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## Energy Prices Bill (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Energy Prices 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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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.

This document should be read alongside the provisional Selection and Grouping by the Chairman of Ways and Means, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

★ New Amendments.

☆ Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance.

New Amendments: 1 to 20 and NC2 to NC17

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson 10

★ Clause 2, page 3, line 5, leave out “negative” and insert “affirmative”

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson 11

★ Clause 3, page 4, line 7, leave out “negative” and insert “affirmative”

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson 19

★ Clause 9, page 8, line 3, at end insert—

“(2A) Within two weeks of this Act coming into force the Secretary of State must make a statement to Parliament as to whether he intends to

introduce regulations under subsections (1) or (2), and including any indicative reductions that will be implemented.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment would require the Government to state within two weeks of Royal Assent whether it will introduce regulations under clause 9.

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Helen Morgan  
Sarah Olney

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★ Clause 9, page 8, line 16, at end insert—

“(4A) Regulations under this section must apply to non-domestic customers—

- (a) that signed a fixed agreement with their energy provider after 1 December 2021, and
- (b) on variable rates tariffs.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment would ensure that non-domestic customers who signed a fixed tariff agreement between 1 December 2021 and 1 April 2022 also benefit from the reduced energy charges.

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson

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★ Clause 9, page 8, line 17, leave out “may” and insert “must”

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson

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★ Clause 9, page 8, line 18, after “section” insert “, and provide a report to Parliament setting out the amount of money paid to electricity and gas suppliers over the 6 month period, an estimate of how many businesses have been supported, and a business sectorial breakdown of the financial support provided.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment is to enable analysis of the cost of the scheme, the types of businesses supported, and the approximate sums paid to different business sectors.

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson

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★ Clause 13, page 10, line 26, at end insert—

“(1A) The Secretary of State may establish a domestic fuel reduction scheme in Great Britain for off gas grid homes heated from supplies of fossil fuels such as LPG and oil.”

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Helen Morgan  
Sarah Olney

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★ Clause 13, page 10, line 37, at end insert—

“(3A) The Secretary of State must make alternative fuel payments to non-domestic consumers of energy who are not connected to the gas or electricity grid and who will not benefit from the non-domestic energy bill relief schemes, and these payments must be at a level which provides such consumers with a cost reduction equivalent to those consumers benefiting from the non-domestic energy bill relief schemes.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment would provide non-domestic customers that are off grid and who are not covered by the Energy Bill Relief Scheme with support which has parity with that given to other non-domestic users.

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Helen Morgan  
Sarah Olney

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★ Clause 13, page 10, line 37, at end insert—

“(3A) Any payments made to energy users not connected to the gas or electricity networks must be provided direct to those users’ bank accounts.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment would ensure that those receiving payments under the Alternative Fuel Payments schemes do so through their bank accounts rather than through their electricity bill.

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson

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★ Clause 14, page 11, line 24, leave out “as soon as reasonably practicable” and insert “within 28 days of the expenditure being incurred”

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson

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- ★ Clause 14, page 11, line 25, at end insert “; and in calculating the period of 28 days, no account is to be taken of any whole days that fall within a period during which—
- (a) Parliament is dissolved or prorogued, or
  - (b) either House of Parliament is adjourned for more than four days.”

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson

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- ★ Clause 16, page 14, line 40, leave out “The first”

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson

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- ★ Clause 16, page 14, line 41, leave out “any other regulations under this section are subject to the negative procedure”

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Helen Morgan  
Sarah Olney

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- ★ Clause 17, page 15, line 24, at end insert—

“(2A) The Secretary of State must place any information received in response to a direction under subsection (1) in the Library of the House of Commons.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to place in the Commons Library the responses to any direction to an electricity generator to provide information under the power in clause 17(1).

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Munira Wilson  
Sarah Olney

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★ Clause 19, page 16, line 37, at end insert—

“(1A) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that the pass-through requirements on intermediaries are in force until at least 30 September 2024.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment would ensure that the requirement on intermediaries to pass through to end users the benefit of Government price support will last for two years.

