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Committee Stage: Thursday 6 February 2025

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## Crown Estate Bill [HL] (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Crown Estate Bill [HL]. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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.

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### 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 Wednesday 5 February (Standing Order No. 83C):*

That—

1. the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 11.30 am on Thursday 6 February) meet at 2.00 pm on Thursday 6 February and 9.25 on Tuesday 11 February;
2. the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 11.25 am on Tuesday 11 February.

*James Murray 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).*

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**James Murray**

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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**James Wild**

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Clause 1, page 1, line 26, at end insert—

- “(3) The Chancellor of the Exchequer must limit borrowing by the Crown Estate under this section by regulations made by statutory instrument, and these regulations may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (4) The first set of regulations made under subsection (3) must limit borrowing to a net debt to asset value ratio of no more than 25 per cent.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would limit the amount the Commissioners may borrow by regulations subject to the affirmative procedure for statutory instruments.

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**Pippa Heylings**

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Clause 1, page 1, line 26, at end insert—

- “(3) The Treasury must by regulations limit borrowing to a net debt to asset value ratio of no more than 25 per cent.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (3) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would limit the amount the Commissioners may borrow by regulations.

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**James Wild**

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Clause 2, page 2, line 11 at end insert—

- “(5A) The Commissioners must notify the Chancellor of the Exchequer of any proposed changes to the remuneration framework governing remuneration of the Chief Executive set out in the Framework Document.
- (5B) The Chancellor of the Exchequer must lay before Parliament any notification received under subsection (5A).”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment requires Commissioners to notify the Chancellor of the Exchequer of any changes to the remuneration of the Chief Executive, who must lay that notification before Parliament.

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**Henry Tufnell**

**1**

Clause 3, page 2, line 17, at end insert—

- “(3B) In keeping the impact of their activities under review, the Commissioners must have regard to—
- (a) the United Kingdom’s net zero targets;
  - (b) regional economic growth; and
  - (c) ensuring resilience in respect of managing uncertainty, risk and national security interests.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would require the Crown Estate Commissioners, in reviewing the impact of their activities on the achievement of sustainable development, to have specific regard to the United Kingdom’s net zero targets, regional economic growth, and resilience in respect of managing uncertainty, risk and national security interests.

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**Llinos Medi**

**6**

Liz Saville Roberts  
Ben Lake  
Ann Davies

Clause 3, page 2, line 17, at end insert—

- “(3B) In complying with the duty under subsection (3A), the Commissioners must—
- (a) set and publish sustainable development objectives in relation to their activities,
  - (b) take all reasonable steps to meet these objectives, and
  - (c) have regard to the relevant environmental legislation for the UK, England, Wales and Northern Ireland in relation to making these objectives.
- (3C) For the purposes of subsection (3B), “relevant environmental legislation” includes—
- (a) the Climate Change Act 2008,
  - (b) the Environment Act 2021,
  - (c) the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, and
  - (d) the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would require the Commissioners to set sustainable development objectives for their activities, having regard to the Climate Change Act 2008, Environment Act 2021, Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

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**Pippa Heylings**

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Clause 3, page 2, line 17, at end insert—

- “(3B) Any framework document published by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Crown Estate and the Commissioners must define “sustainable development” for the purposes of this Act.
- (3C) The definition under subsection (3B) must include reference to a climate and nature duty.
- (3D) A “climate and nature duty” means a duty to achieve any targets set out under Part 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008 or under sections 1 to 3 of the Environment Act 2021.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would ensure that this act's Framework Agreement must define “sustainable development”, and that the definition must include reference to a climate and nature duty.

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**Pippa Heylings**

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Steff Aquarone

Clause 3, page 2, line 17, at end insert—

- “(3B) In pursuit of the objective under subsection 3A, the Commissioners must assess the adequacy of protections against coastal erosion in areas affected by their offshore activities.”

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**James Murray**

Gov 2

Page 2, line 29, leave out clause 5

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment removes clause 5, which was inserted at Report stage in the Lords.

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**James Murray**

Gov 3

Clause 7, page 4, line 4, leave out subsection (4)

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment removes the privilege amendment inserted by the House of Lords.

