
Report Stage: Monday 24 May 2021

Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

★ New Amendments.

New amendments: 1 to 8 and NC1

Stephen Flynn
Kirsty Blackman

NC1

★ To move the following Clause—

“Human rights abuses

No ARIA resources may be used in any way that would contravene human rights.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause is intended to ensure that ARIA is not able to contravene human rights.

Stephen Flynn
Kirsty Blackman

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★ Clause 2, page 1, line 7, at end insert—

“(A1)ARIA’s primary mission will be to support the development of technologies and research that support the UK’s transition to net zero carbon emissions or reduce the harmful effects of climate change.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment sets the primary mission for ARIA to support the development of technologies and research that support the UK’s transition to net zero carbon emissions or reduce the harmful effects of climate change.

Stephen Flynn
Kirsty Blackman

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★ Clause 2, page 1, line 17, at end insert—

“(2A) Where ARIA provides financial support or makes rights or other property available under subsection (2) to an individual who has a family or business connection to a Minister of HM Government—

- (a) that individual must make a declaration of the connection as part of the application for support or property; and
- (b) the Minister must make an oral statement to the House of Commons within 3 months of the decision being made under subsection (2).”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would allow for Parliamentary scrutiny of any contracts awarded by ARIA to a person connected to a member of the Government.

Stephen Flynn
Kirsty Blackman

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★ Clause 4, page 2, line 25, at beginning insert “Subject to paragraph 3(1B) of Schedule 1,”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential to Amendment 3.

Stephen Flynn
Kirsty Blackman

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★ Clause 4, page 2, line 25, at beginning insert “Subject to paragraph 2(3B) of Schedule 1,”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential to Amendment 5.

Stephen Flynn
Kirsty Blackman

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- ★ Schedule 1, page 6, line 22, at end insert—

“(3A)The Secretary of State may not appoint a person as chair unless the appointment of that person has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

(3B) ARIA may not exercise any functions under this or any other Act, nor may the Secretary of State make any grants to ARIA under section 4 of this Act, until its first chair has been appointed.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires both Houses of Parliament, under the affirmative resolution procedure, to approve the name of the proposed Chair. ARIA may not exercise any functions, nor may the Secretary of State make any grants to ARIA until its first chair has been appointed.

Stephen Flynn
Kirsty Blackman

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- ★ Schedule 1, page 6, line 26, at end insert—

“(1A)The Secretary of State may not appoint a person as Chief Executive Officer unless the appointment of the person has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

(1B) ARIA may not exercise any functions under this or any other Act, nor may the Secretary of State make any grants to ARIA under section 4 of this Act, until its first Chief Executive Officer has been appointed.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires both Houses of Parliament, under the affirmative resolution procedure, to approve the name of the proposed Chief Executive Officer. ARIA may not exercise any functions, nor may the Secretary of State make any grants to ARIA until its first Chief Executive Officer has been appointed.

Stephen Flynn
Kirsty Blackman

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- ★ Schedule 3, page 13, leave out paragraph 11

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would remove ARIA’s exemption from the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Stephen Flynn
Kirsty Blackman

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★ Schedule 3, page 14, at end insert—

“(12)In Part VI of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“Other public bodies and offices: general”), at the appropriate place insert “The Advanced Research and Invention Agency”.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would make ARIA subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
