
Committee Stage: Tuesday 8 October 2024

Great British Energy Bill (Amendment Paper)

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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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

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

New Amendments: 5 to 22 and NC2 and NC3

Resolution of the Programming Sub-Committee

The Programming Sub-Committee appointed by the Speaker in respect of the Bill agreed the following Resolution at its meeting on Monday 7 October (Standing Order No.83C):

That—

1. the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 8 October) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 8 October;
 - (b) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 10 October;
 - (c) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 15 October;
2. the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

Date	Time	Witness
Tuesday 8 October	Until no later than 9.50 am	Juergen Maier CBE
	Until no later than 10.20 am	Trades Union Congress; Prospect
	Until no later than 11.00 am	Green Alliance; Nesta; Aurora Energy Research

Date	Time	Witness
	Until no later than 11.25 am	RenewableUK; Energy UK
	Until no later than 2.30 pm	SSE plc; EDF Renewables
	Until no later than 2.50 pm	The Crown Estate
	Until no later than 3.10 pm	Flint Global
	Until no later than 3.50 pm	The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA); Scottish Renewables; Net Zero Technology Centre
	Until no later than 4.10 pm	Offshore Energies UK (OEUK)
	Until no later than 4.30 pm	GMB Union
	Until no later than 5.00 pm	Michael Shanks MP, Minister for Energy, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

3. the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 15 October.

Michael Shanks has given notice of his intention to move a motion in the terms of the Resolution of the Programming Sub-Committee (Standing Order No.83C).

Michael Shanks

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

Michael Shanks

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.

Pippa Heylings

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 3, at end insert, “within 6 months of the day on which this Act is passed.”

Sarah Champion

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Sir Iain Duncan Smith
 Chris Law
 Alex Sobel
 Ms Marie Rimmer

☆ Clause 3, page 2, line 18, at end insert—

“(e) measures for ensuring respect for human rights in the production, distribution, storage and supply of clean energy.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new subsection would make one of the objects of Great British Energy to uphold human rights and the principles of “just transition” in energy supply chains.

Wera Hobhouse

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Siân Berry
 Sarah Champion
 Ellie Chowns
 Ann Davies
 Carla Denyer

Dave Doogan
 Llinos Medi
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Wendy Chamberlain
 Christine Jardine
 Liz Jarvis
 Andrew George
 Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Max Wilkinson
 Manuela Perteghella
 Vikki Slade
 Sarah Gibson
 Caroline Voaden
 Mr Gideon Amos
 Chris Coghlan
 Ian Sollom
 Tonia Antoniazzi
 Abtisam Mohamed
 James MacCleary
 Bobby Dean
 Dr Danny Chambers

Pippa Heylings
 Dr Simon Opher
 Cat Smith
 Olly Glover
 Claire Young
 Zöe Franklin
 Marie Goldman
 Alison Bennett
 Ben Maguire
 Tom Morrison
 Daisy Cooper
 Calum Miller
 Brian Mathew
 David Chadwick
 Anna Sabine
 Rachael Maskell
 Richard Foord
 Nadia Whittome
 Rachel Gilmour
 Mr Angus MacDonald
 Ian Roome

Ben Lake
 Adrian Ramsay
 Cameron Thomas
 Tom Gordon
 Edward Morello
 Mr Will Forster
 Mr Paul Kohler
 Martin Wrigley
 Lisa Smart
 John Milne
 Jess Brown-Fuller
 Luke Taylor
 Mr Joshua Reynolds
 Charlie Maynard
 Munira Wilson
 Andrew Ranger
 Marsha De Cordova
 Sir Desmond Swayne
 Susan Murray
 Steve Darling

☆ Clause 3, page 2, line 18, at end insert—

“(e) measures to increase low carbon and renewable energy schemes owned, or part owned, by community organisations.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment includes community energy schemes in the objects that the Great British Energy company will be restricted to facilitating, encouraging and participating in.

Pippa Heylings

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★ Clause 3, page 2, line 18, at end insert—

- “(e) an emergency home insulation programme with targeted support for people on low incomes, and
- (f) the expansion and development of renewable energy and technology.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would set objects for Great British Energy of facilitating, encouraging and participating in an emergency home insulation programme with targeted support for people on low incomes, and the expansion and development of renewable energy and technology.

