

Candidate 3 evidence

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(1)	<p>(a) There are many different ways which Parliament can hold the government to account. One way These ways include select groups, Prime Ministers Question Time and Debates. This essay will discuss how successful they are.</p> <p>One way which Parliament can hold government to account is through select committees. There are two types of select committees, Public Accounts Committee and Departmental select committees. These groups are made up of MP's and elected / chosen by MP's so they are not controlled by party leaders. The aim of these committees is to scrutinise value for money of public spendings and hold government to account for public services. They can gather written evidence, examine witnesses and call experts to advise and explain certain aspects of issues, so they are able to</p>

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	<p> effectively [*] sustaining government to account. However, </p> <p> select committees are limited in their success. The </p> <p> make up of the committees reflects the make up </p> <p> of parliament. This means that the majority party in </p> <p> the HOC is the majority in the committees. This </p> <p> means they may not successfully hold government to </p> <p> account as they are from the same party and </p> <p> Witnesses are also not forced to attend appear before </p> <p> committees and can refuse to or they can also </p> <p> withhold evidence which could be important. An </p> <p> example of this was in when evidence was kept </p> <p> from the Foreign Affairs committee about the </p> <p> UNSC in Iraq on the grounds of national security. </p> <p> This shows that while they are effective as they can </p> <p> gather information and experts to help them reach </p> <p> the correct conclusion, they are biased towards the </p> <p> party which makes up the government and because </p> <p> An example of a seth is in 2012, when George Osbourne </p> <p> was questioned by the Treasury Committee about the "pasty tax" he introduced </p>

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<p>so that she is able to prepare answers. The PMQT also only lasts for 30 minutes and is often described as theatrical due to shouting which occurs. Many MPs also use this time to gain trust from the PM and government and because of this ask easy questions which will not challenge the PM. Many questions also come from opposition leaders so many MPs do not have a chance to ask and questions they may have. This means that PMQT is not as effective as select committees as during select committees government does not have a chance to prepare answers and can be successfully held to account if they do not have the answers. This means that PMQT are not eff successful at holding government to account.</p>	
One final way which MP Parliament can hold	

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<p>government to account is through debates.</p> <p>Debates are when MP's debate in the House of Commons actions which have happened within the government. Debates can be triggered through a petition on a government website reaching 100,000 signatures or, at the end of the Parliamentary day, adjourned debates can happen where MP's further discuss actions or policies ^{end of essay}. Despite this being successful at holding government to account, it is limited. The government controls Parliamentary time and because of this can restrict time which MP's can debate for. MP's also have the ability to ignore petitions no matter how many signatures they have. An example of this was a petition to have a second EU referendum had around 4,150,000 signatures yet the government refused to debate the issue and told people there would not be any</p>	

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	<p>change. MP's also are not required to attend debates if they are not needed or don't want to attend. This was seen in 2014 when only 21 out of 650 MP's attended a debate about UK Drug Laws.</p>
	<p>In conclusion, while there are many ways which Parliament can hold government to account, they are not successful. For select committees, witnesses do not need to attend and can also withhold evidence therefore they are unable to successfully hold government to account. Select Q&A is limited in time and questions are seen beforehand so PM can plan answers and are not successfully held to account. Debates are</p>
	<p>Overall, this shows debates do not successfully hold government to account. ^{TA}</p>

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often poorly attended and because of this are not successful at holding government to account. All this shows that Parliament is not successful at holding government to account.

* This makes them more effective as public are able to have issues which are important to them debated and not just issues which opposition parties have.

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(2)	(b) Many government policies are introduced to	
	tackle inequalities. These policies include the	
	Smoking Prohibition Act 2015, Free Prescriptions and	
	Universal Credit. This essay will evaluate their	
	effectiveness.	
	One policy introduced was the Smoking Prohibition	
	Act 2015. The policy banned people from smoking	
	in the car with anyone under the age of 18	
	present. If they were caught doing this there is	
	a fixed penalty of £100. This policy was introduced	
	as the World Health Organisation (WHO)	
	discovered that there were 10 times as many	
	toxic particles breathed in by children under 18 in a	
	car journey than in the air in Edinburgh. Liberal	
	Democrat MSP, Jim Hume stated that in response to	
	the policy, 60,000 children could be helped as	
	a result. However, the policy was limited in	
	tackling inequalities. The fine for being caught breaking	

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this policy was not high enough to stop people from smoking and many people continued to do so and paid their fine. The police are also not able to be at all places at the one time and because of this many people were not caught and fined. Evidence to back this up was found as despite the number of people smoking dropping from 31% in 2003 to 21% in 2016, tobacco is still a factor in 10,000 deaths and 128,000 hospital admissions every year. This shows that the Smoking Prohibition Act was limited in its effectiveness of tackling inequalities.

Another policy introduced was free prescriptions. This policy was introduced in Scotland in April 2001. Since its introduction, there has been an increase^{of 10000} in prescription items for chronic disease and 237,000 for asthma. This means that those in poverty now have one opportunity

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to ~~en~~ treat their illnesses or conditions even if they do not have the money needed to buy it. However, the bill for the NHS in 2017/18 was £1.3 billion, 25.7% higher than 10 years ago due to free prescriptions. This means that money cannot be spent on improving or expanding facilities and also hiring more staff. This leads to overcrowding in hospitals and longer waiting times for patients. ~~THIS~~ For example, the budget for staff in the NHS has dropped to only £57 million annually. ^{Overall,} ~~This shows that free~~ while free prescriptions may cost more money for the NHS, reducing staff, there are thousands ~~if not millions~~ of people within Scotland who before this could not afford medication to treat their illnesses and now they do. This shows that free prescriptions are effective at reducing inequalities.

