

# Basic & Workplace Skills Bulletin

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## News

- 1 **Prime Minister announced recovery plans**  
Trying to recover something from the wreckage of the Governments COVID catch-up plans following the fiasco of last week, the PM announces plans that include FE colleges.
- 3 **Most SME leaders lack new tech skills**  
The Open University has jointly published a report with Be the Business called, *Skills for Success: Supporting business leaders with digital adoption*, which had involved surveying 1,500 business leaders of UK SMEs that had needed to make drastic changes to adapt to the challenges of the pandemic.
- 4 **Employers “too cowardly” to stand up for education**  
Speaking at the UCU’s annual congress, its general secretary, Jo Grady argued that the Government was “full of shameless liars” who relied on employers that were “too cowardly” to stand with UCU members and fight for education.

## Policy papers

- 5 **Policy papers published last week**  
Policy papers from government and parliament.

## Consultations

- 6 **Consultations published last week**  
There were no education or training consultations or consultation outcomes published last week.

## Delegated legislation

- 6 **Statutory instruments issued last week**  
There were no education or training statutory instrument issued last week.

## Parliament - Debates

- 6 **Parliament was in recess**  
Parliament was in recess last week, so there were no debates or oral questions.

## Parliament - Questions

- 7 **Answers to written questions**  
Despite Parliament being in recess last week, there were a small number of written parliamentary questions answered from the House of Commons although there were none from the House of Lords. Only one of the written questions was remotely relevant to basic skills or training.

## Publisher information

- 8 **Subscription rates**  
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