

Nuclear Submarine Recycling (Reporting) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Strategy for recycling nuclear submarines

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare a strategy for recycling out-of-service Royal Navy nuclear submarines.
- (2) The Secretary of State must lay the strategy before Parliament within one year of this Act coming into force. 5
- (3) The Secretary of State may prepare a revised strategy.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay any revised strategy before Parliament.
- (5) Each strategy prepared under subsection (1) or (3) must include a proposed timetable for the recycling of each Royal Navy nuclear submarine.
- (6) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament reports on progress against the proposed timetable — 10
 - (a) in the strategy laid under subsection (2) within one year of it being laid, and
 - (b) in the latest strategy laid under subsection (2) or (4) within each subsequent calendar year. 15

2 Consultation on decommissioning powers

- (1) The Secretary of State must undertake a public consultation on extending the decommissioning powers of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority under

Part 1 of the Energy Act 2004 (c. 20) to include the recycling of Royal Navy nuclear submarines.

- (2) The Secretary of State must lay a report on the public consultation and the Government's response to it within one year of this Act coming into force.

3 Estimates of taxpayer liability 5

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament estimates of the taxpayer liability associated with out-of-service Royal Navy submarines.

- (2) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament estimates of the taxpayer liability associated with out-of-service Royal Navy submarines.

- (3) An updated estimate must be laid in each subsequent calendar year. 10

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to the whole United Kingdom.

- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

- (3) This Act may be cited as the Nuclear Submarine Recycling (Reporting) Act 2019. 15

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