

UK Political Funding Reforms, Farage's Resignation, and Economic Outlook D

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1. What new measures is the UK government proposing to strengthen political finance rules?

A) A new cap on large donations from recent UK arrivals and tougher checks on company donations.

- B) Increased funding for local political parties.
- C) Abolishing all limits on political donations.
- D) Reducing the voting age for political donations.

2. Why did Nigel Farage resign as a Member of Parliament this week?

A) Due to revelations about his financial backers and an ongoing parliamentary investigation.

- B) To focus on a new international business venture.
- C) Following a disagreement with his party's policy on environmental issues.
- D) Due to health reasons.

3. According to the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR), what is a major concern for future UK public finances?

A) Unsustainable rising costs of health and pensions, coupled with increased defence spending.

- B) A decrease in the national birth rate.
- C) The high cost of maintaining national parks.
- D) Overspending on cultural festivals.

4. What key economic indicator has shown a weakening trend in the UK, according to the latest Quarterly Economic Survey?

A) Business investment intentions have dropped to their lowest level since the pandemic.

- B) Consumer spending has increased significantly.
- C) Export sentiment has seen a record high.
- D) Manufacturing output has rapidly expanded.

5. Which major sporting event, concluding this week, has been a significant talking point across the UK?

A) Wimbledon Tennis Championships

- B) The Euro 2026 Football Tournament
- C) The Six Nations Rugby Championship
- D) The Henley Royal Regatta

6. What is the main purpose of the UK government's proposed changes to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for volunteers?

A) To enhance child safety by requiring enhanced DBS checks for regular volunteers working with children.

B) To streamline the process for all types of volunteer background checks.

C) To introduce a fee for all DBS checks, including those for volunteers.

D) To reduce the frequency of DBS checks for volunteers.

7. What significant development has occurred regarding the UK's financial markets with the launch of a bond consolidated tape?

A) It consolidates post-trade data for bond transactions, aiming for greater transparency and efficiency.

B) It restricts trading of UK government bonds to specific approved exchanges.

C) It introduces a new tax on all bond transactions.

D) It limits the types of investors allowed to trade UK bonds.

8. Which of the following is a major cultural event taking place in London this July?

A) BBC Proms

B) The Edinburgh Fringe Festival

C) The Glastonbury Festival

D) The Chelsea Flower Show