Pippa Heylings

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Mr Angus MacDonald

★ Clause 5, page 3, line 8, at end insert—

- “(1A) A statement under this section must include as a strategic priority, consistent with Great British Energy’s objects under section 3, measures to be taken to ensure that local communities benefit directly from low carbon and renewable energy projects operating within their area.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to set a strategic priority for measures to be taken to ensure local communities benefit from low and renewable energy projects operating in their area.

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 5, page 3, line 8, at end insert—

- “(1A) The statement of strategic priorities under subsection (1) must include the reduction of household energy bills by £300 in real terms by 1 January 2030.”

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 5, page 3, line 8, at end insert—

- “(1A) The statement of strategic priorities under subsection (1) must include ensuring that wholesale electricity prices must be lower in real terms on 1 July 2030 than the day on which this Act is passed.”

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 5, page 3, line 8, at end insert—

“(1A) The statement of strategic priorities under subsection (1) must include the creation of 650,000 new jobs in the United Kingdom by 2030 resulting directly or indirectly from Great British Energy’s pursuit of its objectives under section 3.”

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 5, page 3, line 8, at end insert—

“(1A) (a) The statement of strategic priorities under subsection (1) must include developing supply chains within the United Kingdom in the pursuit of Great British Energy’s objects under section 3.

(b) “supply chains” means the network of individuals, organisations, resources, activities and technology involved in the creation and sale of a commodity connected with Great British Energy’s objects under section 3.”

Stephen Flynn

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☆ Clause 5, page 3, line 10, leave out subsection (3) and insert—

“(3) A statement under subsection (1) or a revised or replacement statement under subsection (2) will not take effect unless a draft has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Stephen Flynn

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★ Clause 5, page 3, line 12, leave out “consult” and insert “seek and gain consent of”

Stephen Flynn

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★ Clause 5, page 3, line 28, leave out “(4) to (6)” and insert “(5) and (6) or to gain consent imposed by subsection (4)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.

Stephen Flynn

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★ Clause 5, page 3, line 29, at end insert—

“(7A) The Secretary of State must by regulations provide for a process by which consent can be signified under subsection (4).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.

Stephen Flynn

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☆ Clause 6, page 3, line 38, at end insert—

“(1A) The Secretary of State must, in particular, direct Great British Energy that any revenues generated from activities of Great British Energy in relation to resources located in Scotland must be invested back into projects located in Scotland.”

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 6, page 3, line 38, at end insert—

“(1A) (a) The Secretary of State must give a specific direction to Great British Energy that it must report to the Secretary of State on the progress made by Great British Energy towards the strategic priority of reducing household energy bills by £300 in real terms by 1 January 2030.

(b) A report under paragraph (a) must include a projection of how Great British Energy's activities are likely to affect consumer energy bills over the following five years.

(c) A report under paragraph (a) must be made within two years of the date of Royal Assent to this Act and annually thereafter.

(d) The Secretary of State must lay a report made under paragraph (a) before Parliament.”

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 6, page 3, line 38, at end insert—

“(1A) (a) The Secretary of State must give a specific direction to Great British Energy that it must report to the Secretary of State on the progress made by Great British Energy towards the strategic priority of reducing wholesale electricity prices in the United Kingdom.

(b) A report under paragraph (a) must include a projection of—

(i) how Great British Energy's activities are likely to affect wholesale electricity prices in the United Kingdom, and

- (ii) the likely effect of the projected wholesale electricity prices on consumer electricity bills over the following five years.
- (c) A report under paragraph (a) must be made within two years of the date of Royal Assent to this Act and annually thereafter.
- (d) The Secretary of State must lay a report made under paragraph (a) before Parliament."

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 6, page 3, line 38, at end insert—

- "(1A) (a) The Secretary of State must give a specific direction to Great British Energy that it must report to the Secretary of State on the progress made by Great British Energy towards the strategic priority of creating 650,000 new jobs in the United Kingdom by 2030.
- (b) A report under paragraph (a) must be made within two years of the date of Royal Assent to this Act and annually thereafter.
- (c) The Secretary of State must lay a report made under paragraph (a) before Parliament."

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 6, page 3, line 38, at end insert—

- "(1A) (a) The Secretary of State must give a specific direction to Great British Energy that it must report to the Secretary of State on the progress made by Great British Energy towards the strategic priority of developing supply chains within the United Kingdom.
- (b) A report under paragraph (a) must be made within two years of the date of Royal Assent to this Act and annually thereafter.
- (c) The Secretary of State must lay a report made under paragraph (a) before Parliament."

