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PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

ENVIRONMENT BILL

[FIFTH AND SIXTH SITTINGS]

GLOSSARY

This document shows the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause.

The following terms are used:

Agreed to: agreed without a vote.

Agreed to on division: agreed following a vote.

Negatived: rejected without a vote.

Negatived on division: rejected following a vote.

Not called: debated in a group of amendments, but not put to a decision.

Not moved: not debated or put to a decision.

Question proposed: debate underway but not concluded.

Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.

Not selected: not chosen for debate by the Chair.

Dr Alan Whitehead

Luke Pollard

Ruth Jones

Daniel Zeichner

Jessica Morden

Abena Oppong-Asare

Thangam Debbonaire

Alex Sobel

Withdrawn after debate 79

Clause 1, page 1, line 7, leave out “may” and insert “must”

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Neil Parish
 Alex Sobel
 Philip Dunne

Withdrawn after debate **103**

Clause 1, page 1, line 10, at end insert—

- “(1A) The Secretary of State must exercise the power in subsection (1) with the aim of establishing a coherent framework of targets he or she considers would, if met:
- (a) make a significant contribution towards the environmental objectives, and
 - (b) ensure continuous improvement of the environment as a whole.
- (1B) Where the Secretary of State considers that a target is necessary but the means of expressing the target is not yet sufficiently developed, he or she must explain the steps being taken to develop an appropriate target.”

Dr Alan Whitehead
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Daniel Zeichner
 Thangam Debbonaire
 Abena Oppong-Asare

Jessica Morden

Alex Sobel

Withdrawn after debate **1**

Clause 1, page 1, line 11, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

- “(2) The Secretary of State must exercise the power in subsection (1) so as to set the appropriate long-term targets within each priority area for the purpose of achieving and maintaining a healthy environment on land and at sea”.

Kerry McCarthy
 Alex Sobel

Withdrawn after debate **76**

Clause 1, page 1, line 17, at end insert—

- “(e) global footprint.”

Dr Matthew Offord

Not selected **106**

Clause 1, page 1, line 17, at end insert—

- “(3A) Targets set within the priority area of waste and resources must include matters relating to the reduction of overall material use and waste generation and pollution including, but not limited to, plastics.”

Dr Alan Whitehead
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Daniel Zeichner
 Jessica Morden
 Abena Oppong-Asare

Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division **178**

Clause 1, page 1, line 17, at end insert—

- “(3A) Targets set within the priority area of air quality must include targets for—
- (a) the ambient 24 hour mean concentration of PM2.5 and PM10;
 - (b) average human exposure to PM2.5 and PM10; and

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- (c) annual emissions of NO_x, ammonia, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, SO₂ and non-methane volatile organic compounds.
- (3B) Targets set within the priority area of water must include, but are not limited to, matters relating to—
 - (a) abstraction rates; and
 - (b) the chemical and biological status and monitoring of inland freshwater and the marine environment.
- (3C) Targets set within the priority area of biodiversity must include, but are not limited to, matters relating to—
 - (a) the abundance, diversity and extinction risk of species; and
 - (b) the quality, extent and connectivity of habitats.
- (3D) Targets set within the priority area of waste and resources must include, but are not limited to, matters relating to the reduction of overall material use and waste generation and pollution, including but not limited to plastics.”

Dr Alan Whitehead
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Daniel Zeichner
 Jessica Morden
 Abena Oppong-Asare

Thangam Debbonaire

Alex Sobel

Withdrawn after debate 80

Clause 1, page 2, line 4, at end insert—

- “(4A) A target under this section must be set on the basis of the best available evidence and any advice given under section (3)(1).
- (4B) In setting targets under this section, the Secretary of State must take into account relevant international best practices and seek to improve on them.”

Rebecca Pow

Agreed to 28

Clause 1, page 2, line 15, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Rebecca Pow

Agreed to 29

Clause 1, page 2, line 16, leave out “Assembly” and insert “Senedd”

Kerry McCarthy

Not called 77

Clause 1, page 2, line 16, at end insert—

- “(10) Without prejudice to subsection (6), the global footprint target is required to be met with regard to ecosystem conversion and degradation, and to deforestation and forest degradation, by 31 December 2020.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Neil Parish
 Andrew Selous
 Tracey Crouch
 Steve Brine
 Sir Peter Bottomley
 Peter Aldous

Derek Thomas
 Geraint Davies
 Philip Dunne
 Luke Pollard
 Jessica Morden
 Alex Sobel

Rob Roberts
 Sir Robert Neill
 Caroline Nokes
 Ruth Jones
 Abena Oppong-Asare

David Warburton
 Anne Marie Morris
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Daniel Zeichner
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division **23**

Clause 2, page 2, line 20, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

- “(2) The PM2.5 air quality target must—
- (a) be less than or equal to 10µg/m³;
 - (b) have an attainment deadline on or before 1 January 2030.”

Dr Alan Whitehead
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Daniel Zeichner
 Jessica Morden
 Abena Oppong-Asare

Thangam Debbonaire

Not called **185**

Clause 2, page 2, line 20, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

- “(2) The PM2.5 air quality target must—
- (a) follow World Health Organisation guidelines and;
 - (b) have an attainment deadline on or before 1 January 2030.”

