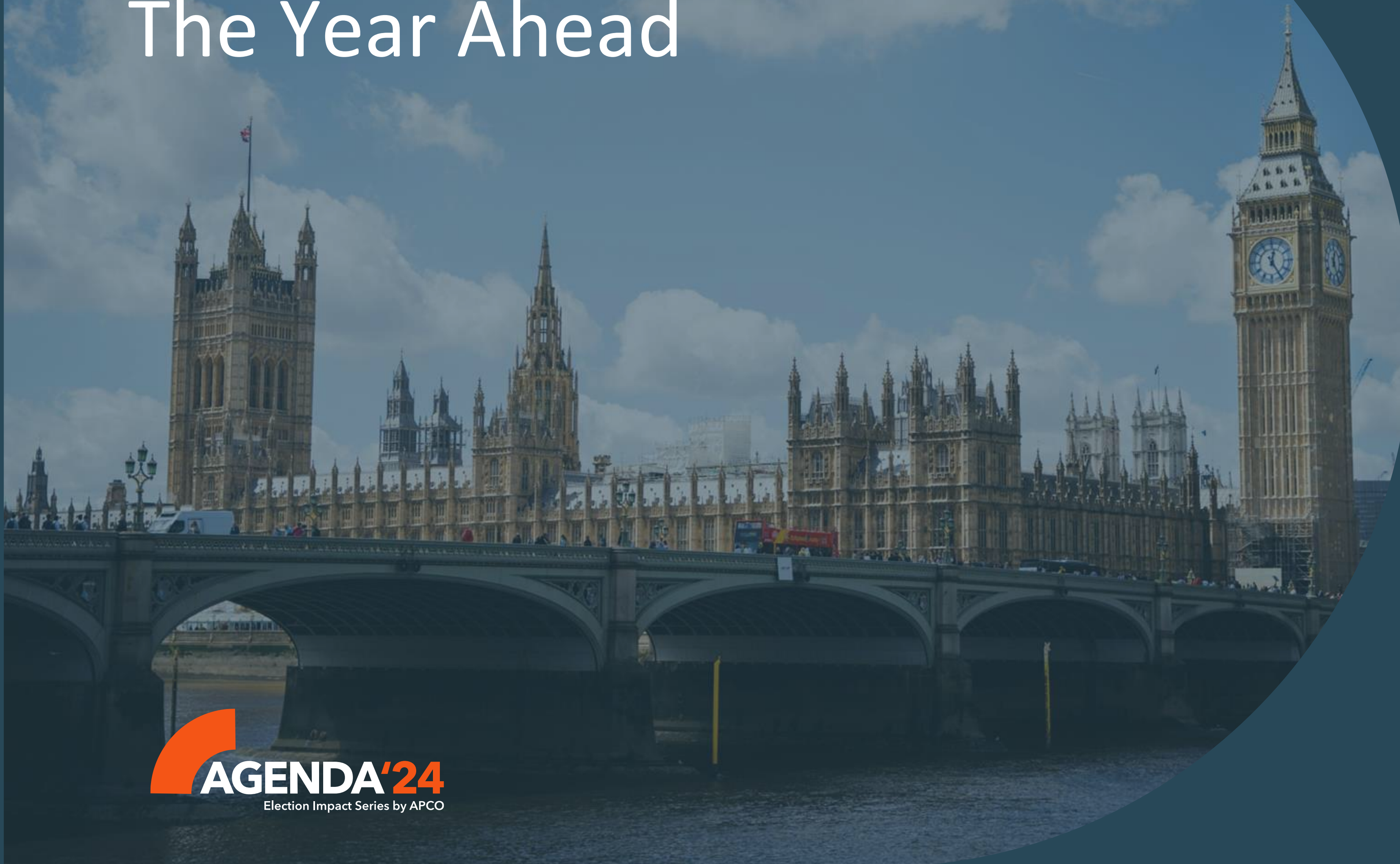
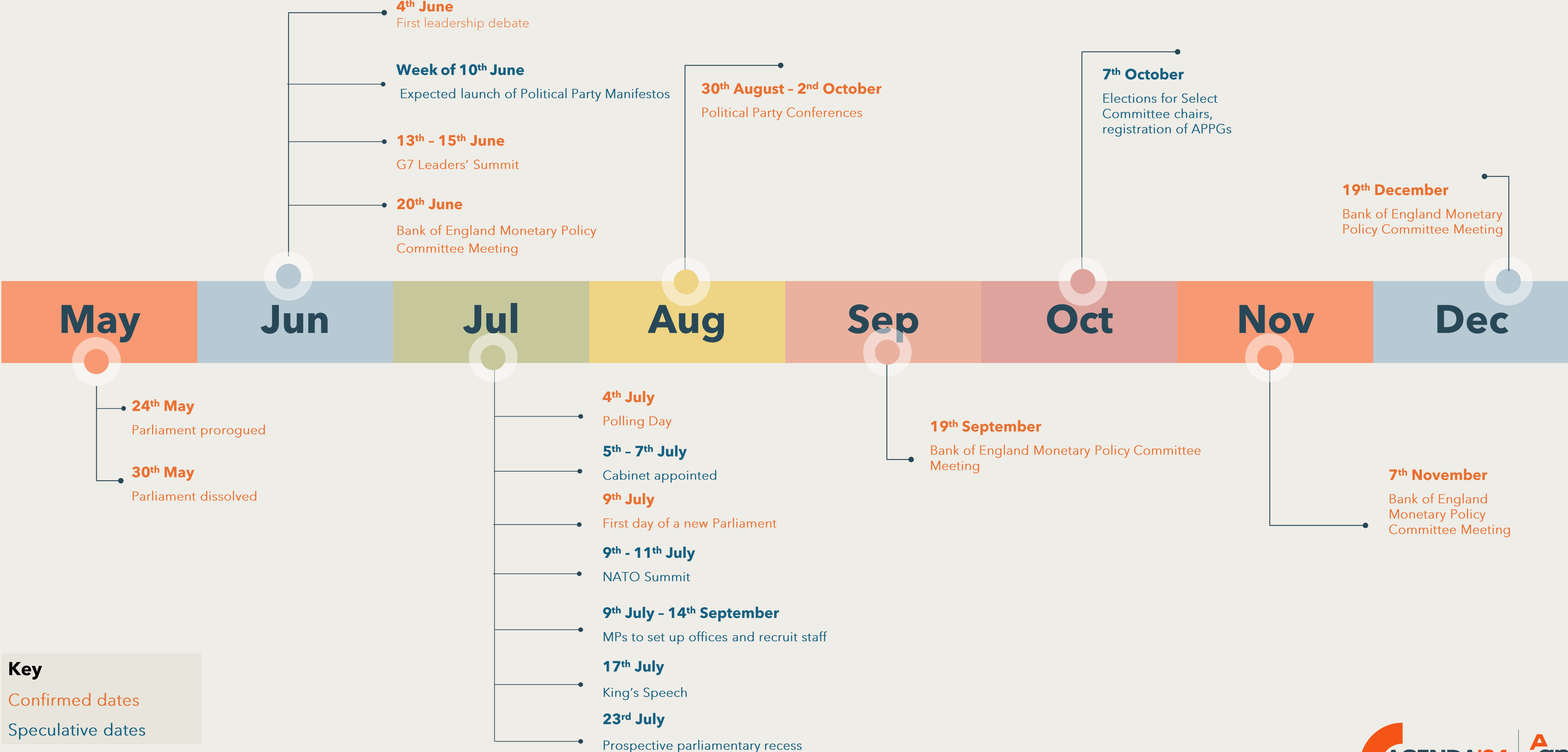