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 6, page 3, line 38, at end insert—

- "(1A) (a) The Secretary of State must give a specific direction to Great British Energy that it must report to the Secretary of State within three months of each investment it makes on the impact that the relevant investment is projected to have on wholesale electricity prices over the following ten years.
- (b) The Secretary of State must lay a report made under paragraph (a) before Parliament."

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 6, page 3, line 38, at end insert—

“(1A) (a) The Secretary of State must give a specific direction to Great British Energy that it must, within six months of the date of Royal Assent to this Act, report to the Secretary of State on the projected cost of fulfilling its strategic priorities under Clause 5 in accordance with its objects under Clause 3.”

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 6, page 3, line 38, at end insert—

“(1A) (a) The Secretary of State must give a specific direction to Great British Energy that it must report to the Secretary of State on—

- (i) Great British Energy’s in-year rate of return on investment, and
- (ii) a forecast of the following year’s expected rate of return on investment.

(b) A report under paragraph (a) must be made within two years of the date of Royal Assent to this Act and annually thereafter.

(c) The Secretary of State must lay a report made under paragraph (a) before Parliament.”

Andrew Bowie

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★ Clause 6, page 3, line 38, at end insert—

“(1A) The Secretary of State must give a specific direction to Great British Energy that it must take all reasonable steps to satisfy itself at the time of any investment in renewable energy infrastructure that connection to the National Grid will be made in time for energy produced from the relevant investment asset coming onstream.”

Stephen Flynn

NC1

☆ To move the following Clause—

“Energy efficiency reporting

- (1) Within two years of the date of Royal Assent to this Act and every 12 months thereafter, Great British Energy must report to Parliament on its progress towards the object of improvements in energy efficiency set out in Clause 3(2)(c).
- (2) The report mentioned in subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) the means by which energy efficiencies are being made;
 - (b) an assessment over time of the energy efficiencies made; and

- (c) the projected impact on consumer energy bills.”

Andrew Bowie

NC2

★ To move the following Clause—

“Review of effective delivery

- (1) The Secretary of State must appoint an independent person to carry out reviews of the effectiveness of Great British Energy in—
 - (a) delivering its objects under section 3,
 - (b) meeting its strategic priorities under section 5, and
 - (c) complying with any directions given under section 6.
- (2) After each review, the independent person must—
 - (a) prepare a report of the review, and
 - (b) submit the report to the Secretary of State,as soon as is reasonably practicable after the completion of the review.
- (3) The independent person must submit to the Secretary of State—
 - (a) the first report under this section within the period of 12 months beginning on the day on which this Act comes into force, and
 - (b) subsequent reports at intervals of no more than 12 months thereafter.
- (4) On receiving the report, the Secretary of State must, as soon as is reasonably practicable in each case—
 - (a) publish the report,
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before Parliament, and
 - (c) prepare and lay before Parliament a response to the report’s findings.
- (5) In this section, references to an “independent person” are to a person who appears to the Secretary of State to be independent of—
 - (a) the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) Great British Energy.”

Andrew Bowie

NC3

★ To move the following Clause—

“Directors: appointment and tenure

Great British Energy must secure that its articles of association provide that—

- (a) Great British Energy is to have at least five and no more than fourteen directors;
- (b) the chair of Great British Energy’s board, Great British Energy’s chief executive officer and the non-executive directors are to be appointed by the Secretary of State;

- (c) the Board is to appoint one or more directors to be responsible for ensuring that the Board considers the interests of the appropriate national authorities when making decisions;
- (d) the period of a non-executive director's appointment is not to exceed four years, or such shorter period as may be specified in the terms on which the director is appointed;
- (e) a person may be appointed as a non-executive director no more than two times;
- (f) a person ceases to be a non-executive director as soon as—
 - (i) the person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act 2006 or is prohibited from being a director by law,
 - (ii) the person becomes bankrupt (in relation to England and Wales and Northern Ireland) or the person's estate has been sequestrated (in relation to Scotland),
 - (iii) a registered medical practitioner who is treating the person gives a written opinion to Great British Energy stating that the person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and is likely to remain so for more than three months, or the person has resigned as non-executive director in accordance with notification which the person has given to Great British Energy."

Order of the House

[5 September 2024]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Great British Energy 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 15 October 2024.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

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.