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Dr Alan Whitehead  
Edward Miliband  
Kerry McCarthy

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★ Clause 27, page 22, line 40, at end insert—

“(c) anything done or proposed to be done to prevent electricity generators and oil and gas producers from passing on the costs of any levy imposed on them or payments they are required to make under this Act.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment is a power for the Secretary of State to undertake consequential actions in order to secure the full reduction in the cost of domestic or non-domestic energy bills in Great Britain.

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David Linden  
Patrick Grady  
Alison Thewliss  
Chris Stephens  
Carol Monaghan  
Anne McLaughlin  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

NC1

☆ To move the following Clause—

**“Impact assessment on VAT zero rating insulation works for tenement buildings in Scotland**

Within six months of the date of Royal Assent to this Act, the Secretary of State must carry out an assessment of the impact of zero rating value added tax on work and materials to insulate tenement buildings in Scotland.”

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Dr Alan Whitehead  
Edward Miliband  
Kerry McCarthy

NC2

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Marginal cost of electricity**

Within two years of the date of Royal Assent to this Act, the Secretary of State must consult on and implement a scheme to disaggregate the cost of production of natural gas from the cost of production of other energy sources with a view to reducing the cost of electricity to domestic and commercial consumers.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause requires the Secretary of State to devise and implement a scheme to disaggregate the cost of production of natural gas from the cost of production of other energy sources in order to reduce the cost of electricity to domestic and commercial consumers.

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Dr Alan Whitehead  
Edward Miliband  
Kerry McCarthy

NC3

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Report on additional expenditure treated as incurred for purposes of section 1 of the Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Act 2022**

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of the date of Royal Assent to this Act, publish and lay before Parliament a report on the effect of reducing the amount of the allowance under section 2(3) of the Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Act from 80% to 5%.
- (2) The Report must set out projections of the effect of the reduction set out in subsection (1) on domestic and non-domestic energy bills.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause requires the Secretary of State to produce a report assessing the impact of reducing the investment allowance for oil and gas companies as set out in the Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Act from 80% to 5%, and in particular to assess such a reduction’s impact on domestic and non-domestic bills.

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Munira Wilson  
Sarah Olney  
Dame Meg Hillier

NC4

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Energy cost support for users of heat networks**

- (1) The Secretary of State must make energy cost support payments to users of heat networks who will not benefit from the Energy Price Guarantee.

- (2) These payments must be at a level which provides such users with a cost reduction equivalent to that received by those benefiting from the Energy Price Guarantee.
- (3) These payments must apply from 1st October 2022 and run for two years."

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would ensure that users of heat networks will receive energy cost support for two years.

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Helen Morgan  
Sarah Olney

NC5

★ To move the following Clause—

**"Report on support for business after six months**

Within one week of the date of Royal Assent to this Act, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a statement about the support that will be offered to non-domestic customers in Great Britain and Northern Ireland when the initial six-month period of support has ended."

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Government to produce a report on support for business after the initial six months one week after the Bill receives Royal Assent.

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Liz Saville Roberts  
Hywel Williams  
Ben Lake

NC6

★ To move the following Clause—

**"Impact assessment of a housing decarbonisation scheme**

- (1) Within six months of the date of Royal Assent to this Act, the Secretary of State must work with the devolved authorities to carry out an assessment of the potential impact of a housing decarbonisation scheme.
- (2) The assessment must set out the different impacts of reaching the following Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) ratings—
  - (a) all domestic properties in the UK to EPC rating "A" by 2030;
  - (b) all domestic properties in the UK to EPC rating "B" by 2030;
  - (c) all domestic properties in the UK to EPC rating "C" by 2030.
- (3) The assessment must consider the impact of a housing decarbonisation scheme under the different scenarios outlined in subsection (2) on—
  - (a) average domestic energy bills for households across the Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland;
  - (b) the number of households living in fuel poverty in Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland;
  - (c) the Welsh Government's climate targets;

