
Report Stage: Thursday 3 June 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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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: 9 to 14 and NC2 to NC4

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.

Graham Stringer

NC2

★ To move the following Clause—

“ARIA’s primary mission: health research and development

- (1) The primary mission of ARIA is to support scientific research into human health and the development of new medicines and health technologies.
- (2) In carrying out its primary mission under subsection (1), ARIA must prioritise research and development according to the policy objectives of the Department of Health and Social Care.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would set ARIA's primary mission as supporting health research and development and would make the Department of Health and Social Care the Agency's main client.

Sarah Olney

NC3

★ To move the following Clause—

"Transition to net-zero carbon emissions

- (1) ARIA must be certified carbon-neutral at the end of each financial year.
- (2) 25% of ARIA's annual budget must be directed towards scientific research and development that will support the UK's transition to net-zero carbon emissions by 2045.
- (3) In exercising any of its functions under this Act, ARIA must have regard to the requirement under subsection (1) and the UK's transition to net-zero carbon emissions by 2045."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause requires ARIA to be certified carbon-neutral annually, and to direct 25% of its annual budget to research and development that will assist the UK's transition to net-zero. In carrying out its functions, ARIA must have regard to its carbon-neutrality requirement and the UK's transition to net-zero.

Mr Andrew Mitchell
 Anthony Mangnall
 Sir Peter Bottomley
 Karen Bradley
 Caroline Nokes
 Harriett Baldwin
 Mr David Davis
 Meg Hillier
 Jeremy Hunt
 Sir Roger Gale

Dame Margaret Hodge
 Tom Tugendhat
 Neil Parish
 Derek Thomas

Sir Edward Leigh
 Mr Tobias Ellwood
 Sarah Champion
 Sir Desmond Swayne

NC4

★ To move the following Clause—

"ARIA and official development assistance

- (1) In this section, "a qualifying year" is a calendar year in which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, the United Kingdom will not spend 0.7% of gross national income on official development assistance (ODA) in the absence of ARIA financial assistance which qualifies as ODA.
- (2) In a qualifying year ARIA must, in accordance with its functions, provide sufficient financial support which qualifies as ODA for the United

Kingdom to spend at least 0.7% of gross national income on ODA in that year.

- (3) The Secretary of State must make grants to ARIA sufficient for ARIA to meet its duty under subsection (2).
- (4) Notwithstanding section 14 (commencement), this section comes into force on 1 January 2022."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause is intended to reaffirm the duty in the International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Act 2015 for UK official development assistance (ODA) to amount to 0.7% of gross national income each year. It would require ARIA to make up any shortfall in that proportion from January 2022.

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.

Chi Onwurah
Edward Miliband
Keir Starmer
Angela Rayner
Sir Alan Campbell

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

“(2A) In exercising its functions, ARIA must have regard to its core mission.

(2B) In this section—

“core mission” means—

- (a) for the period of ten years after the date on which this Act is passed, undertaking activities which support the achievement of the target established in section 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008,
- (b) thereafter, mission or missions which the Secretary of State establishes by regulations every five years, and
- (c) regulations under this section—
 - (i) shall be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (ii) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require ARIA to consider its core mission in exercising its functions. For the ten years following the Act passing, that core mission would be supporting the achievement of Net Zero. Thereafter, its mission will be established by statutory instrument subject to the draft affirmative procedure.

Chi Onwurah
Edward Miliband
Keir Starmer
Angela Rayner
Sir Alan Campbell

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★ Clause 2, page 2, line 18, at end insert—

“(7) In exercising its functions, ARIA must have regard to its impact across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and each region thereof.

(8) The annual report prepared under paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 must contain—

- (a) the geographical distribution of ARIA’s investments over the past year, and
- (b) the economic impact of this investment in each region and nation of the United Kingdom including the number of new jobs created.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require ARIA to have regard for the benefits of its activities across the nations and regions of the UK in exercising its functions and includes a reporting function, with Parliamentary oversight, on the impact of those activities in each nation and region of the UK.

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.

Sarah Olney

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★ Clause 6, page 3, line 2, at end insert—

"(2A) ARIA must provide the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee with such information as the Committee may request."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require ARIA to share information with the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee when requested.

Chi Onwurah
Edward Miliband
Keir Starmer
Angela Rayner
Sir Alan Campbell

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★ Clause 6, page 3, line 15, at end insert—

“(7) ARIA shall be—

- (a) a public authority within the meaning of section 3 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and Schedule 1 of that Act shall be amended accordingly, and
- (b) a central government authority within the meaning of regulation 2(1) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, and Schedule 1 of those Regulations shall be amended accordingly.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would make ARIA subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Sarah Olney

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★ Clause 8, page 3, line 26, leave out “, and” and insert—

“(ab) the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee, and”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to consult the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee before dissolving ARIA.

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.

Sarah Olney

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★ Schedule 1, page 7, line 1, at end insert—

“(6) The Secretary of State may not make executive or non-executive appointments to ARIA, nor determine the remuneration of appointees, without approval by resolution of the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee to approve the Secretary of State's nominated executive and non-executive members, as well as their remuneration.

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.

Order of the House

[23 March 2021]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 27 April 2021.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.
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