



Recent examples of Parliament being independent and effective

2003	The House of Lords forced the government to use the Parliament Act to force through anti-hunting legislation. It also forced the government to make some concessions, making a modified form of hunting with dogs possible.
2004	The House of Lords forced the government to accept concessions to the 2001 Anti Terrorism Act, preventing the detention of suspects without trial.
2005	The Commons defeated the government over a plan to allow security forces to hold suspected terrorists for up to 90 days without trial.
2005	The Houses of Commons and Lords combined to force amendments to legislation extending gambling rights in England and Wales, reducing the number of proposed 'super-casinos' from 40 to 8.
2006	The House of Commons, in a free vote, chose to introduce a complete ban on smoking in public places, despite the government's original plan to exempt private clubs and restaurants.
2006	The Houses of Commons and Lords combined forced concessions over the identity card legislation, effectively limiting the total costs of the plan.
2006	Backbench Labour MPs forced the government to make significant amendments to its reform of the management of secondary schools.

