

# **All-Party Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies**



**PGES**  
All-Party Parliamentary Group  
for Energy Studies

## **Annual Report 2019-20**

## PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR ENERGY STUDIES

### History

Founded in 1980, the Group was established by former Conservative MP for Lanark and 17th Earl of Lauderdale, Patrick Francis Maitland, and The Rt Hon. Dr J. Dickson Mabon, former MP for Greenock and Port Glasgow and Labour Minister for Energy from 1976-79. It remains the only Parliamentary Group to cover all areas of the energy sector. Our aim is to advise the Government of the day on the energy issues of the day.

This diversity of expertise is evidenced by the broad range of subjects covered throughout the years by our monthly guest speakers and, more recently, by contributors to *Energy Focus*. Recent topics have included reshaping regulations, Hydrogen, geothermal energy, the IPPC report on achieving 1.5° and innovation and change in the UK electricity market.

### Mission statement

To provide a high-level forum for Parliament, industry, academia and others to discuss key energy issues, and share knowledge and expertise across the whole of the sector.

To promote the importance of these issues among key audiences, and foster an informed, long-term view of domestic and international energy policy.

**The Group's objective is to inform the Government of the day on the energy issues of the day.**

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We thought that the handicap of Brexit stalemate was limiting, only to experience something that eclipsed the difficulties of the previous three years. The Corona pandemic has made such drastic changes to the way we live, parliament, APPGs and the energy industry.

Not least of these is that energy is now recognised as an essential service and massive reductions of carbon emissions were made by behaviour change. It will be interesting to find which of those changes are maintained as an improvement to the way we live.

Since the last AGM, we held our Summer Reception, again kindly sponsored by Alfa Energy. The Guest of Honour was Professor Doctor Christoph Frei of the World Energy Council. Our programme was disrupted by prorogation, recall and an early General Election and we were reconstituted in January 2020. In February, we managed to hold our delayed 2019 House of Lords Annual Dinner, kindly sponsored by WSP. Lord Callanan, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Lord Deben, Chair of the Committee on Climate Change were our Guests of Honour.

Then lockdown.

Since then, we have held speaker meetings by Zoom with the strong theme of Net Zero, considering Flexibility, Regulation and Recovery to Net Zero. Remote access to meetings may well be one of the behaviours that continues into the future, but nothing can replace the face to face discussions.

The Group website has been revised and *Energy Focus* continues its publication in digital form. It has reports on the speaker meetings and top-level interviews from across government and contributions from the leaders of sector representative bodies, as well as those organisations at the forefront of energy generation, transmission and delivery.

Parliamentary work continues on the fundamental issue of energy. It is even more important now that we focus on our objective of advising the Government of the day on the energy issues of the day.

That's why, whatever the future may hold for UK energy, whatever the UK's relationship with the EU, I am confident that the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies, along with its members, will be at the forefront of the policy discussion.

PGES remains open to new members involved in energy. Do, please, make contact if you think membership could be of interest to you.

**Ian Liddell-Grainger MP**  
**Chairman, PGES**  
**An All-Party Parliamentary Group**

## **FINANCE**

Accounts for the year to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 showed an operating deficit of £1,612 for 2019-20. This left reserves at £28,001.

The deficit was an improvement on the previous year, largely due to reducing costs of distribution of *Energy Focus*. The aim for next year was to have a small surplus.

## **Accountant's report to members**

Thank you to Sonia Reynolds at Root Accountants, who has provided accounting services, and to Paul Faber ACA at Landau Morley LLP, for guidance and auditing services for the Group.

## **ENERGY FOCUS**

The publication of *Energy Focus* three times a year enables members to hear from a wide range of contributors as well as recording the papers of our speakers at the monthly meetings. The journal is now circulated in digital form and is known for its tracking of energy and environmental subjects in Parliament.

None of this would have been possible in 2019-20, were it not for the support of Fluor, who have continued to sponsor the publication over several years.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership stands at Parliamentarians 139 (of which 80 are MPs, 59 are Peers), Associate 105 (of which 12 are Academic Members, 20 are Associations, 73 Companies), Individual 21 (of which 13 are Life Members)

The key to PGES' success is the diversity of its members, with expertise in all aspects of energy from acquisition to consumption, no matter what the source.

