

Great British Energy Bill

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

*Tabled up to and including
4 February 2025*

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

After Clause 1

BARONESS NOAKES

After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause—

“Objectives

Great British Energy’s objectives are—

- (a) to reduce energy costs in the United Kingdom in a sustainable way,
- (b) to enhance the United Kingdom’s energy security,
- (c) to increase the levels of clean energy generation in the United Kingdom,
and
- (d) to increase the availability of long-term energy storage infrastructure in
the United Kingdom.”

Clause 3

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 18, at end insert—
“(including through projects involving or benefiting local communities).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment clarifies that Great British Energy may facilitate, encourage and participate in the things mentioned in subsection (2)(a) to (d) through projects involving or benefiting local communities.

Clause 4

LORD PETITGAS

Clause 4, page 2, line 37, at end insert –

- “(2A) The maximum amount of financial assistance provided by the Secretary of State must not exceed £8.3 billion.
- (2B) The Secretary of State may vary the provision in subsection (2A) by regulations made by statutory instrument.
- (2C) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (2B) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

LORD PETITGAS

Clause 4, page 2, line 37, at end insert –

- “(2A) Financial assistance may only be provided under this section once approval has been given by His Majesty’s Treasury.”

LORD ALTON OF LIVERPOOL
 BARONESS KENNEDY OF THE SHAWES
 LORD OFFORD OF GARVEL
 LORD TEVERSON

Clause 4, page 3, line 5, at end insert –

- “(6) Financial assistance under this section must not be provided if there exists credible evidence of modern slavery in the energy supply chain of any company designated Great British Energy.”

Clause 5

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

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

- “(1A) The Secretary of State must comply with subsection (1) within the period of six months beginning with the day on which this Act comes into force.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Secretary of State to prepare a statement of strategic priorities for Great British Energy within the period of six months beginning with the day on which this Act comes into force.

BARONESS BOYCOTT
BARONESS YOUNG OF OLD SCONE
LORD TEVERSON
BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING

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

“(1A) The statement of strategic priorities under subsection (1) must include a priority to advance the production of clean energy from schemes owned, or part owned, by community organisations.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the advancement of community energy to be included in the strategic priorities.

LORD OFFORD OF GARVEL

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.”

Member's explanatory statement

This ensures that the statement of strategic priorities includes the reduction of household energy bills by £300 by 1 January 2030.

LORD OFFORD OF GARVEL

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 1 January 2030 resulting directly or indirectly from Great British Energy’s pursuit of its objects under section 3.”

Member's explanatory statement

This ensures that the statement of strategic priorities includes the creation of 650,000 new jobs in the UK by 1 January 2030.

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

Clause 5, page 3, line 12, leave out “consult the Scottish Ministers before including” and insert “not, without the consent of the Scottish Ministers, include”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and my amendment at page 3, line 13, provide that the Secretary of State must not, without the consent of the Scottish Ministers, include in a statement of strategic priorities anything which concerns a matter provision about which would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

Clause 5, page 3, line 13, leave out “subject”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement to my amendment at page 3, line 12.

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

Clause 5, page 3, line 16, leave out “consult the Welsh Ministers before including” and insert “not, without the consent of the Welsh Ministers, include”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and my amendment at page 3, line 17, provide that the Secretary of State must not, without the consent of the Welsh Ministers, include in a statement of strategic priorities anything which concerns a matter provision about which would be within the legislative competence of the Senedd Cymru.

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

Clause 5, page 3, line 17, leave out “subject”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement to my amendment at page 3, line 16.

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

Clause 5, page 3, line 20, leave out from “must” to “in” in line 21 and insert “not, without the consent of the Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland, include”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and my amendment at page 3, line 22, provide that the Secretary of State must not, without the consent of the Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland, include in a statement of strategic priorities anything which concerns a matter provision about which meets the conditions in subsection (6)(a) and (b).

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

Clause 5, page 3, line 22, leave out “subject”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement to my amendment at page 3, line 20.

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

Clause 5, page 3, line 28, leave out subsection (7)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is made in consequence of my other amendments to this Clause.

Clause 6

LORD BERKELEY

Clause 6, page 3, line 38, at end insert –

- “(1A) The Secretary of State must give a specific direction to Great British Energy that, in meeting its objects under section 3, it must give full consideration to properties which are not connected to the gas grid and the value of renewable liquid fuels in meeting those objects.
- (1B) The direction must require Great British Energy to publish a report to assess the potential benefits to consumers of implementing a renewable liquid heating fuel obligation under section 159 of the Energy Act 2023.
- (1C) A report under subsection (1B) must be made within three months of the day on which this Act is passed.
- (1D) The Secretary of State must lay a report made under subsection (1B) before Parliament.
- (1E) The Secretary of State must implement section 159(3) of the Energy Act 2023 (renewable liquid heating fuel obligations: consultation) within three months of receiving the report.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would introduce a specific strategic priority for Great British Energy to work with the Government to consider the specific energy-related issues of households off the gas grid. The amendment requires the Secretary of State to exercise powers under the Energy Act 2023 to undertake a consultation on the introduction of a renewable liquid heating fuel obligation.

After Clause 7

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

★ After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Sustainable development

Great British Energy must keep under review the impact of its activities on the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires Great British Energy to keep under review the impact of its activities on the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom.

LORD FROST

After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“The Chair of Great British Energy

- (1) The Chair of Great British Energy may not be appointed until the appointment has been scrutinised by the –
 - (a) Treasury Committee of the House of Commons, or any successor committee, and
 - (b) Energy Security and Net Zero Committee of the House of Commons, or any successor committee.
- (2) The Chair of Great British Energy must undergo an annual review on their performance and this review must be –
 - (a) carried out by external auditors;
 - (b) submitted to the Secretary of State and laid before Parliament.”

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING
LORD TEVERSON

After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty of Great British Energy to meet environmental criteria

Great British Energy must, in the exercise of its functions, and when delivering the objects in section 3 and statement of strategic priorities in section 5 of this Act, take all reasonable steps to contribute to the achievement of environmental targets set under the Environment Act 2021.”

LORD OFFORD OF GARVEL

After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Return on investments

- (1) The Secretary of State must give a specific direction to Great British Energy that it must achieve a 10% minimum return on its investments annually.
- (2) Great British Energy must report to the Secretary of State on its in-year rate of return on investment.
- (3) A report under subsection (2) must be made within two years of the day on which this Act is passed, and annually thereafter.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay any report made under subsection (2) before Parliament.
- (5) The Secretary of State may vary the provision in subsection (1) by regulations made by statutory instrument.

- (6) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (5) 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 would require of Great British Energy that on its investments annually it must achieve a 10 per cent minimum return.

LORD OFFORD OF GARVEL

After Clause 7, insert the following new 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) The independent person must, as soon as is reasonably practicable after the completion of the review –
 - (a) prepare a report of the review, and
 - (b) submit the report to the Secretary of State.
- (3) The independent person must submit to the Secretary of State –
 - (a) the first report under this section within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, 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.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require that the Secretary of State appoints an independent person to review the effectiveness of Great British Energy in delivering its objects, meeting its strategic priorities, and complying with its directions.

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