



Student Loans Company: Governance and Performance QSD on 1 May 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 Mendelsohn to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the governance, operations and performance of the Student Loans Company.

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

Key Information

- Student Loans Company, [‘Remit’](#), accessed 24 April 2019

Overview of the governance structure of the Student Loans Company (SLC).

- Student Loans Company, [Annual Report 2017–18](#), September 2018, pp 1–37; and [Corporate and Business Plan FY2018–19 to FY2020–21](#), November 2018, pp 10–22

Extracts from the annual report including the strategic report, which presents a performance and financial review. It also sets out the progress of a series of modernising programmes that were initiated as part of the SLC's strategy. The corporate report sets out the strategy's objectives for the three-year period 2018–19 to 2020–21.

- National Audit Office, [Investigation into Oversight of the Student Loans Company's Governance and Management of its Former Chief Executive: Summary](#), 11 May 2018, HC 948 of session 2017–19

Following the dismissal of the SLC's chief executive, Steve Lamey, in November 2017, the National Audit Office launched an investigation into the Department of Education's oversight of the SLC's governance. The report describes the events surrounding Mr Lamey's appointment and dismissal. It sets out the Department of Education's role in oversight of the SLC and how it responded to the concerns raised by SLC staff. It did not re-investigate allegations made by those staff.

- House of Commons Library, [Higher Education Funding in England](#), 12 March 2019, pp 12–18; and [Student Loans Statistics](#), 6 February 2019

Briefing on reforms to funding for higher education in England, particularly the period from 2015 onwards, including a section on changes to the student loans system; and a briefing which presents data on student loans: statistics on the number of loans; total value owed; repayment; public expenditure; arguments for reform and factors that affect take-up.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [HL 13202](#) (11 February 2019); [HL 13201](#) (11 February 2019); [186216](#) (5 November 2018); [186213](#) (5 November 2018); and [156354](#) (26 June 2018)
- House of Commons, '[Written Statement: Tailored Review of the Student Loans Company](#)', 21 November 2018, HCWS1095

Press Articles and Comment

- Nadia Khomami, '[Student Loans Company Reviews Processes After 'Spying' Scandal: Company Reviews Anti-fraud Methods that Led to Vulnerable Students Losing their Funding](#)', *Guardian*, 8 August 2018
- Sam Meadows, '[Tens of Thousands of Graduates have Overpaid their Student Loan by an Average £581](#)', *Telegraph* (£), 10 July 2018

Further Information

- Student Loans Company, [The Student Loans Company Ltd: Framework Document](#), December 2018
- House of Commons Treasury Committee, [Student Loans](#), 18 February 2018, HC 478 of session 2017–19
- House of Commons Library, [The Forthcoming Review of Post-18 Education and Funding](#), 25 February 2019

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