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Committee Stage: Thursday 28 October 2021

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## Subsidy Control Bill (Committee Stage Decisions)

This document sets out the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause considered at committee stage. A glossary with key terms can be found at the end of this document.

First to Fourth Sitings

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### *FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS*

**Agreed to**

Paul Scully

That—

- (1) the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 26 October) meet—
  - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 26 October;
  - (b) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 28 October;
  - (c) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 2 November;
  - (d) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 4 November;
  - (e) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 16 November;
  - (f) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 18 November;
- (2) the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
Tuesday 26 October	Until no later than 10.30 am	Industrial Communities Alliance; Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
Tuesday 26 October	Until no later than 11.25 am	Institute for Government; Professor Stephanie Rickard, London School of Economics
Tuesday 26 October	Until no later than 2.30 pm	Institute of Directors
Tuesday 26 October	Until no later than 3.00 pm	Monckton Chambers
Tuesday 26 October	Until no later than 3.40 pm	DWF Group; UK Steel
Tuesday 26 October	Until no later than 4.00 pm	Daniel Greenberg, House of Commons Counsel for Domestic Legislation
Tuesday 26 October	Until no later than 4.30 pm	Competition and Markets Authority

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
Tuesday 26 October	Until no later than 5.00 pm	Ivan McKee, Scottish Government Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise

- (3) proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clauses 1 to 9; Schedules 1 and 2; Clauses 10 to 78; Schedule 3; Clauses 79 to 92; new Clauses; new Schedules; remaining proceedings on the Bill;
- (4) the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Thursday 18 November.

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Paul Scully

**Agreed to**

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

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Paul Scully

**Agreed to**

That, at this and any subsequent meeting at which oral evidence is to be heard, the Committee shall sit in private until the witnesses are admitted

**The following Witnesses gave oral evidence:**

Professor Steve Fothergill, National Director, Industrial Communities Alliance, and Professor in the Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research, Sheffield Hallam University

Dr Serafin Pazos-Vidal, Head of Brussels Office, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities

Thomas Pope, Deputy Chief Economist, Institute for Government

Professor Stephanie Rickard, Professor of Political Science, London School of Economics

Dr Roger Barker, Director of Policy and Corporate Governance, Institute of Directors

George Peretz QC, Monckton Chambers

Jonathan Branton, Partner, Head of Public Sector, Head of EU Competition, Leeds, DWF Group

Alexander Rose, Director, Newcastle, DWF Group

Richard Warren, Head of Policy and External Affairs, UK Steel

Daniel Greenberg CB, Parliamentary Counsel for Domestic Legislation, House of Commons

Rachel Merelie, Senior Director for the Office of the Internal Market, Competition and Markets Authority

Ivan McKee MSP, Scottish Government Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise, Scottish Government

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*THIRD AND FOURTH SITTINGS*

*Clauses 1 to 9 agreed to.*

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Seema Malhotra  
Bill Esterson

**Withdrawn after debate**      **6**

Schedule 1, page 51, line 8, after "concerns" insert "and areas of deprivation"

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Seema Malhotra  
Bill Esterson  
Kirsty Blackman  
Stephen Flynn

**Negatived on division**      **7**

Schedule 1, page 52, line 6, at end insert—

"(c) the United Kingdom reaching its net-zero commitments."

*Schedule agreed to.*

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Seema Malhotra **Negatived on division** 8  
 Bill Esterson  
 Kirsty Blackman  
 Stephen Flynn

Schedule 2, page 52, line 15, at end insert—

“(c) delivering the UK’s net-zero commitments.”

*Schedule agreed to.*

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Seema Malhotra **Negatived on division** 9  
 Bill Esterson

Clause 10, page 6, line 30, leave out paragraph (a) and insert—

“(a) is made by—

- (i) a Minister of the Crown,
- (ii) the Welsh Ministers,
- (iii) the Scottish Ministers, or
- (iv) a Northern Ireland department; and”

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Kirsty Blackman **Not called** 16  
 Stephen Flynn

Clause 10, page 6, line 30, after “Crown” insert “, or other primary public authority, as defined in subsection (3),”

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Seema Malhotra **Withdrawn after debate** 10  
 Bill Esterson

Clause 10, page 6, line 32, at end insert—

“(4A) A streamlined subsidy scheme may be made, in particular, for the purposes of providing support to areas of deprivation.”

*Clause agreed to.*

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Seema Malhotra **Withdrawn after debate** 11  
Bill Esterson

Clause 11, page 6, line 40, at end insert—

“(1A) Regulations under this section must be made by no later than three months after this Act receives Royal Assent”.

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Seema Malhotra **Negatived on division** 12  
Bill Esterson

Clause 11, page 7, line 8, at end insert—

“(4) Before making regulations under this section, the Secretary of State must seek the consent of the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and the Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland.

(5) If consent to the making of the regulations is not given by any of those authorities within the period of one month beginning with the day on which it is sought from that authority, the Secretary of State may make the regulations without that consent.

(6) If regulations are made in reliance on subsection (5), the Secretary of State must make a statement to the House of Commons explaining why the Secretary of State decided to make the regulations without the consent of the authority or authorities concerned.”

*Clause agreed to.*

*Clause 12 agreed to.*

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Kirsty Blackman **Withdrawn after debate** 17  
Stephen Flynn

Clause 13, page 7, line 30, leave out “in relation to energy and environment”

*Clause agreed to.*

*Clauses 14 to 17 agreed to.*

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Seema Malhotra **Negatived on division** 13  
Bill Esterson

Clause 18, page 10, line 13, at end insert—

“(3A) This section shall not come into force until the Secretary of State has laid before Parliament a report complying with subsection (3B).

(3B) The report must explain how the prohibition established in this section is consistent with—

- (a) reducing deprivation across the United Kingdom; and
- (b) the Government’s policy on the establishment of freeports in the United Kingdom”.

*Clause agreed to.*

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Seema Malhotra **Withdrawn after debate** 14  
Bill Esterson

Clause 19, page 10, line 29, after “exceptional circumstances” insert “including the protection of critical national infrastructure and industries of strategic national importance,”

*Clause agreed to.*

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Seema Malhotra **Not called** 15  
Bill Esterson

Clause 20, page 11, line 15, after “exceptional circumstances” insert “including the protection of national security and industries of strategic national importance”.

*Clause agreed to.*

*Clauses 21 to 31 agreed to.*

**Adjourned until Tuesday 2 November at 9.25 am**

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## Glossary

**Added:** New Clause agreed without a vote and added to the Bill.

**Agreed to:** agreed without a vote.

**Agreed to on division:** agreed following a vote.

**Negated:** rejected without a vote.

**Negated 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.

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