

Report Stage: Monday 24 February 2025

Crown Estate Bill [HL], As Amended

(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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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 Speaker's provisional selection and grouping, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

☆ Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance.

Llinos Medi

NC1

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.

Pippa Heylings

NC2

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

Marine plans guide marine use and regulation for sustainable development, balancing the environment, economy, and society. This new clause ensures the Crown Estate collaborates with DEFRA's Marine Spatial Prioritisation through the MMO, using its expertise to inform decisions, preventing conflicts of interest from its new borrowing and investment powers.

Pippa Heylings

NC3

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.

Pippa Heylings

NC4

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.

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.

James Wild

NC6

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.

Claire Hanna

NC7

☆To move the following Clause—

“Devolution of Crown Estate powers to Northern Ireland

(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 Northern Ireland

- (1) The Treasury in consultation with the Northern Ireland Executive must set out a scheme to transfer all the existing Northern Ireland functions of the Crown Estate Commissioners (“the Commissioners”) to the Northern Ireland Executive or a person/ body nominated by Executive Ministers.
- (2) The existing NI 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 Northern Ireland, and
 - (b) rights in relation to the NI zone.
- (3) The Secretary of State must by regulations set a date to implement the scheme under subsection(1) to allow for such arrangements to be voted on by the Northern Ireland Assembly and following a vote in favour arrange for the transfer of functions to the NI

Executive or a person or body nominated by Executive 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 Northern Ireland functions of the Crown Estate Commissioners to local Ministers or a person or body nominated by Northern Ireland Executive if the NI Assembly vote for it.

Pippa Heylings

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Clause 1, page 3, line 3, 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.

James Wild

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Clause 1, page 3, line 3, 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.

Clause 3, page 4, line 6, 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.

Clause 3, page 4, line 6, 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.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Commissioners to assess the protections against coastal erosion in areas where landfall is made for offshore projects.

Henry Tufnell

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Clause 3, page 4, line 6, 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 energy security.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new sub-section 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 energy security.

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.