UnappliedEffect Type="Commencement Order" Notes="commencement
order for 2007 c. 15"
    CommencingClass="UnitedKingdomStatutoryInstrument"
    CommencingYear="2008" CommencingNumber="1653"
    AffectingClass="UnitedKingdomPublicGeneralAct"
    AffectingYear="2007" AffectingNumber="15"
    AffectedProvision="specified amended provision(s)"
    CommencingSectionRef="article-2"
    AffectingURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/2007/15"

    CommencingURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2008/1653/artic
le/2"/>
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order for 2007 c. 28"
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    CommencingYear="2008" CommencingNumber="172"
    AffectingClass="UnitedKingdomPublicGeneralAct"
    AffectingYear="2007" AffectingNumber="28"
    AffectedProvision="specified amended provision(s)"
    CommencingStartSectionRef="article-2"
    CommencingEndSectionRef="article-9"
    AffectingURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/2007/28"

    CommencingURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2008/172/articl
e/2"
```

CommencingUpTo="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2008/172/article/9"/>

<ukm:UnappliedEffect Type="inserted" AffectingClass="UnitedKingdomPublicGeneralAct" AffectingYear="2008" AffectingNumber="26" AffectedSectionRef="section-126-1-aa" AffectingSectionRef="section-52-3"

AffectingURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/2008/26/section/52/3"

AffectedURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67/section/126/1/aa"/>

<ukm:UnappliedEffect Type="text amended" AffectingClass="UnitedKingdomPublicGeneralAct" AffectingYear="2008" AffectingNumber="26" AffectedSectionRef="section-126-3" AffectingSectionRef="section-61-2"

AffectingURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/2008/26/section/61/2"

AffectedURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67/section/126/3"/>

<ukm:UnappliedEffect Type="repealed" AffectingClass="ScottishAct" AffectingYear="2003" AffectingNumber="1" AffectedStartSectionRef="section-89" AffectedEndSectionRef="section-91" AffectingSectionRef="section-60-3-c"

AffectingURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/asp/2003/1/section/60/3/c"

AffectedURI="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67/section/89"

AffectedUpTo="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67/section/91"/>

...

</ukm:UnappliedEffects>

Each effect is listed with a Type and sometimes some Notes. A link to the affecting legislation is provided through the attributes:

- AffectingClass - the class of the affecting legislation
- AffectingYear - the year of the affecting legislation
- AffectingNumber - the number of the affecting legislation
- AffectingSectionRef - the id of the section within that legislation causing the effect
- AffectingURI – the identifier URI of the section within the legislation causing the effect

Each effect can affect different parts of the legislation. These are indicated through the following attributes:

- AffectedSectionRef - the id for the affected section
- AffectedStartSectionRef/AffectedEndSectionRef - the ids for the start and end sections in a range of affected sections
- AffectedURI - the identifier URI of the affected section, or the start of range of sections
- AffectedUpTo - the identifier URI of the end of the range of affected sections

For effects of the type 'Commencement Order' then the following attributes are used:

- CommencingClass - the class of the commencing legislation
- CommencingYear - the year of the commencing legislation
- CommencingNumber - the number of the commencing legislation
- CommencingSectionRef - the id of the section within the commencing legislation
- CommencingStartSectionRef/CommencingEndSectionRef - the ids for the start and end sections in a range of commencing sections
- CommencingURI – the identifier URI of the section within the commencing legislation
- CommencingUpTo - the identifier URI of the end of the range of commencing sections

Note that because the changes that these effects encode are about future changes to the legislation, not all the sections that are linked to necessarily exist in the current version of the legislation. For example, one unapplied effect might insert a section 6(1A) which is then later modified by another piece of legislation

## XHTML

This is the default format provided on the website, e.g. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/724/made> is the same as <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/724/made/data.htm>.

A plain view, without page furniture if also provided using the parameter ?view=plain, e.g.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/724/made?view=plain> and a print version is available using the parameter ?wrap=true e.g. <http://legislation.data.gov.uk/wsi/2017/724/made/data.htm?wrap=true>