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James Murray

Gov NC2

To move the following Clause—

**“Territorial seabed**

After section 3A of the Crown Estate Act 1961 (inserted by section 1 of this Act) insert—

**“3AA Restriction on permanently disposing of interest in seabed etc**

- (1) The Commissioners may not without the consent of the Treasury permanently dispose of—
  - (a) any part of the territorial seabed, or
  - (b) any interest, right or privilege over or in relation to the territorial seabed,which forms part of the Crown Estate.
- (2) Accordingly, without that consent, any purported disposal of a kind mentioned in subsection (1) is void.
- (3) In subsection (1), “territorial seabed” means the seabed and subsoil within the seaward limits of the United Kingdom territorial waters.””

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause requires the Crown Estate Commissioners to obtain consent from the Treasury before they permanently dispose of any of the Crown Estate’s interest in, or rights or privileges in relation to, the territorial seabed.

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James Wild

NC3

To move the following Clause—

**“Limit on the disposal of assets**

After section 3 of the Crown Estate Act 1961, insert—

**“3A Limit on the disposal of assets**

- (1) The Commissioners must inform the Treasury if the disposal of assets of the Crown Estate will be of a value totalling 10% or more of the Crown Estate’s total assets in a single year.
- (2) The Treasury must approve of any disposal of assets above the threshold in subsection (1) and the Chancellor of the Exchequer must lay a report before Parliament within 28 days of being notified by the Commissioners.””

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause requires the Crown Estate Commissioners to notify and seek HM Treasury approval for the disposal of assets totalling 10% or more of the Crown Estate’s total assets.

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**James Wild**

**NC4**

To move the following Clause—

**“Partnership agreement: the Crown Estate and Great British Energy**

The Chancellor of the Exchequer must lay before Parliament any partnership agreement between the Crown Estate and Great British Energy.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause requires the Chancellor of the Exchequer to lay before Parliament any partnership agreement between the Crown Estate and Great British Energy.

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**Llinos Medi**

**NC5**

Liz Saville Roberts  
Ben Lake  
Ann Davies

To move the following Clause—

**“Management of the Crown Estate in Wales**

- (1) Within two years of the day on which this Act is commenced, the Treasury must have completed a transfer of the responsibility of the management of the Crown Estate in Wales to the Welsh Government.
- (2) The Treasury may by regulations make provision about the transfer of the responsibility of the management of the Crown Estate in Wales relating to reserved measures as it considers necessary or expedient, including—
  - (a) in the interests of defence or national security,
  - (b) in connection with maintaining and developing telecommunications and wireless telegraphy, and
  - (c) in connection with maintaining and developing the transmission or distribution of electricity or the provision or use of electricity interconnectors.
- (3) The Treasury must by regulations make provision to ensure that the employment of any person in Crown employment is not adversely affected by the transfer of responsibility under this section.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsections (2) and (3) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause places a duty on the Treasury to transfer management of the Crown Estate in Wales to the Welsh Government within two years of the commencement of the Act and take measures by resolution to secure arrangements for reserved matters such as defence and national security, telecommunications, and the national grid, and to ensure that employees of the Crown Estate are not adversely affected by the transfer.

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**Llinos Medi**

**NC6**

Liz Saville Roberts  
Ben Lake  
Ann Davies

To move the following Clause—

**“Transfer of net revenue profit to Wales**

In section 3 of the Crown Estate Act 1961 (general provisions as to course of management), after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) The Commissioners must transfer all net revenue profit generated from the Crown Estate’s activities in Wales to the Welsh Government on an annual basis.””

**Member's explanatory statement**

The new clause would require that the Crown Estate Commissioners transfer all profit generated by the Crown Estate in Wales to the Welsh Government on an annual basis.

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**Llinos Medi**

**NC7**

Liz Saville Roberts  
Ben Lake  
Ann Davies

To move the following Clause—

**“Annual disaggregated reporting of capital and revenue for England, Wales and Northern Ireland**

(1) The Crown Estate Act 1961 is amended as follows.