Clause agreed to.

Dr Alan Whitehead
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Daniel Zeichner
 Jessica Morden
 Abena Oppong-Asare

Thangam Debbonaire

Alex Sobel

Withdrawn after debate **81**

Clause 3, page 2, line 33, leave out subsection (1) and insert—

- “(1) Before making regulations under sections 1 or 2, reviewing targets under section 6, setting interim targets under section 10, or considering actions required to achieve targets set under sections 1, 2, or 10, the Secretary of State must—
- (a) obtain, and take into account, the advice of a relevant independent and expert advisory body set up for this purpose;

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- (b) carry out full public consultation;
 - (c) publish that advice as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- (1A) If regulations laid under sections 1 or 2 or interim targets make provision different from that recommended by the advisory body, the Secretary of State must both publish the public interest reasons for those differences and make a statement to Parliament on them.
- (1B) Any advisory body set up under subsection (1)(a) must comprise 50 per cent of members nominated by the OEP and 50 per cent of members nominated by the Committee on Climate Change.”

Dr Alan Whitehead
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Daniel Zeichner
 Jessica Morden
 Abena Oppong-Asare

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Not called 181

Clause 3, page 2, line 35, at end insert—

- “(1A) The advice sought under section 3(1) must include advice on how the scope and level of targets should be set to significantly improve the natural environment and minimise, or where possible eliminate, the harmful impacts of pollution on human health and the environment.”

Neil Parish
 Geraint Davies
 Alex Sobel

Withdrawn after debate 24

Clause 3, page 3, line 20, leave out “31 October 2022” and insert “31 December 2020”

Clause agreed to.

Dr Alan Whitehead
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Daniel Zeichner
 Jessica Morden
 Abena Oppong-Asare

Thangam Debbonaire

Alex Sobel

Withdrawn after debate 82

Clause 4, page 3, line 24, at end insert “and,
 (c) interim targets are met.”

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Dr Alan Whitehead
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Daniel Zeichner
 Jessica Morden
 Abena Oppong-Asare

Thangam Debbonaire Alex Sobel

Withdrawn after debate **83**

Clause 4, page 3, line 24, at end insert “and,
 (c) steps identified under section 5(5)(b) are taken.”

Clause agreed to.

Dr Alan Whitehead
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Daniel Zeichner
 Jessica Morden
 Abena Oppong-Asare

Thangam Debbonaire Alex Sobel

Withdrawn after debate **84**

Clause 5, page 4, line 1, at end insert—
 “(c) include a timetable for adoption, implementation and review of the
 chosen measures, and the authorities responsible for their delivery, and
 (d) an analysis of the options considered and their estimated impact on
 delivering progress against the relevant targets.”

Clause agreed to.

Neil Parish
 Geraint Davies
 Sir Robert Neill
 Anne Marie Morris
 Alex Sobel

Not called **25**

Clause 6, page 4, line 21, after “England” insert—
 “and minimise, or where possible eliminate, the harmful impacts of air pollution
 on human health and the environment as quickly as possible”

Environment Bill, *continued*

Dr Alan Whitehead
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Daniel Zeichner
 Jessica Morden
 Abena Oppong-Asare

Thangam Debbonaire Alex Sobel

Clause 6, page 4, line 21, at the end insert “on land, and at sea.” *Not called* **85**

Dr Alan Whitehead
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Daniel Zeichner
 Jessica Morden
 Abena Oppong-Asare

Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate **183**

Clause 6, page 4, line 21, at end insert—

- “(3A) In considering whether the natural environment would be significantly improved, the Secretary of State must be satisfied that—
- (a) the terrestrial and marine natural environment in England has improved as a system; and
 - (b) that the achievement of any targets which meet the conditions specified in subsection (8) would constitute significant improvement in that matter.”

Neil Parish
 Geraint Davies
 Alex Sobel

Not called **26**

Clause 6, page 4, line 29, after “2023” insert—

“or, in the case of the PM2.5 air quality target and any other long-term and interim target set within the air quality priority area, within 6 months of publication of updated guidelines on ambient air pollution by the World Health Organization, whichever is earlier”

Neil Parish
 Geraint Davies
 Alex Sobel

Not called **27**

Clause 6, page 4, line 31, after “completed” insert—

“or, in the case of the PM2.5 air quality target and any other long-term and interim target set within the air quality priority area, within 6 months of publication of updated guidelines on ambient air pollution by the World Health Organization, whichever is earlier”

Environment Bill, *continued*

Dr Alan Whitehead
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Daniel Zeichner
Jessica Morden
Abena Oppong-Asare

Thangam Debbonaire

Alex Sobel

Withdrawn after debate 86

Clause 6, page 4, line 41, at end insert—

- “(9) In carrying out a review under this section, the Secretary of State must consider whether any targets relating to the priority areas in section 1 that are contained in legislation which forms part of the law of England and Wales—
- (a) have expired, or
 - (b) are required to be achieved by a date which has passed.
- (10) If paragraph (a) or (b) applies, then the significant environmental improvement test is only met if a new target or targets are set relating to the same matters which specify a new standard and a future date by which such standards must be reached.”

Clause agreed to.

[Adjourned until Thursday at 9.25am