## PDF

Generated on-demand PDF are available using the extension /data.pdf e.g.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/724/made/data.pdf> These are generated from the XML data as opposed to the original print PDFs available on the More Resources pages which follow a different URI scheme e.g.

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/724/pdfs/wsi\\_20170724\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/724/pdfs/wsi_20170724_en.pdf)

## AKN

Akoma Ntoso is an international standard for representing legal documents as XML. You can find more information about Akoma Ntoso at <http://www.akomantoso.org/> . The extension for accessing the Akoma Ntoso XML versions of legislation is "/data.akn" , e.g. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/1/data.akn> .

## HTML5

The HTML5 format provides a serialization of the Akoma Ntoso XML in HTML5. To access the HTML5 versions of legislation add "/data.html" to the URI for any legislation content page, e.g.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/1/data.html> .

## XHTML (Unstyled)

The /data.xht extension provides an unstyled HTML format, e.g.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/724/made/data.xht> for users to extract and reuse, applying their own stylesheets.

## RDF/XML

We are publishing RDF about the legislation that is provided here using the vocabularies:

Vocabulary	Prefix	Namespace
RDF Schema	rdfs	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#">http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#</a>
OWL	owl	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#</a>
Dublin Core Terms	dct	<a href="http://purl.org/dc/terms/">http://purl.org/dc/terms/</a>
FOAF	foaf	<a href="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/">http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/</a>

XHTML Vocabulary      xhv      <http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml/vocab#>

FRBR      frbr      <http://purl.org/vocab/frbr/core#>

Metalex      metalex      <http://purl.org/vocab/frbr/core#>

We are using these vocabularies because they will provide high recognition and ability for reuse without developers having to understand a specific legislation ontology. We do intend to use a specific legislation ontology in addition.

The RDF/XML document that you get will contain descriptions of several resources. At the moment, these are:

- A `frbr:Work/metalex:BibliographicWork` which is the abstract notion of an item of legislation, identified by an identifier URI. This is only provided when you request the current version of an item of legislation.
- A `frbr:Expression/metalex:BibliographicExpression` which is always the latest version of the item of legislation that's been requested. This is only provided when you request the current version of an item of legislation.
- Some `frbr:Expressions/metalex:BibliographicExpressions` which are the latest version of the item of legislation that's been requested with particular extents (only relevant extents are listed), again only provided when you've requested the current version of the item.
- A `frbr:Expression/metalex:BibliographicExpression` which is the particular version of the item of legislation that's been requested. This is usually the most recent version.
- Some `frbr:Expressions/metalex:BibliographicExpressions` which are the particular version of the item of legislation that's been requested with particular extents. This is only relevant when there are multiple concurrent versions of the requested section.
- Some `frbr:Manifestations/metalex:BibliographicManifestations` for the different formats of each of the `frbr:Expressions` described above.

Links between the item of legislation and the documents that are particular versions of legislation are provided using the properties `foaf:isPrimaryTopicOf`, `frbr:realization` and `metalex:realizedBy`, which point from the legislation item (the Work) to the documents (the Expressions); and `foaf:primaryTopic`, `frbr:realizationOf` and `metalex:realizes`, which point from the documents (the Expression) to the legislation item (the Work).

A `rdfs:isDefinedBy` link points from the item of legislation to the latest version of the legislation. The latest version has a `dct:hasVersion` pointer to the particular versioned (and dated) document, which reciprocates with a `dct:isVersionOf` property.

Versions without extents point to those versions within extents using `dct:hasPart`; `dct:isPartOf` provides the reverse link.

The versioned documents point to their manifestations with the properties `frbr:embodiment`, `metalex:embodiedBy` and `dct:hasFormat`. The reverse links are available through the `frbr:embodimentOf`, `metalex:embodies` and `dct:isFormatOf` properties.

For example:

