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What we are doing

- On 17 January 2011, [following consideration of the responses to an eight week consultation](#) on the proposed decrease in the Public Lending Right (PLR) rate per loan, a [Statutory Instrument](#) has been laid in Parliament to reduce the rate from 6.29 pence to 6.25 pence.
- On 1 November [DCMS wrote to relevant bodies](#) (PDF 34kb) requesting comments on the proposed Public Lending Right (PLR) rate per loan for February 2011.
- On 21 October DCMS announced the total funding for the Public Lending Right (PLR) will be reduced over the Spending Review period, this will be limited to 15 per cent in real terms and the fund will continue to be ring fenced. It was also announced that, given the need to find savings and following a tight spending review, the extension of PLR to audiobooks and e-books will not proceed at this time.
- On 14 October DCMS announced it will abolish the current PLR body and transfer the administration of the PLR fund to another existing body. The right of authors to receive payment when their books are borrowed from public libraries is protected in European law and will continue.
- On 16 August 2010, Culture Minister Ed Vaizey announced the [ten projects chosen to take part in the Future Libraries Programme](#) – a support programme that will secure a place for public libraries at the heart of the [Big Society](#).
- On 26 July 2010, the Secretary of State announced [plans to abolish the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council](#) (MLA)
- On 1 July 2010, Culture Minister [Ed Vaizey announced a new support programme](#) that will secure a place for public libraries at the heart of the Big Society .
- In March 2010 we launched the [The Modernisation Review of Public Libraries – A Policy Statement](#) following a consultation called [Empower, Inform, Enrich – the modernisation review of public libraries](#)
- In 2009, the Secretary of State ordered a [local inquiry into the library service provided by Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council](#)
- In 2003 we launched [Framework for the Future](#), a ten-year, national strategy for the improvement and modernisation of England's public library services