## **Parliamentary**

Several Parliamentarians have requested to join the Group, especially from the new intake of MPs. Full details are set out below.

## **Associate**

Membership has remained stable with few additions:

CATCH

Nexant

## **Individual & Life**

Dr Barbara Vest OBE was awarded Life membership of PGES and continues to serve on the Executive Council.

**PGES Membership on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 was:**

**Parliamentarians**

**House of Commons**

Adam Afriyie MP

Peter Aldous MP

Fleur Anderson MP

Duncan Baker MP

Margaret Beckett MP

Clive Betts MP

Olivia Blake MP

Sara Britcliffe MP

Alan Brown MP

Anthony Browne MP

Dr Lisa Cameron MP

Gregory Campbell MP

Sir Christopher Chope MP

The Rt Hon. Greg Clark MP

Stephen Crabb MP

Jon Cruddas MP

Dehenna Davison MP

Martyn Day MP

Philip Dunne MP

Angela Eagle MP

Ruth Edwards MP

Clive Efford MP

Julie Elliott MP

Bill Esterson MP

Ben Everitt MP

Stephen Flynn MP

Mark Garnier MP

Robert Goodwill MP

Richard Graham MP

Andrew Griffith MP

Neale Hanvey MP

Trudy Harrison MP

Drew Hendry MP

Wera Hobhouse MP

Philip Hollobone MP

John Howell MP

Peter Kyle MP

Mrs Pauline Latham OBE MP

Ian Lavery MP

Andrea Leadsom MP

Clive Lewis MP

Ian Liddell-Grainger MP

Rachel Maclean MP

Angus MacNeil MP

Khalid Mahmood MP

Christian Matheson MP

Theresa May MP

Jerome Mayhew MP

Kerry McCarthy MP

Johnny McNally MP

Mark Menzies MP

Robin Millar MP

Layla Moran MP

David Morris MP

Chi Onwura MP

Ms Taiwo Owatemi MP

Neil Parish MP

Mark Pawsey MP

John Penrose MP

Christina Rees MP

Rachel Reeves MP

Angela Richardson MP

Rob Roberts MP

Andrew Selous MP

Jim Shannon MP

Tommy Sheppard MP

Jeff Smith MP

Alex Sobel MP

Alexander Stafford MP

Mark Tami MP

Derek Thomas MP

Jon Trickett MP

Derek Twigg MP

Martin Vickers MP

Claudia Webbe MP

Matt Western MP

Dr Alan Whitehead MP

Nadia Whittome MP

Sammy Wilson MP

## **Parliamentarians**

### **House of Lords**

Lord Berkeley  
The Lord Best OBE DL  
Lord Birt  
Baroness Bloomfield of Hinton Waldrist  
Lord Boswell  
Lord Bradshaw  
Lord Broers  
Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe  
Viscount Brookeborough  
The Lord Cameron of Dillington  
Lord Cavendish of Furness  
Lord Christopher CBE  
Lord Clement-Jones CBE  
Lord Curry of Kirkharle  
Lord Duncan of Springbank  
Baroness Eccles  
Lord Elibank  
Earl of Erroll  
Viscount Hanworth  
Lord Haskel  
Lord Haworth  
Lord Hoyle of Warrington  
The Rt Hon. Lord Hunt of Kings Heath OBE  
The Lord Krebs of Wytham  
Earl of Lindsay  
The Rt Hon. Lord Maclennan of Rogart  
Lord Mogg KCMG  
Lord Moynihan  
Lord Woolmer of Leeds  
The Earl of Stair  
Lord O'Neill of Clackmannan  
The Lord Oxburgh KBE, FRS, HonFREng  
Lord Palmer  
Lord Ravensdale  
Lord Redesdale  
Baroness Refern  
Lord Renwick  
The Rt Hon. the Lord Rooker  
The Baroness Sheehan  
The Rt Hon. Lord Smith of Finsbury  
Lord Stoddart of Swindon  
The Lord Teverson  
Lord Turnbull  
The Rt Hon. Viscount Ullswater LVO  
Baroness Verma  
The Lord Wade of Chorlton

Baroness Walmsley  
The Rt Hon. the Lord Whitty  
Baroness Wilcox  
Lord Wilson of Tillyorn KT GCMG  
Baroness Worthington  
Lord Young of Norwood Green