```
<frbr:Work
rdf:about="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67">
  <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://www.metalex.eu/metalex/2008-05-
02#BibliographicWork" />
  <rdfs:label>Transport Act 1985</rdfs:label>
  <rdfs:isDefinedBy
rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67" />
  <foaf:isPrimaryTopicOf
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  <frbr:realization
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  <metalex:realizedBy
rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67" />
  <foaf:isPrimaryTopicOf
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04-01" />
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rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/sld/2003-
04-01" />
  <metalex:realizedBy
rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/sld/2003-
04-01" />
  <dct:identifier
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  <dct:type rdf:resource="http://purl.org/dc/dcmitype/Text" />
  <dct:title>Transport Act 1985</dct:title>
  <dct:description>An Act to amend the law relating to road passenger transport; to make provision for the transfer
```

of the operations of the National Bus Company to the private sector; to provide for the reorganisation of passenger transport in the public sector; to provide for local and central government financial support for certain passenger transport services and travel concessions; to make further provision with respect to the powers of London Regional Transport; to make new provision with respect to the constitution, powers and proceedings of the Transport Tribunal; to make provision with respect to grants payable under section 92 of the Finance Act 1965; to establish a Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee; and for connected purposes.</dct:description>

...

</frbr:Work>

<frbr:Expression

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<rdfs:label>Transport Act 1985 currently in force</rdfs:label>

<foaf:primaryTopic

rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67" />

<frbr:realizationOf

rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67" />

<metalex:realizes

rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67" />

<dct:identifier

rdf:datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#anyURI">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67</dct:identifier>

<dct:type rdf:resource="http://purl.org/dc/dcmitype/Text" />

<dct:title>Transport Act 1985</dct:title>

<dct:description>An Act to amend the law relating to road passenger transport; to make provision for the transfer of the operations of the National Bus Company to the private sector; to provide for the reorganisation of passenger transport in the public sector; to provide for local and central government financial support for certain passenger transport services and travel concessions; to make further provision with respect to the powers of London Regional

Transport; to make new provision with respect to the constitution, powers and proceedings of the Transport Tribunal; to make provision with respect to grants payable under section 92 of the Finance Act 1965; to establish a Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee; and for connected purposes.</dct:description>

<dct:hasVersion

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<dct:publisher>

<rdf:Description>

<rdfs:label>Statute Law Database</rdfs:label>

</rdf:Description>

</dct:publisher>

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...

<frbr:Expression

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<frbr:realizationOf

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<frbr:embodiment

rdf:resource="http://legislation.data.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/sld/2003-04-01/data.rdf" />

<metalex:realizes

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04-01/data.xml" />
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04-01/data.rdf" />
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04-01/data.rdf" />
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passenger transport; to make provision for the transfer
of the operations of the National Bus Company to the private
sector; to provide for the reorganisation of passenger
transport in the public sector; to provide for local and central
government financial support for certain passenger
transport services and travel concessions; to make further
provision with respect to the powers of London Regional
Transport; to make new provision with respect to the constitution,
powers and proceedings of the Transport Tribunal;
to make provision with respect to grants payable under section 92
of the Finance Act 1965; to establish a Disabled
Persons Transport Advisory Committee; and for connected
purposes.</dct:description>
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<rdfs:label>Statute Law Database</rdfs:label>
</rdf:Description>
</dct:publisher>
```

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/>

...
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...
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01/data.xml">
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passenger transport; to make provision for the transfer
of the operations of the National Bus Company to the private
sector; to provide for the reorganisation of passenger
transport in the public sector; to provide for local and central
government financial support for certain passenger
transport services and travel concessions; to make further
provision with respect to the powers of London Regional
Transport; to make new provision with respect to the constitution,
powers and proceedings of the Transport Tribunal;
to make provision with respect to grants payable under section 92
of the Finance Act 1965; to establish a Disabled
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Persons Transport Advisory Committee; and for connected purposes.</dct:description>

<dct:format>

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</dct:IMT>

</dct:format>

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</frbr:Manifestation>

<frbr:Manifestation

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<frbr:embodimentOf

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<metalex:embodies

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<dct:title>Transport Act 1985</dct:title>

<dct:description>An Act to amend the law relating to road passenger transport; to make provision for the transfer of the operations of the National Bus Company to the private sector; to provide for the reorganisation of passenger transport in the public sector; to provide for local and central government financial support for certain passenger

transport services and travel concessions; to make further provision with respect to the powers of London Regional Transport; to make new provision with respect to the constitution, powers and proceedings of the Transport Tribunal; to make provision with respect to grants payable under section 92 of the Finance Act 1965; to establish a Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee; and for connected purposes.</dct:description>

<dct:format>

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</dct:IMT>

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...