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One final government policy introduced is Universal Credit. This was introduced in 2017 to replace all working age benefits. This helped provide an income to those who were un-employed within the UK. It allowed people to gain more independence as it combined Job-seekers Allowance, Child/working Tax Credits and housing benefits. If a person was unemployed for 2 years or more and have failed at the work programme, they were offered a zero-hour contract to help them receive an income. In 2017, 3.1 million households were eligible to claim access to Universal Credit. Despite this, zero-hour contracts offered were not long term and could be taken away at any point. If a person declined the

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	<p>zero-hour contract which they were offered without a reason, their payments would be stopped for up to 3 months or more. It was also not effective as in order to sign up to claim these benefits, it required you to register online. This meant that many with limited technology understanding were unable to register. This shows Overall, despite the limitations, this act was effective.</p>	
	<p>In conclusion, while limitations, the policies were effective at tackling inequalities. The most effective policy was universal free prescriptions as it was available to everyone, unlike universal credit, and required no payment to receive it, helping millions across the country to maintain health throughout their life.</p>	

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(3)	(c) Limited development has an effect on the international community such as it causes famine, limited deve education and poor healthcare. This essay will discuss the extent which limited development has on the wider community.
	In many African countries, limited development has a significant effect on them as it causes famine ^{a lack of education} . Due to lack of development, there is a lack of education, lack of development means that there is not enough money to build school. This results in thousands of children having to walk miles in order for them to attend school and gain a good education. In Africa, only 5% of GDP is spent on education which means that 35 million children are unable to attend

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	<p>school. Those who are forced to walk</p>	
	<p>for miles to attend school often will arrive</p>	
	<p>late and have missed most of their lesson.</p>	
	<p>Many children also forced to walk show</p>	
	<p>up so tired that they are unable to concentrate</p>	
	<p>of their lesson. This results in many not having</p>	
	<p>the qualifications for them to have a high</p>	
	<p>paying job in the future and are therefore</p>	
	<p>trapped in poverty for the rest of their</p>	
	<p>lives. This leads to the continuation of</p>	
	<p>the cycle of poverty as they do not have</p>	
	<p>the money needed to then send their</p>	
	<p>children to school to earn qualifications.</p>	
	<p>Lack of education can also have an impact</p>	
	<p>on economic ^{health} economic problems as it is seen that a</p>	
	<p>girl with 7 years of education has 2-2 fewer</p>	
	<p>children. If they are unable to attend school,</p>	
	<p>this can lead to them having more children.</p>	
	<p>If they have no education they will have no</p>	

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job and no money and can therefore not adequately care for their children leading to the families suffering from starvation as they have no money for food. This shows that to a significant extent limited development has a negative effect on the wider international community.

Lack of development can also lead to health problems.
~~unfortunate~~ in many African countries.

Sub-Saharan Africa holds 10% of the world's population however, 70% of people have HIV. Due to lack of development, ~~for~~ many countries cannot afford clean water so are forced to drink dirty water. This can cause many health problems, such as worms, ~~which~~ because of lack of development, families do not have the money to

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	treat any illnesses which may occur
	as a result of the dirty water which leads
	to many people dying. Another health
	problem caused by lack of development
	is due to the fact that people are not
	educated on how to prevent and
	stop spread of illnesses. This leads to
	many people becoming sick and spreading
	illnesses due to uncleanliness. An example
	of this was seen when Ebola many people
	in African countries were infected by the
	Ebola virus. The Ebola virus was not
	contracted from animals and spread
	through bodily fluids due to lack of
	knowledge on how to prevent illnesses
	from spreading. The worst Ebola had
	This had a devastating effect on
	many African countries as the virus had
	a fatality rate of 60% and today,

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there are only around 10,000 survivors out of the thousands who contracted it.

Lack of development can also have a negative effect on many African countries due to unfair trade. Lack of development means that many people do not have the equipment needed to produce crops which they grow. Lack of development has meant that, due to not having enough money, Africa's share of world trade has dropped to 3% in 2013 from the 6% it used to have in 1980. This means that when people attempt to sell any successful crops they have harvested, buyers are able to force down the prices so they do not ~~not~~ receive a fair price for their crops. An example of

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this is that in Ethiopia, the average coffee-bean farmer only has \$2 per day to take care of themselves and their families. While fair trade has attempted to ensure that people receive fair prices for their produce despite lack of development, cocoa and coffee farmers still receive 1% less for their goods.

Show lack of development has a ~~in~~ negative effect on many African countries.

In conclusion, lack of development ~~has~~ significantly affects the wider international community. Due to lack of development children do not receive an adequate education and are therefore unable to achieve a successful job in the future, continuing poverty cycle.

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	Lack of development also leads to poor
	health as no safe water to drink and
	people are unaware of how to prevent
	illnesses from spreading. This shows
	to a significant extent does limited
	development effect have a
	negative effect on the wider
	community.