

## Construction Sector: Modernisation and Sustainable Housing Supply

### Debate on 24 April 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth to move that this House takes note of the residential construction sector, modern methods of construction, and the steps being taken to boost the housing supply in a sustainable way.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

#### Key Information

- House of Commons Library, [The Construction Industry: Statistics and Policy](#), 27 December 2018; and House of Commons Library, [Stimulating Housing Supply—Government Initiatives \(England\)](#), 13 December 2018

*House of Commons Library briefings on policy and statistics regarding the construction industry, and government initiatives to increase housing supply.*

- HM Government, [Industrial Strategy: Construction Sector Deal](#), 5 July 2018, pp 1–20; and Department for Communities and Local Government, [Fixing Our Broken Housing Market](#), February 2017, Cm 9352, pp 8–19

*Executive summary of the Government’s strategy for the construction sector as part of the wider industrial strategy, and introduction and executive summary of the Government’s housing white paper.*

- House of Lords Science and Technology Committee, [Off-site Manufacture for Construction: Building for Change](#), 19 July 2018, HL Paper 169 of session 2017–19, pp 3–4, 18–20 and 43–6; and [Government Response](#), 14 September 2018

*Extracts of the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee on new construction methods, including the summary, conclusions and recommendations, and section of the report focusing on housing; and Government response.*

- House of Commons Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee, '[Modern Methods of Construction Inquiry](#)', accessed 4 April 2018

*Webpage for the House of Commons Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee's ongoing inquiry into modern methods of construction. The page outlines the scope of the inquiry, and the Committee's terms of reference.*

### Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- [Debate on 'Off-site Manufacture for Construction \(Science and Technology Committee Report\)'](#), HL *Hansard*, 12 December 2018, cols 1346–78
- [Debate on 'Construction Sector Deal'](#), HC *Hansard*, 5 July 2018, cols 523–33
- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [HL14541](#) (18 March 2019); [232010](#) (18 March 2019); [223118](#) (27 February 2019); [202138](#) (18 December 2018); [196102](#) (3 December 2018); and [168051](#) (17 September 2018)

### Press Articles and Comment

- Innovate UK, '[AI and Digital Design to Transform Future of UK Construction](#)', 5 February 2019
- Tim Wallace, '[Housebuilding Picks Up Pace but Construction Sector Contracts for Second Month Running](#)', *Telegraph* (£), 2 April 2019
- Gavin Jackson, '[UK Construction Sector Still Contracting](#)', *Financial Times* (£), 2 April 2019

### Further Information

- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, '[Housing Supply: Net Additional Dwellings, England: 2017–18](#)', 15 November 2018
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, '[Government Response to the Housing White Paper Consultation: Fixing Our Broken Housing Market](#)', March 2018
- Mark Farmer, '[The Farmer Review of the UK Construction Labour Model: Modernise or Die](#)', Construction Leadership Council, October 2016
- HM Government, '[Construction 2025](#)', July 2013

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