(2) After section 2 (4) (reports and accounts), insert—

“(4A) In their accounts, the Commissioners must separately report the capital and income for the activities of the Crown Estate in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.””

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause requires the separate reporting within the annual accounts of the Crown Estate of capital and revenue for the activities of the Crown Estate in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

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**Llinos Medi**

**NC8**

Liz Saville Roberts  
Ben Lake  
Ann Davies

To move the following Clause—

**“Publication of lease fees**

In section 2 of the Crown Estate Act 1961 (reports and accounts), after subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) In their accounts the Commissioners must publish details of all individual lease agreements with public bodies in—

- (a) Wales,
- (b) England, and
- (c) Northern Ireland.

(4B) The information provided under subsection (4A) must include the value and name of the agreement.””

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause requires the Crown Estate to publish, in its annual accounts, a list of all lease agreements it has with public bodies in Wales, England and Northern Ireland including each lease's name and valuation.

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**Llinos Medi**

**NC9**

Liz Saville Roberts  
Ben Lake  
Ann Davies

To move the following Clause—

**“Publication of separate reports for England, Wales and Northern Ireland**

In section 2(1) of the Crown Estate Act 1961, at end insert—

“(1A) In addition to the report under subsection (1), the Commissioners shall produce a report on the performance of their functions each year in each of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

(1B) The Commissioners shall lay—

- (a) a copy of the report in relation to England before both Houses of Parliament,
- (b) a copy of the report in relation to Wales before Senedd Cymru, and
- (c) a copy of the report in relation to Northern Ireland before the Northern Ireland Assembly.””

**Member's explanatory statement**

The new clause would require that the Crown Estate Commissioners report separately for each country and for the devolved legislatures to have the report laid before them.



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Pippa Heylings

NC10

To move the following Clause—

**“Marine Spatial Planning: coordination**

In relation to any decisions made about marine spatial priorities, the Crown Estate must—

- (a) ensure that the decisions are coordinated with the priorities of the Marine Maritime Organisation, and
- (b) consult any communities or industries impacted by the plans, including fishing communities.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause ensures the Crown Estate collaborates with DEFRA's Marine Spatial Prioritisation through the MMO.

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Pippa Heylings

NC11

To move the following Clause—

**“Sustainable development: community benefits**

- (1) Before making any investment decision, the Commissioners must assess—
  - (a) plans for community benefits for local communities, and
  - (b) plans for community benefits for coastal communities of offshore activities.
- (2) In section 3(1) of the Crown Estate Act 1961, at end insert—

“(1A) The Commissioners must transfer at least 5 per cent of all net profit generated from the Crown Estate's activities to local communities impacted by those activities.””

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Commissioners to ensure their activities benefit local communities, including coastal communities, and that 5% of any profits would be transferred to local communities.

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Pippa Heylings

NC12

David Chadwick

To move the following Clause—

**“Devolution of Crown Estate powers to Wales**

- (1) The Crown Estate Act 1961 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 7 (powers of Minister of Works in Regent's Park) insert—

“7A Commissioners' functions in Wales

- (1) The Treasury must set out a scheme to transfer all the existing Welsh functions of the Crown Estate Commissioners (“the Commissioners”) to the Welsh Ministers or a person nominated by Welsh Ministers.
- (2) The existing Welsh functions under subsection (1) are the Commissioners’ functions relating to the part of the Crown Estate that, immediately before the transfer date, consists of—
  - (a) property, rights or interests in land in Wales, and
  - (b) rights in relation to the Welsh zone.
- (3) The Secretary of State must by regulations set a date to implement the scheme under subsection (1) to the transfer of functions to the Welsh Ministers or a person nominated by Welsh Ministers.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (3) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.””

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would require the Treasury to devolve Welsh functions of the Crown Estate Commissioners to Welsh Ministers or a person nominated by Welsh Ministers.

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## Order of the House

[7 January 2025]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Crown Estate Bill [Lords]:

**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 11 February.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

**Proceedings on 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 proceedings on Consideration 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.
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**Withdrawn Amendments**

The following amendments were withdrawn on 3 February 2025:

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