

Emergency Volunteers

Coronavirus Bill 2020: Guidance on the Government's proposed legislation to fight Coronavirus. The Bill will go for second reading on 23.03.20 and should receive Royal Assent by the end of March.

Emergency volunteers

- Secretary of State must make arrangements for making payments to emergency volunteers and compensate for loss of earnings and traveling and subsistence
- A person is entitled to compensation for loss of earnings only IF "in consequence of acting as an emergency volunteer the person has suffered a loss of earnings that the person would otherwise not have suffered"
- The monies required for compensation will be provided by Secretary of State out of money provided by Parliament
- In relation to subsistence expenses compensation may be vouchers and other benefits "which may be used to pay for subsistence, whether or not their use is subject to any limitations"
- The Secretary of State will publish arrangements under this section in such manner as Secretary of State considers appropriate and lay before Parliament a statement about the arrangements under this section.