On Monday 21st January, Members debated the Welfare Benefits Up-Rating Bill. In the Autumn Statement on 5 December 2012, the Chancellor proposed limiting increases in most working-age benefits to 1 per cent a year for three years from 2013-14. The Bill amends primary legislation to enable the decisions on uprating in 2014-15 and 2015-16 to be implemented. The Bill was passed by 305 votes to 246 and further information about the Bill can be found here.

Tuesday 22nd sees the second reading of the Succession to the Crown Bill. If passed, The new legislation will end the principle of male primogeniture, first born sons and daughters of any future UK monarch will have equal right to become monarch, meaning male heirs will no longer take precedence over women in line to the throne.

David Cameron will make his speech on Europe on Wednesday in central London, in the morning, before Prime Minister's Questions. The speech was postponed because of the atrocities in Algeria. The speech is broadcast live online via websites such as the BBC. The transcript will be published here.

On Thursday afternoon, Ministers from the Department for Food the Environment and Rural Affairs will be answering questions in Chamber. Links to questions can be found here.

Outside of the Chamber, the Draft Care and Support Bill Committee continues to meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays to review the draft bill which would replace over twelve existing pieces of legislation, to make the care system clearer and fairer. The new system will focus on people’s wellbeing, supporting them to live independently for as long as possible. If you’re interested to see how it’s progressing, details are published here.

I’m delighted that on Thursday the draft bill committee will be visiting Torbay to take evidence from people needing care, carers and those from our health and social care services. You can see details of the bill here.