



Augar Review of Post-18 Education and Funding Debate on 2 July 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:

Viscount Younger of Leckie to move that this House takes note on the Augar Review of Post-18 Education and Funding.

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

Key Information

- Department for Education, [Independent Panel Report to the Review of Post-18 Education and Funding](#), May 2019, CP 117, pp 8–11 and 206–9

Independent panel, chaired by Philip Augar, undertook a review of post-18 education and funding. Under its terms of reference, the review focused on: choice and competition across a joined-up post-18 education and training sector; creating a system that is “accessible to all”; delivering skills “our country needs”; and value for money for graduates and taxpayers. Its recommendations included: setting maximum fees for students at £7,500 per year; extending the student loan repayment period from 30 years to 40 years; and reintroducing maintenance grants of £3,000 for disadvantaged students.

- Prime Minister’s Office, [‘PM Speech at Augar Review Launch’](#), 30 May 2019

Speech delivered by the Prime Minister, Theresa May, at the launch of the Augar review. Ms May called the report a “major landmark”. She stated that decisions about whether and how to implement the recommendations would fall to the next government.

- House of Commons Library, [The Post-18 Education Review \(the Augar Review\) Recommendations](#), 31 May 2019

Briefing summarising the panel’s recommendations and the initial responses to the report.

- Institute for Fiscal Studies, [‘Costing the Augar Reforms to Higher Education’](#), 31 May 2019

Analysis of the financial implications of the recommendations made by the Augar review. The Institute for Fiscal Studies suggested that the overall package of changes would reduce average debt while being “broadly cost-neutral”. The briefing states that this would be achieved by “extracting a large amount of money in future student loan repayments from middle-earning graduates”.

- House of Commons Library, [Higher Education Finance Statistics](#), 12 June 2019; and House of Commons Library, [Adult Further Education Funding in England Since 2010](#), 20 March 2019

Briefing on changes in income, expenditure and staffing in the higher education sector in England; and a briefing which summarises changes in funding for adult further education in England since 2010.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- [Statement by the House of Lords spokesperson on higher education, Viscount Younger of Leckie, on 'Post-18 Review of Education and Funding'](#), HC Hansard, 4 June 2019, cols 62–74
- House of Commons Education Committee, '[Augar Review: Committee Chair Comments on Post-18 Review of Education and Funding](#)', 30 May 2019; and [Value for Money in Higher Education](#), 5 November 2018, HC 343 of session 2017–19, p 3

Press Articles and Comment

- Association of Colleges, '[Post-18 Review: Association of Colleges Response](#)', 29 May 2019
- Universities UK, '[Top-up Guarantee Needed from Government if Fees are Cut, Warns UUK](#)', 30 May 2019
- Institute for Fiscal Studies, '[Augar Review Aims to Rebalance Funding to FE and Give Government More Control Over HE Funding](#)', 30 May 2019
- Richard Adams, '[Give Worse-off Students £3,000 to Stay in Education, Says Report](#)', *Guardian*, 30 May 2019
- Nick Hillman, '[Lunchtime Takeaways: 10 Points to Note in Today's Augar Report \(Including Some Overlooked Ones\)](#)', Higher Education Policy Institute, 30 May 2019
- Mark Malcomson, '[Why Adult Education is Central to the Augar Review](#)', *Tes*, 17 June 2019

Further Information

- House of Commons Library, [Cost of University Courses in England](#), 17 April 2019
- House of Commons Library, [Student Loan Statistics](#), 5 February 2019

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