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Future challenges for the monarchy

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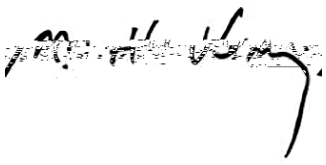

Summary

Introduction

Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? Will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England? And will you preserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England, and to the Churches there committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges, as by law

Funding the monarchy

The dissolution of parliament

The Bill makes express provision to revive the prerogative power to dissolve Parliament. This means once more Parliament will be dissolved by the sovereign, on the advice of the prime minister. This will enable Governments, within the life of a Parliament, to call a general election at the time of their choosing.

How much discretion or autonomy does the monarch have?

The monarch's prerogative powers

The Cabinet Manual

> In modern times the convention has been that the sovereign should not be drawn into party politics, and if there is doubt it is the responsibility of those involved in the political process, and in particular the parties represented in Parliament, to seek to determine and communicate clearly to the sovereign who is best placed to be able to command the confidence of the House of Commons.

The programme of overseas visits (other than Realm visits) which is funded by the Sovereign Grant is determined by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and undertaken on behalf of Government, and is approved by the Royal Visits Committee according to agreed priorities.

Trade missions

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Ceremonial role as head of the nation

By contrast in his ceremonial role as head of the nation, Charles has a lot more latitude

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Conclusion

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