

# Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill

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AMENDMENTS  
TO BE MOVED  
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

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## Schedule 1

BARONESS CHAPMAN OF DARLINGTON

Page 8, line 43, at end insert “including for the purpose of exercising its functions in a specific region.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would allow ARIA to establish committees in specific regions of the UK.*

### Clause 4

BARONESS CHAPMAN OF DARLINGTON

Page 2, line 26, at end insert—

- “(4) The conditions may, in particular, include provision under which sums paid by the Secretary of State must be used in areas of low economic prosperity.
- (5) Areas of low economic prosperity may be determined by the Secretary of State.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would allow the Secretary of State to make conditions that specific grants may only be spent in areas of low economic prosperity.*

### Clause 5

BARONESS CHAPMAN OF DARLINGTON

Page 2, line 30, at end insert—

- “(1A) A Minister of the Crown must make a statement to both Houses of Parliament if the direction includes the making of new grants under section 4.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment is intended to probe whether the government intends to give grants to ARIA as part of national security directions.*

### After Clause 7

BARONESS CHAPMAN OF DARLINGTON

Insert the following new Clause –

#### **“Regional Inequalities Advisory Board**

- (1) An advisory board to ARIA is to be established.
- (2) The purpose of the advisory board is to ensure that ARIA supports the reduction of inequalities between each region and nation of the United Kingdom.
- (3) The board is to consist of members appointed by the Secretary of State from each region of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- (4) The board is to advise ARIA on –
  - (a) the geographical distribution of ARIA’s investments,
  - (b) the economic impact of this investment in each region and nation of the United Kingdom,
  - (c) steps taken to reduce economic inequalities between each region and nation of the United Kingdom.”

#### ***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would establish an advisory board to ensure that ARIA supports the reduction of inequalities between each region and nation of the UK.*

### Clause 8

BARONESS CHAPMAN OF DARLINGTON

Page 3, line 21, at end insert –

“(2A) Regulations may not be made under this section unless the distribution of ARIA’s investments since the date on which this Act is passed is equal per capita across each region and nation of the United Kingdom.”

#### ***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment is intended to probe whether ARIA will invest equally across regions and nations of the UK.*

### Schedule 3

LORD CLEMENT-JONES  
LORD FOX

Page 13, line 14, at end insert –

*“Freedom of Information Act 2000*

- 6A In Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Other public bodies and offices: general), at the appropriate place insert –  
“Advanced Research and Invention Agency””

#### ***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would designate ARIA as a public authority for the purpose of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, thereby making it subject to FOI requests.*

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