
Committee Stage: Tuesday 15 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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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.

This document should be read alongside the Chair's provisional Selection and Grouping, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

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.

Order of the Committee

[8 October 2024]

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
	Until no later than 11.25 am	RenewableUK; Energy UK

Date	Time	Witness
	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.
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Withdrawn Amendments

The following amendments were withdrawn on 9 October 2024:

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