**Table 2 Summary of debates carried out in the House of Commons and Lords relating to organ donation opt-out, including Draft Bills, motions, questions and**

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| **Date** | **Title of debate** | **Venue** | **Led by** | **Speakers for opt-out** | **Reservations/unsure** | **Speakers against** | **Political party mix** | **Summary** |
| 20/3/2002 | Organ Donation (Presumed Consent and Safeguards) Bill First Reading | House of Commons | Tom Watson (Lab) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1xL | Bill to introduce opt out (presumed consent) first read in Parliament. Cited three quarters of population willing to donate yet 15% on ODR. Argued for Belgian system with register of non-donors and estimates change in law will increase donation by 20%. Did not make second reading |
| 3/2/2004 | Organ Donation (Presumed Consent and Safeguards) Bill (First Reading) | House of Commons | Siobhain McDonagh (Lab) | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 x L  1 x C | Bill read the first time - ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30 April. Withdrawn (reason not provided) |
| 20/11/2008 | Organ Donation debate | Westminster Hall | Dawn Primarolo (Minister Health) (Lab) | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 x L  1 x C  1 x LD | Debate following publication of OD Taskforce report with recommendations – working to improve system – against move to presumed consent at this time |
| 6/3/2009 | Organ Donation (Presumed Consent) Bill – First reading | House of Commons | Jeremy Browne (LD) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | Bill presented and printed |
| 13/3/2009 | Organ Donation (Presumed Consent) Bill – Second reading | House of Commons | Jeremy Browne (LD) | 4 |  | 2 | 3 x LD  1 x L  2 x C | Private members bill presented by LD Browne – one full argument for (supported by 3 LD and L) and one against – C. Government response was to continue with current improvements/strategy and wait for evidence of increase in donor rates in 2013. Did not make Third reading. |
| 10/10/2011 | Question in House on organ donation | House of Commons | Duncan Hames (LD) | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3 x C  1 x L  1 x PC  1 x LD | Original question was put about new initiatives to encourage OD. Hywel Williams (PC) asked Ann Milton (SS Health) about plans for opt-out – response was evidence not there and OD rates improving with current initiatives– Minister urged Wales to look at evidence on opt-out before move to change law |
| 9/11/2011 | Debate on organ donation progress | House of Commons | Paul Uppal (Con) | 3 | 5 | 3 | 8 x C  2 x LD  1 x L | Debate to address BME issue in OD and concern about numbers on OD wait list and lack of long-term strategy/leadership on OD. Opt-out not being pursued by government – on target to meet 2013 rates for OD (50% increase) |
| 30/11/2011 | Organ Donation Debate | Westminster Hall | Glyn Davies (Con) | 7 | 5 | 3 | 4 x C  7 x L  2 x LD | Glyn Davies led debate – in response to Welsh Assembly indicating move to opt out – large number of MPs representing Welsh regions (from L and LD). Government (Ann Milton PUSSH) response to keep under review – no change – urged Welsh Assembly to look more at evidence before voting |
| 17/6/2014 | Organ Donor Register debate | Westminster Hall | Andrew Griffiths (Con) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 x C  1 x L  2 x DUP  1 x SDLP | Debate on interventions to improve donation – including introducing register to opt-out.  PUSSH Jane Ellison (Con) against changing law – preference to improve operational issues – make it easier to register etc. |
| 17/1/2017 | Bill to enable persons in England to withhold consent for organ donation  (First Reading) | House of Commons | Paul Flynn (Lab) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 x L | Bill read the First time; to be read a Second time on Friday 24 March 2017 and to be printed (Bill 123). Did not reach second reading  Withdrawn due to prorogation and general election |
| 13/7/2017 | Debate to consider introduction of an opt out system for organ donation in England | House of Commons | Dan Jarvis (Lab) | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | Debate held as still lots on waitlist. Government (PUSSH) still on fence (Jackie Doyle-Price) as saw presumed as useful tool but not panacea and concern how medical profession will deal with it. Geoffrey Robinson announced tabling private members bill for deemed consent in July |
| 19/7/2017 | Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Bill First reading | House of Commons | Geoffrey Robinson (Lab) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | Bill presented to parliament – second reading scheduled for 23/2/18. Robinson announced that there is good cross-party support following during questions to Health secretary on 10th October |