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Major dates



What to expect

● 30th May | Parliament is dissolved

During the wash-up period, MPs worked to get final legislation through the House ahead of the dissolution of Parliament on 30th May. All Bills that have not received Royal Assent by 24th May will not become law and drafts cannot be continued into the next Parliament.

The Civil Service have entered "Purdah" and Government Ministers who will retain their positions will continue to carry out the day-to-day activities of Government. They are banned from making any overtly political statements or carrying out any specific activities through their ministerial roles. Staff clear offices and MPs no longer have access to Parliamentary systems; all those standing for election will be known as candidates or PPCs.

● 4th June | First leadership debate

This is the first confirmed opportunity for the public to hear from Rishi Sunak and Sir Keir Starmer. Additional debate(s) will be confirmed in due course.

● Week of 10th June | Expected launch of Political Party Manifestos

Following the publication of manifestos, APCO will share a detailed breakdown of how the policy platforms may affect your business and any recommended actions to respond to the measures announced.

● 13th - 15th June | G7 Leaders' Summit

Rishi Sunak will represent the UK at the G7 summit in Italy. The UK will contribute to the leaders' communique issued at the conclusion of the summit.

● 20th June | Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee Meeting

The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is responsible for setting the base rate, commonly referred to as the 'Bank Rate', which is the most important interest rate in the UK. The MPC typically meets the day before the interest rate announcement and meets eight times a year to set the base rate.

● 4th July | Polling Day

Polls close at 10pm, with exit polls expected shortly thereafter. The final results are expected in the early hours of 5th July.

● 5th - 7th July | Cabinet appointed

We can expect changes in the front bench once a new Government is formed. Cabinet members will be announced first, with junior ministers likely appointed later in the day or week. Departmental priorities may shift to align with the new Government's vision, including a potential shift in jurisdictions or names.

What to expect

9th July | First day of a new Parliament

MPs will take the oath and elect a new Speaker of the House of Commons.

9th - 11th July | NATO Summit

This is likely to be the first major diplomatic event for the incoming Prime Minister.

9th July - 14th September | MPs set up offices and recruit staff

Newly elected MPs will recruit staffers and get familiar with the parliamentary estate.

In some cases, new MPs will not have email addresses for several weeks and may be harder to contact. For returning MPs, this process will be easier.

17th July | King's Speech

A new Government will be required to set out its policy agenda and spending priorities in a King's Speech. The Government will also need to outline the date of their first Budget upon entering into office. Labour has suggested it is unlikely to release a Budget until September, following the customary 10 weeks' notice to request an economic forecast from the Office of Budget Responsibility (OBR). While engagement opportunities will likely be limited, APCO can support you in advocating your policy positions, monitoring any relevant announcements and providing policy analysis.

23rd July | Parliamentary recess

30th August - 2nd October | Political Party Conferences

- SNP Conference, Edinburgh - 30th August - 1st September
- Liberal Democrats Conference, Brighton - 14th - 17th September
- Labour Conference, Liverpool - 22nd - 25th September
- Conservative Conference, Birmingham - 29th September - 2nd October

7th October | Elections for Select Committee chairs & registration of All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs)

Select Committees will be changed to reflect any shift in Government departments and elections will begin for new chairs and members. We will also see a change in APPGs, with new groups created and others being dissolved.