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<frbr:Manifestation

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<dct:title>Transport Act 1985</dct:title>

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<dct:description>An Act to amend the law relating to road
passenger transport; to make provision for the transfer
of the operations of the National Bus Company to the private sector;
to provide for the reorganisation of passenger
transport in the public sector; to provide for local and central
government financial support for certain passenger
transport services and travel concessions; to make further provision
with respect to the powers of London Regional
Transport; to make new provision with respect to the constitution,
powers and proceedings of the Transport Tribunal;
to make provision with respect to grants payable under section 92 of
the Finance Act 1965; to establish a Disabled
Persons Transport Advisory Committee; and for connected
purposes.</dct:description>

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    <rdfs:label>HTML snippet</rdfs:label>
  </dct:IMT>
</dct:format>
  ...
</frbr:Manifestation>
```

## Aliases

There will also be descriptions of items of legislation that are the same as, or similar to, the one that you have requested. These point, using `owl:sameAs`, to the canonical identifier for the item of legislation. These 'alias' URIs are:

- a title-based URI that looks like `http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id?title={title}`
- as relevant for pre-1963 legislation, a calendar-year-based URI (the canonical URI uses the regnal year of the legislation); where the calendar-year-based URI is ambiguous, pointing to two items of legislation, `rdfs:seeAlso` is used rather than `owl:sameAs`
- as relevant for Wales Statutory Instruments and Northern Ireland Orders in Council, a UK Statutory Instrument URI
- as relevant for secondary legislation with alternative numbering schemes, URIs that use those alternative numbering schemes

For example:

```

<rdf:Description
  rdf:about="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id?title=THE%20CHILDCARE%20
  ACT%202006%20%28COMMENCEMENT%20NO.1%29%20%28WALES%29%20ORDER%202008"
>
  <owl:sameAs
    rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/wsi/2008/17" />
</rdf:Description>
<rdf:Description
  rdf:about="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2008/17">
  <owl:sameAs
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    rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/wsi/2008/17" />
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  <owl:sameAs
    rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/wsi/2008/17" />
</rdf:Description>

```

## Versions

Versions are a particular issue with this information. Each Work has a number of Expressions, each representing a different version of the legislation. These include dated versions, the current version, and a prospective version.

Dated versions may have a `dct:replaces` pointer to the previous version of the item and a `dct:isReplacedBy` pointer to the next version of the item. The first version will lack a `dct:replaces` property and the last will lack a `dct:isReplacedBy` property. The current version may have a `dct:isReplacedBy` pointer to the prospective version if there is one. The prospective version will have a `dct:replaces` pointer to the current version if there is one.

The following tables summarise how the Dublin Core date properties are used in primary and secondary legislation within this data. Note that the `dct:valid` property uses the [DCMI Period](#) notation for indicating the period during which the item of legislation, or the particular version being looked at, is valid. The "Expression" column in these tables refers to the dated version of the legislation document rather than the "latest" version, for which the relevant dates would always be changing.

Dates in Primary Legislation

Property	Work	Expression			Manifestation
		Enacted	Dated	Prospective	
dc:created	date of enactment	date of enactment	-	-	-
dc:dateAccepted	-	-	-	-	-
dc:modified	last amendment date	-	-	-	last modified date
dc:valid	start=earliest start date (if post base date)	-	-	start=latest start date within section; end=earliest end date within section;	-

Dates in Revised Secondary Legislation

Property	Work	Expression			Manifestation
		Enacted	Dated	Prospective	
dc:created	made date	made date	-	-	-
dc:dateAccepted	laid date	laid date	-	-	-
dc:modified	last amendment	-	-	-	last modified date

	date	
dc:valid	start=coming into force date	start=latest start date within section; end=earliest end date within section;

## Dates in Unrevised Secondary Legislation

Property	Work	Expression	Manifestation
dc:created	made date	made date	-
dc:dateAccepted	laid date	laid date	-
dc:modified	-	-	last modified date
dc:valid	start=coming into force date	start=coming into force date	-

## Extents

The countries covered by the version of legislation being looked at are provided using the `dct:extent` property. The references are to the upcoming Ordnance Survey identifiers for these countries; an `rdfs:label` has been supplied for each to make them easier to understand.

For example:

```
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...
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```

Navigating to particular extents is made possible through the `dct:hasPart` property, which links a generic `frbr:Expression` to `frbr:Expressions` with particular extents, as shown in the following example:

