

# Great British Energy Bill

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## RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

*Tabled up to and including  
6 February 2025*

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*[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]*

### **After Clause 1**

BARONESS NOAKES  
LORD VAUX OF HARROWDEN

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**

BARONESS LIDDELL OF COATDYKE

Clause 3, page 2, line 13, after “encouraging” insert “investment in,”

#### ***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with others in the name of Baroness Liddell of Coatdyke, aims to broaden the definition of “clean energy” to include technologies that directly or indirectly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as Carbon Capture, Utilisation & Storage (CCUS) and low carbon hydrogen.*

## BARONESS LIDDELL OF COATDYKE

Clause 3, page 2, line 13, at end insert “one or more of”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with others in the name of Baroness Liddell of Coatdyke, aims to broaden the definition of "clean energy" to include technologies that directly or indirectly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as Carbon Capture, Utilisation & Storage (CCUS) and low carbon hydrogen.*

## BARONESS LIDDELL OF COATDYKE

Clause 3, page 2, line 15, after “reduction” insert “directly or indirectly,”

***Member's explanatory statement***

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## BARONESS LIDDELL OF COATDYKE

Clause 3, page 2, line 15, leave out “produced” and insert “derived”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with others in the name of Baroness Liddell of Coatdyke, aims to broaden the definition of "clean energy" to include technologies that directly or indirectly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as Carbon Capture, Utilisation & Storage (CCUS) and low carbon hydrogen.*

## BARONESS LIDDELL OF COATDYKE

Clause 3, page 2, line 18, after “ensuring” insert “directly or indirectly, in whole or in part,”

***Member's explanatory statement***

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LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH  
EARL RUSSELL

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.*

## VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 20, after “means” insert “renewable energy, nuclear energy and”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would ensure that nuclear power is included within the definition of clean energy under this Bill.*

## BARONESS LIDDELL OF COATDYKE

- Clause 3, page 2, line 20, after the second “energy” insert “and molecules”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with others in the name of Baroness Liddell of Coatdyke, aims to broaden the definition of "clean energy" to include technologies that directly or indirectly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as Carbon Capture, Utilisation & Storage (CCUS) and low carbon hydrogen.*

## BARONESS LIDDELL OF COATDYKE

- Clause 3, page 2, line 20, after “than” insert “unabated”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with others in the name of Baroness Liddell of Coatdyke, aims to broaden the definition of "clean energy" to include technologies that directly or indirectly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as Carbon Capture, Utilisation & Storage (CCUS) and low carbon hydrogen.*

BARONESS BOYCOTT  
BARONESS YOUNG OF OLD SCONE

- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 21, at end insert “or biomass, as defined in section 100(3) of the Energy Act 2008”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would ensure that biomass energy production (defined as material, other than fossil fuel or peat, which is, or is derived directly or indirectly from, plant matter, animal matter, fungi or algae) was not within the definition of clean energy and so not within scope for GBE's potential investments.*

**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 PETTIGAS

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  
EARL RUSSELL

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.*

## VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

- ★ Clause 5, page 3, line 27, at end insert –
- “(6A) Prior to publishing a statement of strategic priorities for Great British Energy the Secretary of State must consult –
- (a) Great British Nuclear, and
  - (b) the National Wealth Fund.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the Secretary of State to consult Great British Nuclear and the National Wealth Fund before publishing a statement of strategic priorities for Great British Energy.*

## 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

LORD TEVERSON

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.*

VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

★ 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 consult with Great British Nuclear prior to investing in the production, storage and supply of nuclear energy.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the Secretary of State to give a specific direction to Great British Energy that it must consult with Great British Nuclear.*

**Clause 7**

LORD VAUX OF HARROWDEN  
BARONESS NOAKES

★ Clause 7, page 4, line 10, at end insert –

“(1A) In addition to complying with section 441 of the Companies Act 2006, the accounts and reports must include such other information as the Treasury may require, including –

- (a) information on financial assistance received in accordance with section 4,
- (b) information on any investments made or partnerships entered into,
- (c) an assessment of how those investments or partnerships meet the objectives and strategic priorities of Great British Energy, and
- (d) an assessment of the extent to which those investments or partnerships have encouraged additional investment by the private sector.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would add further requirements to be included in the annual report and accounts of the company, including flexibility for the Treasury to define additional requirements.*

**After Clause 7**

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH  
BARONESS HAYMAN

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.*

LORD VAUX OF HARROWDEN  
BARONESS NOAKES  
LORD OFFORD OF GARVEL

★ After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

**“Reviews of Great British Energy’s effectiveness and impact**

- (1) The Chancellor of the Exchequer must appoint an independent person to carry out reviews of –
  - (a) the effectiveness of Great British Energy in delivering its strategic priorities, and
  - (b) the extent to which its investments in particular projects or types of project have encouraged additional investment in those projects or types of project by the private sector.
- (2) After each review, the independent person must –
  - (a) prepare a report of the review, and
  - (b) submit the report to the Treasury.
- (3) On receiving a report, the Treasury must –
  - (a) publish the report, and
  - (b) lay a copy of the report before Parliament.
- (4) The first report must be submitted to the Treasury within the period of 3 years beginning with the day on which this Act comes into force.
- (5) Subsequent reports must be submitted to the Treasury at intervals of not more than 3 years.
- (6) In this section, references to an “independent person” are to a person who appears to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to be independent of –
  - (a) the Treasury, and
  - (b) Great British Energy.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require an independent review of the effectiveness of Great British Energy in achieving its objectives and the extent to which it has encouraged private investment every 3 years.*

BARONESS BOYCOTT

★ After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

**“Biomass power generation**

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, Great British Energy must publish a plan for its use of biomass power generation and an assessment of the impact that will have on decarbonisation and supply security of the energy sector.

- (2) Factors in that assessment must include –
- (a) the extent to which Great British Energy’s use of biomass power generation will contribute to achieving Clean Power 2030,
  - (b) the sustainability of Great British Energy’s intended use of biomass power generation, including a plan for compliance with sustainability requirements,
  - (c) the impact of Great British Energy’s use of biomass power generation on the UK’s achievement of relevant targets under the Climate Change Act 2008 and the Environment Act 2021, and the UK’s international obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity,
  - (d) the extent to which Great British Energy’s use of biomass power generation industry will be carbon neutral, and
  - (e) the extent to which Great British Energy’s use of biomass power generation will support the UK’s energy supply security.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require GBE to carry out an assessment of its use of, and impacts on, sustainable biomass and its compliance with the UK’s legally binding targets and international obligations.*



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