

Accountability Cycle Bulletin, issue #35

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New NAO Work-in-Progress announcements

- No new entrants on the NAO WIP list discovered.

New NAO reports published

- [High Speed Two reset](#) (Published: 29-Jun-2026) | Audited Body: Department for Transport | Topic: Cross-government
- [The repurchase of the service family accommodation estate](#) (Published: 26-Jun-2026) | Audited Body: Ministry of Defence | Topic: Cross-government

New PAC inquiries opened

Updates to Existing Inquiries:

- [Delivering HS2 and Euston](#): Written evidence deadline added/updated to: **26-Jun-2026**
- [Financial sustainability of the British Council](#): Written evidence deadline added/updated to: **05-Jun-2026**

Latest PAC forward schedule

- [Monday 01-Jun-2026](#): Government compensation schemes: update | Audited Body: Cross-government | Linked NAO Report: [Government's compensation and financial recognition schemes](#)
- [Monday 08-Jun-2026](#): Sizewell C | Audited Body: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, Sizewell C | Linked NAO Report: [Sizewell C](#)
- [Thursday 11-Jun-2026](#): Investment in research infrastructure - Oral evidence | Audited Body: Department for Science, Innovation & Technology | Linked NAO Report: [DSIT's investment in research infrastructure](#)
- [Monday 15-Jun-2026](#): Private meeting
- [Monday 22-Jun-2026](#): Government's intervention in British Steel - Oral evidence
- [Monday 29-Jun-2026](#): Regulation of water, energy and broadband - Oral evidence | Linked NAO WIP: [Regulating water, energy and broadband to protect consumers](#)
- [Thursday 02-Jul-2026](#): Financial sustainability of the British Council - Oral evidence | Linked NAO WIP: [Investigation into the financial sustainability of the British Council](#)
- [Monday 06-Jul-2026](#): The Work of the COVID Counter-Fraud Commissioner - Oral evidence
- [Wednesday 08-Jul-2026](#): Civil service pensions - Oral evidence

New PAC report published

- [The financial resilience of DCMS-sponsored museums and galleries](#) (Published: 24-Jun-2026) | Audited Body: Department for Culture Media & Sport | Expected Government Response Date: 23-Aug-2026

Treasury Minutes: Government response to PAC

Recently Published Government Responses (Past 30 Days):

- [Financial sustainability of adult hospices in England](#) (Published: 18-Mar-2026) | Response Published: 01-Jun-2026 (Cross-referenced: [CP 1587](#))
- [BBC World Service 2024-25](#) (Published: 12-Mar-2026) | Response Published: 01-Jun-2026 (Cross-referenced: [CP 1587](#))

Overdue Government Responses:

- [The Bank of England's real-time gross settlement renewal programme](#) (Published: 29-Apr-2026) | Expected Response: 29-Jun-2026 (Overdue by 1 days)
- [Accountability in small government bodies](#) (Published: 24-Apr-2026) | Expected Response: 24-Jun-2026 (Overdue by 6 days)

Future Due Government Responses:

- [NAO financial audit insights](#) (Published: 22-May-2026) | Expected Response: 22-Jul-2026 (Due in 22 days)

Latest Crystal Ball predictions

- **02-Jul-2026**: Financial sustainability of the British Council - Oral evidence | Type: Confirmed PAC Hearing
days since first seen: 71d (WIP first seen on 20-Apr-2026) | [WIP Link](#)
- **06-Jul-2026**: The Work of the COVID Counter-Fraud Commissioner - Oral evidence | Type: Confirmed PAC Hearing
- **08-Jul-2026**: Civil service pensions - Oral evidence | Type: Confirmed PAC Hearing
- **09-Jul-2026**: Investigation into Child Benefit anti-fraud-and-error intervention (29% Confidence) | Type: WIP Notice (Expected PAC Sitting)
days since first seen: 71d (WIP first seen on 20-Apr-2026) | [WIP Link](#)
- **13-Jul-2026**: Digital ID: insights to inform government's approach (26% Confidence) | Type: WIP Notice (Expected PAC Sitting)
days since first seen: 71d (WIP first seen on 20-Apr-2026) | [WIP Link](#)
- **16-Jul-2026**: MoD's repurchase of service family accommodation (28% Confidence) | Type: WIP Notice (Expected PAC Sitting) | Audited Body: Ministry of Defence
days since first seen: 71d (WIP first seen on 20-Apr-2026) | [WIP Link](#) | Published on 26-Jun-2026 — [\[Report Link\]](#)
- **03-Sep-2026**: HMRC's use of travel data to tackle fraud and error in Child Benefit payments (28% Confidence) | Type: Report (Expected PAC Sitting) | Audited Body: government department; HM Revenue and Customs
days since published: 6d | Published on 24-Jun-2026 — [Report Link](#)
- **07-Sep-2026**: Regulating water, energy and broadband to protect consumers in vulnerable circumstances (34% Confidence) | Type: Report (Expected PAC Sitting) | Audited Body: Cross-government; Ofwat; Ofgem; Ofcom
days since first seen: 147d (WIP first seen on 03-Feb-2026) | [WIP Link](#) | Published on 10-Jun-2026 — [Report Link](#)

Historical forecast accuracy

- **Model Accuracy (50.0%) vs Historical Baseline (85.4%) | Status: Below baseline of 85.4% by -35.4% (Underperforming Baseline)**

Derivation Explanation: Model accuracy is calculated as the ratio of correct topic forecasts to the total validated predictions (2 hits / 4 evaluated). A forecast is validated when its sitting date is announced as confirmed by the PAC. A prediction is classified as a Correct Match (Hit) if the predicted topic matches the actual confirmed committee subject within a ± 15 -day tolerance window (accounting for minor parliamentary schedule adjustments) and exceeds a fuzzy title similarity ratio of 75%.

- Sitting on **06-Jul-2026**: Flawed (No match within ± 15 days. Predicted: *Investigation into Child Benefit anti-fraud-and-error intervention* | Actual: *The Work of the COVID Counter-Fraud Commissioner - Oral evidence*)
- Sitting on **22-Jun-2026**: Flawed (No match within ± 15 days. Predicted: *Investigation into Child Benefit anti-fraud-and-error intervention* | Actual: *Government's intervention in British Steel - Oral evidence*)
- Sitting on **18-Jun-2026**: Correct (Hit! Predicted topic *Investigation into the financial sustainability of the British Council* was scheduled within ± 15 days of the actual session *Financial sustainability of the British Council - Oral evidence*)
- Sitting on **15-Jun-2026**: Correct (Hit! Predicted topic *Regulating water, energy and broadband to protect consumers* was scheduled within ± 15 days of the actual session *Regulation of water, energy and broadband - Oral evidence*)