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>
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/>
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/>
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```
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rdf:about="http://legislation.data.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/section/6/20
03-04-01/data.htm">
...
</frbr:Manifestation>
<frbr:Manifestation
rdf:about="http://legislation.data.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/section/6/en
gland+wales/2003-04-01/data.xml">
...
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otland/2003-04-01/data.rdf">
...
</frbr:Manifestation>
<frbr:Manifestation
rdf:about="http://legislation.data.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/section/6/sc
otland/2003-04-01/data.htm">
...
</frbr:Manifestation>
```

## Unapplied Effects

The unapplied effects that are listed within the XML version of the legislation are also reflected within the RDF/XML version of the legislation. Here, we use the Metalex ontology to describe the effects.

Because we do not know which version (Expression) of the legislation is going to be modified by a particular effect, the unapplied effects are listed using the logic:

- This Work is realised by some (as yet unknown) Expression
- That Expression is the matter of (the intial state of) some Legislative Modification
- The Legislative Modification has a legislative competence ground (affecting legislation) of some other legislation

For example, Section 6(1) of the Transport Act 1985 (c. 67) is amended by Paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 10 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40). The effect is described with:

```
<metalex:BibliographicWork
rdf:about="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67/section/6/
1">
<metalex:realizedBy>
  <metalex:BibliographicExpression rdf:nodeID="document4">
    <metalex:realizes
      rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67/section
      /6/1" />
    <metalex:matterOf>
      <metalex:LegislativeModification rdf:nodeID="modification4">
        <rdfs:comment>text amended</rdfs:comment>
        <metalex:matter rdf:nodeID="document4" />
        <metalex:legislativeCompetenceGround>
          <metalex:LegislativeCompetenceGround

rdf:about="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/2006/40/schedule/1
0/paragraph/2/2">
          <metalex:legislativeCompetenceGroundOf
            rdf:nodeID="modification4" />
        </metalex:LegislativeCompetenceGround>
      </metalex:legislativeCompetenceGround>
    </metalex:LegislativeModification>
  </metalex:matterOf>
</metalex:BibliographicExpression>
</metalex:realizedBy>
...
```

```
</metalex:BibliographicWork>
```

The RDF/XML for a commencement order is a little more complicated, because in this case the modification is brought about through the commencement of a third item of legislation (which unfortunately we do not currently reference in a machine-readable form). In this case the logic goes:

- This Work is realised by some (as yet unknown) Expression
- That Expression is the matter of (the intial state of) some Legislative Modification
- The Legislative Modification has a legislative competence ground (affecting legislation) of some (unknown) legislation
- That legislation is the patient of (affected by) a Legislative Commencement
- The Legislative Commencement has a legislative competence ground (affecting legislation) of some (known) legislation

For example, changes to the Transport Act 1985 (c. 67) by the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998 (c. 34) were commenced by Article 2(2) of The Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2004. The RDF/XML that articulates this is:

```
<metalex:BibliographicWork
rdf:about="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67">
<metalex:realizedBy>
  <metalex:BibliographicExpression rdf:nodeID="document1">
    <metalex:realizes
      rdf:resource="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67" />
    <metalex:matterOf>
      <metalex:LegislativeModification rdf:nodeID="modification1">
        <rdfs:label>Commencement Order</rdfs:label>
        <metalex:matter rdf:nodeID="document1" />
        <metalex:legislativeCompetenceGround>
          <metalex:LegislativeCompetenceGround
            rdf:nodeID="legislation1">
            <metalex:legislativeCompetenceGroundOf
              rdf:nodeID="modification1" />
            <metalex:patientOf>
              <metalex:LegislativeCommencement
                rdf:nodeID="commencement1">
                <rdfs:label>commencement order for 1998 c.
34</rdfs:label>
              <metalex:patient rdf:nodeID="legislation1" />
            