- (d) the UK Government’s climate targets;
  - (e) the Scottish Government’s Climate Targets;
  - (f) the Northern Ireland Executive’s Climate Targets.
- (4) The impact assessment must be co-authored by—
- (a) the UK Government;
  - (b) the Welsh Government;
  - (c) the Scottish Government;
  - (d) the Northern Ireland Executive.
- (5) A report on the findings of the impact assessment must be laid before Parliament within three months of its publication.
- (6) The Secretary of State must make an oral statement to the House of Commons when any report under subsection (5) is laid.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Government to work with the devolved authorities to assess the impact of a UK-wide housing decarbonisation scheme.

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Liz Saville Roberts  
Hywel Williams  
Ben Lake

NC7

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Impact assessment of setting the Domestic Energy Price Reduction Scheme at the pre-April Ofgem cap levels**

- (1) Within one month of the date of Royal Assent to this Act, the Secretary of State must carry out an assessment of the potential impact of using the Domestic Energy Price Reduction Scheme to set domestic energy bills for Scotland, Wales and England at the following levels—
- (a) £1,277 for standard-variable tariffs;
  - (b) £1,309 for pre-payment meters.
- (2) The Impact assessment must consider the impact of the policy set out in subsection (1) on—
- (a) the number of households living in fuel poverty in Scotland, Wales and England;
  - (b) the number of children living in relative income poverty in Scotland, Wales and England;
  - (c) the number of children living in absolute income poverty in Scotland, Wales and England.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the UK Government to assess the impact of using the price reduction scheme to set energy prices at the pre-April Ofgem cap levels.



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Dr Alan Whitehead  
Edward Miliband  
Kerry McCarthy

NC8

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Review of forecast and outturn revenue and profits of electricity generators and UK oil and gas producers**

- (1) The Secretary of State shall, within one month of the passing of this Bill and every six months thereafter, publish an assessment of forecast and outturn revenue and profits of electricity generators and oil and gas producers.
- (2) This review must cover all electricity generators as specified in section 16(10) of this Act and all companies carrying on a ringfenced trade as defined in Clause 1 of the Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Act 2022.
- (3) This review must consider total revenue and profits from UK production and generation that are forecast in each financial year from 2022/23 until 2025/26, as well as outturn revenue and profits in these years when data becomes available.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Government to assess the revenue and profits of electricity generators and oil and gas producers every six months.

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Christine Jardine

NC9

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Removing regional variation from standing charges**

The Secretary of State must make provision to ensure that electricity standing charges are uniform throughout the country, including England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would end regional variations of electricity standing charges.

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Claire Hanna

NC10

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Establishment of a domestic home heating oil voucher scheme for households in Northern Ireland**

- (1) The Secretary of State must establish a domestic home heating oil voucher scheme for households in Northern Ireland.
- (2) A “domestic home heating oil scheme for Northern Ireland” is a scheme that makes provision for making voucher payments to households in Northern Ireland to provide either 1000 litres of home heating oil, or a

quantity that is substantially consistent with the support offered to domestic gas customers.”

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Helen Morgan  
Sarah Olney

NC11

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Energy Profits Levy**

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before the House an assessment of the additional revenue that would result from the following policy measures—
  - (a) amending the Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy so that it applies to oil and gas profits incurred since 1st October 2021,
  - (b) removing from the Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy allowances for investment in oil and gas extraction,
  - (c) increasing the rate of the Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy beyond its current level of 25%, and
  - (d) implementing a windfall tax on the excess profits of coal and gas-fired power stations.
- (2) In addition the Secretary of State must lay before the House an official estimate of the oil and gas super profits over the next two years.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay the report no later than 31st October 2022.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to lay a report before the House detailing the impact of expanding the government’s Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy.

