

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