```

```

<metalex:legislativeCompetenceGround>
  <metalex:LegislativeCompetenceGround

rdf:about="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2004/241/article/2/
1">
  <metalex:legislativeCompetenceGroundOf
    rdf:nodeID="commencement1" />
  </metalex:LegislativeCompetenceGround>
  </metalex:legislativeCompetenceGround>
  </metalex:LegislativeCommencement>
  </metalex:patientOf>
  </metalex:LegislativeCompetenceGround>
  </metalex:legislativeCompetenceGround>
  </metalex:LegislativeModification>
  </metalex:matterOf>
  </metalex:BibliographicExpression>
</metalex:realizedBy>
...
</metalex:BibliographicWork>

```

## Document Navigation

Navigation around the item of legislation is provided at each level.

Within the Work, the `metalex:fragment` property points to other Works that are fragments of this one, such as a section's subsections. The `metalex:fragmentOf` property points to the Work that this is a fragment of, such as the item of legislation for a section. At the Work level, sections are considered to be direct fragments of the legislation rather than belonging to a particular Part, since sections can move around during the lifetime of an item of legislation.

Within an Expression, the `metalex:fragment` property points to Expressions that are fragments of this one, such as a section's subsections or a crossheading's sections. The `metalex:fragmentOf` property points to the Expression that this is a fragment of, such as the crossheading or Part that a section belongs to. At the Expression level, sections are considered to be fragments of the crossheading in which they appear in that particular version of the legislation.

Also within an Expression, the `xhv:prev` and `xhv:next` properties provide navigation between items at the same level within the document. From a section, `xhv:prev` and `xhv:next` will navigate to other sections, even if they are contained within other Parts. From a crossheading, however, `xhv:prev` and `xhv:next` will only navigate to the previous and next crossheadings within the same Part. Similarly, `xhv:next` and `xhv:prev` cannot be used to navigate out of a schedule, except from the schedule itself.

## Atom Feeds

We provide lists of legislation in Atom, e.g. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/new/data.feed> , <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/data.feed> .

We use the [Feed Paging and Archiving](#) link relations of 'first', 'previous', 'next' and 'last' to enable navigation through pages of results when there is more than one page available.

We use the [OpenSearch Response Elements](#):

- <opensearch:Query> to indicate the query that was made; the leg : \* attributes provide details of the search parameters
- <opensearch:totalResults> to indicate the total number of results found
- <opensearch:startIndex> to indicate the index of the first item in the current page
- <opensearch:itemsPerPage> to indicate how many items are being displayed on a page

We also use some custom elements on the feed, in the

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/namespaces/legislation> namespace:

- <leg:page> is the index number for the page itself
- <leg:morePages> is an approximation of the number of pages that are left to display
- <leg:facets> provides faceting information that can be used to guide further searches into the data. The <leg:facetTypes> child wraps possible further searches based on type, <leg:facetYears> on years and <leg:facetHundreds> on number. The items within these wrappers each have a type, year or hundred attribute that indicates the value for the facet; an href attribute that can be used to narrow the search; and a value attribute that indicates how many items of legislation have the given value. The total attribute on the <leg:facetYear> element indicates the total number of items within the year, regardless of the rest of the search.

As well as the usual information about each item of legislation that's listed, the following metadata is also provided within the <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/namespaces/metadata> namespace:

- <ukm:DocumentMainType> gives the type of the legislation
- <ukm:Year> gives the year of the legislation
- <ukm:Number> gives the number of the legislation
- <ukm:CreationDate> gives the enactment or made date of the legislation

For each entry, we provide links to the XML, RDF/XML and XHTML formats of the legislation as well as to the XML table of contents for the legislation. For example:

```
<entry>
  <id>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67</id>
  <title>Transport Act 1985</title>
  <link rel="self"
    href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukpga/1985/67" />
  <link href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67" />
  <link rel="alternate" type="application/xml"
    href="http://legislation.data.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/data.xml"
    title="XML" />
  <link rel="alternate" type="application/rdf+xml"
    href="http://legislation.data.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/data.rdf"
    title="RDF/XML" />
  <link rel="alternate" type="application/xhtml+xml"
    href="http://legislation.data.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/data.htm"
    title="HTML snippet" />
  <link rel="alternate" type="application/pdf"
    href="http://legislation.data.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/data.pdf"
    title="PDF" />
  <link rel="http://purl.org/dc/terms/tableOfContents"
    type="application/xml"
    href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/67/contents" />
  <author><name /></author>
  <updated>2010-07-21T01:00:00+01:00</updated>
  <ukm:DocumentMainType Value="UnitedKingdomPublicGeneralAct" />
  <ukm:Year Value="1985" />
  <ukm:Number Value="67" />
  <ukm:CreationDate Date="1985-10-30" />
  <category term="Taxi and minicab licences" />
  <category term="Bus operators" />
```

```
<category term="Public transport" />
<category term="Buses" />
<category term="Transport for disabled people" />
<summary>An Act to amend the law relating to road passenger
transport; to make provision for the transfer of the operations of
the National Bus Company to the private sector; to provide for the
reorganisation of passenger transport in the public sector; to
provide for local and central government financial support for
certain passenger transport services and travel concessions; to make
further provision with respect to the powers of London Regional
Transport; to make new provision with respect to the constitution,
powers and proceedings of the Transport Tribunal; to make provision
with respect to grants payable under section 92 of the Finance Act
1965; to establish a Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee;
and for connected purposes.</summary>
</entry>
```