This chapter focuses on the legislative process. In any one parliamentary session, somewhere between 30 and 40 Public General Acts are passed. The vast majority of these are government-inspired measures. The actual process of legislating involves a number of parliamentary and extra-parliamentary stages. There are normally five stages in the parliamentary life of a bill: first reading; second reading; committee stage; report stage; and third reading. Each of these stages is discussed in turn, as are the new arrangements where the bill in question relates to England-only matters. Parliamentary sessions also address private bills, hybrid bills, Private Members’ bills, consolidation bills, and delegated legislation.
8. Primary and secondary legislation

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