| 19/12/2017 | Discussion of Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) impact assessment | House of commons | Glyn Davies (Con) | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 x C  1 x L  1 x DUP | Discussed evidence base for decision of impact statement recently published prior to second reading of Bill. PUSSH (Jackie Doyle Price) said impact analysis suggests moving towards opt out, as part of package of support – e.g., wraparound care from SNODs and public awareness campaign) can be associated with higher rates of donation – however further evidence is being requested. |
| 23/2/18 | Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Bill Second reading | House of Commons | Geoffrey Robinson (Lab) | 30 | 10 | 2 | L x25  C x 15  Ind x 1 | Debated Bill – lots of support including some supporting with reservations – Most of fully support from Lab; most of those supporting but reservations from Cons (2) |
| 13/6/2018 | An opt-out system of organ and tissue donation. Impact Assessment | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | CSA advised with moderate certainty, that when introduced as part of a wider communication and logistical package, opt out systems can be associated with higher donation rates. |
| 11/9/2018 | Organ Donation(Deemed Consent) Bill (Money) | House of Commons | Jackie Doyle-Price (PUSSH) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | PUSSH confirmed government support for Bill and authorised payment of money to support Bill (18 million for public campaign plus £20 billion over 10 years long term commitment for resources to support) Geoffrey Robinson (Lab) thanked House (“sailed through committee in record time”) |
| 12/9/2018 | Public Bill Committee on Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Bill | House of Commons | Geoffrey Robinson (Lab) |  |  |  | 5 x L  4 x C  1 x DUP | Very short committee (35 mins) Amendments included to define organs that don’t apply for Deemed and requirement to consult family added. Good cross- party agreement – all speakers supporting opt-out |
| 26/10/2018 | Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Bill Third reading | House of Commons | Dan Jarvis (Lab) | 11 | 5 | 0 | 4 x L  12 x C | Third reading – lots of support but significant numbers (all Con) supported with reservations – PUSSH (Jackie Doyle-Price said there is lots of nervousness – and concern about protecting family consent) |
| 23/11/2018 | Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Bill Second reading | House of Lords | Lord Hunt | 14 | 3 |  | 9 x C  4 x L  4 x CB  2 x LD | Second reading of Bill in HoL. (First reading 29th October presented by Lord Hunt) Lots of support but a few had reservations and wanted public engagement and awareness as in Wales – some said that it did not change things much as family have to be contacted to support/consent |
| 1/2/2019 | Public Bill Committee on Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Bill | House of Lords | Lord McColl (Con) | 7 | 2 |  |  | Committee led by McColl who was initially against opt-out for poor evidence of working, money better spent elsewhere, reduces pool of donors and impact on public trust of system. Did not want to block Bill so supported. Aimed to minimise risk by strengthening safeguards/amendments |
| 26/2/2019 | Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) ‘bill Third reading | House of Lords | Lord Hunt | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 x L | Bill read for third time by Lord Hunt – no further discussion or debate – Bill passed |
| 18/5/2020 | Motion to approve regulations and permitted material | House of Commons | Lord Bethel (PUSSH) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | Lord Bethell (PUSSH) explained draft regulation to Bill first read in July 2017 and became law in March 2019. Has had 3 public consultations – aim to become law May 2020. Would only apply to routine organs for transplant – novel would still require express consent. |
| May 2021 | Question to House about success of law change | House of Commons | Dan Jarvis (Lab) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | Question in House to mark one year since implementation of law change. Question from Dan Jarvis on how successful law change has been in increasing OD. Helen Whately (Minister for care) said that opt out system has increased number of organs available and saving ‘hundreds’ of lives (Since law change 296 people have donation in England under the opt out system accounting for 29% of donations that took place last year. |
| 02/22 | Motion on organ donation and transplant strategy | Westminster Hall | Anthony Mangnall (Con) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 30-minute debate on motion. Aim to congratulate government on bill, to encourage further awareness and education on OD and explore future steps on OD. Said that opt-out successful as more organs available and fewer opting out |

**Key to abbreviations used in the table.**

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| Con | Conservative (Party) |
| CSA | Chief Scientific Adviser |
| HoL | House of Lords |
| Lab | Labour (Party) |
| LD | Liberal Democrat (Party) |
| OD | Organ Donation |
| ODR | Organ Donation Register |
| PC | Plaid Cymru (Party) |
| PUSSH | Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health |
| SS | Secretary of State |
| BME | Black and Minority Ethnic (group) |