### **Associate Members**

#### **Academic**

Glasgow Caledonian London  
Imperial College  
Kingston University  
Queen's University Belfast  
Sheffield Hallam University  
University College London  
University of Birmingham  
University of Leeds  
University of Hull  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton  
University of Warwick

**Associate Members****Associations**

BCECA (British Chemical Engineering Contractors Association)  
Citizens Advice  
Combustion Engineering Association  
Confederation of Paper Industries  
Durham Energy Institute  
Energy and Utilities Alliance  
Energy Institute  
Energy Networks Association  
Energy UK  
EPSRC  
ESRC  
ESTA  
Glass & Glazing Federation  
ICSE  
IET  
Institution of Chemical Engineers  
Nuclear Industry Association  
Smart Energy GB  
UKLPG  
UKRI

**Associate Members****Companies**

Alfa Energy Ltd  
Applied Energy Ltd  
Arup  
Baxi  
Bosch Thermotechnology  
BP International Ltd  
BRE  
Brendan Bilton Consulting  
British Management Data Foundation  
Burns McDonnell  
Cadent  
Calon Energy  
Cambridge HOK  
CATCH  
Centrica  
Chameleon Technology (UK) Ltd  
Cornwall Energy Associates  
Dolan & Associates  
Dolphin N2  
Drax Power Ltd  
E.On  
Ecuity

**Associate Members****Companies (continued)**

EDF Energy  
Elexon Ltd  
Enel X UK  
Energy Research Accelerator  
EnerStrat Consulting  
Enertek International  
Engie  
Epex Spot  
Equinor  
ESB  
Esso UK  
Faraday Grid Ltd  
Fluor Corporation  
Frazer-Nash Consultancy  
Greenergy  
HSE  
ICE Futures Europe  
Jersey Electricity plc  
KPMG  
Lane Clark & Peacock LCP  
Local Waste Solutions  
Mott MacDonald  
National Grid SO  
ND Metering Solutions  
Nexant Ltd  
Northern Powergrid  
Npower  
Nuclear Liabilities Fund  
Ofgem  
Ørsted  
Oxera  
Peak Gen Top Co Ltd  
Power Networks (GB) Ltd.  
Progressive Energy Ltd  
Ravenheat Manufacturing  
RWE  
Schneider Electric  
Scottish Power  
SGN  
Shell International Limited  
Simon Fowler Design Ltd  
Steer  
Total Holdings UK  
UK Power Networks  
Uniper  
United Utilities

**Associate Members****Companies (continued)**

Vinci Energies

Vitol Group

Wales & West Utilities

Watt-Logic

WSP

**Individual Members**

Clive Dawson MBE

William Fortescue

John Hall

Joan MacNaughton CB Hon FEI

Iain Poole

Graham Ward CBE

**Life Members**

Dr Gordon Adam

Giles Chichester

Michael Clapham

Robert Erskine-Murray

Sir John Hannam

Professor Peter Pearson

Michael Roberts OBE

Ann Robinson

Chris Stewart Munro Hon FEI

Paddy Tipping

Judith Ward

Professor Jim Watson

John Wybrew OBE



## **SPEAKERS AND FUNCTIONS**

- September 19 cancelled due to prorogation
- October 19 House of Lords Annual Dinner postponed due to prorogation
- December 19 cancelled due to General Election
- January 20 Energy Data Taskforce Report  
Laura Sandys, OBE
- February 20 House of Lords Annual Dinner  
Hosted by Lord Redesdale, kindly sponsored by WSP  
Guests of Honour, The Rt Hon Lord Calanan, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Lord Deben, Chair, Committee on Climate Change
- March 20 Cancelled due to CoVid
- May 20 Unlocking Flexibility for Net Zero – by Zoom  
Alastair Martin, Flexitricity  
Dr Paul Troughton, Enel X UK, Energy Futures Lab, Imperial College, London  
Mark Bygraves, Elexon
- June 20 Regulating for Net Zero – by Zoom  
Neil Kenward, Ofgem  
Steve McMahon, Ofgem  
Jane Dennett-Thorpe, Ofgem
- July 20 Roceover to Net Zero  
The Rt Hon. Kwasi Kwarteng, Minister of State for Energy & Climate Change  
Professor Keith Bell, Committee on Climate Change  
Chris Shaw, Climate Assembly  
Guy Newey, Energy Systems Catapult