
Committee Stage: Thursday 10 October 2024

Great British Energy 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 Sittings

First and Second Sittings

Michael Shanks

Agreed to

That—

- the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 8 October) meet—
 - at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 8 October;
 - at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 10 October;
 - at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 15 October;
- 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

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.

Michael Shanks

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 Juergen Maier CBE, Chair, Great British Energy.

Mika Minio-Paluello, Senior Policy Officer for Industry and Climate, Trades Union Congress.

Mike Clancy, General Secretary, Prospect.

Shaun Spiers, Executive Director, Green Alliance.

Ravi Gurumurthy, Chief Executive Officer, Nesta.

Marc Hedin, Head of GB and Ireland Research, Aurora Energy Research.

Dan McGrail, Chief Executive, RenewableUK.

Adam Berman, Director of Policy, Energy UK.

Alistair McGirr, Group Head of Policy and Advocacy, SSE plc.

Tristan Zipfel, Director of Strategy, EDF Renewables.

Dan Labbard, CEO, The Crown Estate.

Josh Buckland, Partner, Flint Global.

Olivia Powys, Chief Executive, Carbon Capture and Storage Association.

Jack Norquoy, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Scottish Renewables.

Myrtle Dawes, CEO, Net Zero Technology Centre.

David Whitehouse, Chief Executive, Offshore Energies UK.

Andy Prendergast, National Secretary, GMB Union.

Michael Shanks MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

Third and Fourth Sittings

Pippa Heylings

Withdrawn after debate 8

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Sarah Champion**Not moved 1**

Sir Iain Duncan Smith
 Chris Law
 Alex Sobel
 Ms Marie Rimmer
 Cat Eccles

Carla Denyer
 Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

Ellie Chowns

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**Negatived on division 2**

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
 Abtislam Mohamed
 James MacCleary
 Bobby Dean
 Dr Danny Chambers
 Alex Sobel

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
 Kim Johnson

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

Negated on division 10

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.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to on division.

Pippa Heylings

Not called 9

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

Negated on division 11

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

Negated on division 13

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

Negated on division 15

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

Negated on division 17

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

Not called 24

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

“(1A) The statement of strategic priorities under subsection (1) must include a priority to reduce household energy bills by at least £300 in real terms.”

Stephen Flynn

Negated 4

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

Withdrawn after debate 5

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

Stephen Flynn

Not called 7

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

Not called 6

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.

Clause agreed to.

Adjourned until Tuesday 15 October at 9.25am

Glossary

Added: New Clause agreed to 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.