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Helen Morgan  
Sarah Olney

NC12

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Energy cost support for off-grid consumers**

- (1) The Secretary of State must make energy cost support payments to users who are not connected to either the gas or electricity grid and who will not benefit from either the Energy Price Guarantee or Energy Bill Relief Scheme.
- (2) These payments must be at a level which provides such users with a cost reduction equivalent to those benefiting from the Energy Price Guarantee.
- (3) These payments must apply from 1st October 2022 and run for two years.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would ensure those off-grid will receive energy cost support for two years.

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Helen Morgan  
Sarah Olney

NC13

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Report into effectiveness of energy efficiency programmes in reducing energy costs**

- (1) The Government must review the impact of energy efficiency programmes in reducing energy costs in accordance with this section and lay a report of that review before the House of Commons within 6 months of the passing of this Act.
- (2) A review under this section must consider the impact of—
  - (a) the number of homes and business properties which have increased their EPC rating,
  - (b) the number of homes and business properties which have undergone retrofitting programmes, including—
    - (i) solar panels, and
    - (ii) replacement of gas boilers,
  - (c) increases in renewable energy sources, and
  - (d) public messaging campaigns in changing energy usage habits.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to report on the impact of energy efficiency programmes in reducing energy costs.

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Helen Morgan  
Sarah Olney

NC14

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Fuel poverty impact analyses of provisions of this Act**

- (1) The Chancellor of the Exchequer must lay before the House by 31st January 2023 a report assessing the impact of this Act on fuel poverty, taking into account the following two scenarios—
  - (a) the energy price cap being set at its current level of £2,500, and
  - (b) the energy price cap being set at £1,971.
- (2) A review under this section must consider the impact of the provisions of the Act on—
  - (a) households at different levels of income,
  - (b) households in receipt of the Alternative Fuel Payment (that is, not connected to either gas or electricity grid),
  - (c) households who use heat networks, and
  - (d) households in rural communities.
- (3) A review under this section must include a separate analysis of each separate measure in the Act, and must also consider the cumulative impact of the Act as a whole.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to report on the impact of the provisions of the Act on the level of fuel poverty.

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Helen Morgan  
Sarah Olney

NC15

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Report into the impact of provisions in the Act on the long term viability of the green energy industry**

- (1) The Government must review the impact of provisions in the Act on the long term viability of the green energy industry.
- (2) A review under this section must consider the impact of the Act on—
  - (a) the likelihood of achieving net zero by 2050, and
  - (b) creating allowances for investment in green energy.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to report on the long term viability of the green energy industry.

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson

NC16

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Investment in renewables**

In exercising the powers under this Act the Secretary of State must seek to ensure that they do not disincentivise investment in renewables.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Government not to disincentivise investment in renewables when exercising the powers under this Act.

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Alan Brown  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson

NC17

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Calculation of energy and gas prices**

The Secretary of State must publish details of how the Government has determined the relative levels of the gas and electricity price reductions brought into effect under the provisions of this Act.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Government to explain how it has arrived at the electricity and gas price reductions under the Act.

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Dr Alan Whitehead 2  
Edward Miliband  
Kerry McCarthy

- ★ Schedule 6, page 36, line 17, after "may" insert "provide for the reduction of the amount charged for domestic electricity supply from 8 September 2022 but"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment allows the domestic electricity price reduction scheme to begin from 8 September 2022.

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Dr Alan Whitehead 3  
Edward Miliband  
Kerry McCarthy

- ★ Schedule 6, page 36, line 25, after "may" insert "provide for the reduction of the amount charged for domestic gas supply from 8 September 2022 but"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment allows the domestic gas price reduction scheme to begin from 8 September 2022.

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Helen Morgan 5  
Sarah Olney

- ★ Schedule 6, page 37, line 22, leave out sub-paragraphs (1) to (4) and insert—  
"5 (1) Regulations under section 9(1) and 9(2) must provide for the reduction of charges for electricity supply and for gas supply to last for a period of two years beginning with the operative date."

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would require the support for non-domestic electricity and gas users in Great Britain to continue for two years.

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Alan Brown 20  
Stephen Flynn  
Owen Thompson

- ★ Schedule 6, page 39, line 6, leave out "three years and six months" and insert "two years"
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