

All-Party Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies



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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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Adaptation and resilience are frequently discussed when energy is considered, they were definitely what was required for PGES during the last year. The Parliamentary estate remained closed and face to face meetings were impossible. However, the Group has proven itself as it changed its way of working to continue to raise energy issues and inform the Government of the day on the energy issues of the day

In celebration of our 40th anniversary, for the first time, PGES launched an energy policy inquiry. The objective was to establish from those both within and without the energy industry, those policies that encouraged innovation and those which deterred, delayed or prevented it. The full report was launched in March and this forms the centrepiece of our programme for the year.

Since the last AGM, although we were unable to hold any formal event, we do hope to hold a House of Lords Annual Dinner, in October 21, hosted by Lord Ravensdale and kindly sponsored by Alfa Energy and with the Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng, Secretary of State of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy will be our Guest of Honour.

We have held regular speaker meetings by Zoom this year and a wider audience has been able to attend the remote meetings. Our speakers were still of the highest calibre and the topics focussed on Net Zero and the upcoming CoP26 (albeit slightly delayed).

We hope that regular face to face meetings will be able to resume after the Summer Recess. Although remote access to these meetings may well be one of the behaviours that continues into the future, nothing can replace the face to face discussions.

Energy Focus continues its publication in digital form. It carries 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 29th February 2020 showed an operating deficit of £3,091 for 2020-21. This left reserves at £25,585.

The deficit was in line with the previous year, despite the continued lockdown and restrictions on meetings, but based on the deferral of fees by the Secretariat. The aim for next year was again to have a small surplus as face to face meetings resumed to encourage memberships.

Accountant's report to members

Thanks are due 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.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership stands at Parliamentarians 148 (of which 89 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 recently, all Parliamentarians are welcome. Sadly, we must report the loss of two Peers, Lord O'Neill of Clackmannan, who died in August 2020 and Lord Stoddart in November 2020. They will be missed greatly.

Full membership details are set out below.

Associate

Membership has remained stable with few additions:

Lukey innovations

Milford Haven Port Authority

Individual & Life

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

PGES Membership on the 28th February 2020 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

Parliamentarians

House of Commons (Continued)

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**

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle
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
His Grace the Duke of Montrose
Lord Duncan of Springbank
Baroness Eccles
Lord Elibank
Earl of Erroll
Baroness Ford
Lord Geddes
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
The Rt Hon. the Lord Paul
Lord Ravensdale
Lord Redesdale
Baroness Refern
Lord Renwick
The Rt Hon. the Lord Rooker
The Rt Hon. the Lord Selkirk of Douglas PC QC
The Baroness Sheehan
The Rt Hon. Lord Smith of Finsbury

Parliamentarians**House of Lords (Continued)**

Lord Stoddart of Swindon
The Lord Teverson
Lord Truscott
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
The Carbon Capture & Storage Association
UKLPG
UKRI

Associate Members**Companies**

Alfa Energy Ltd
Applied Energy Ltd
Arup
Baxi
Bosch Thermotechnology
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

Associate Members**Companies (continued)**

E.ON
Ecuity
EDF Energy
Exxon 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
Greenenergy
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
Nuclear Liabilities Fund
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

Associate Members**Companies (continued)**

United Utilities

Vinci Energies

Vitol Group

Wales & West Utilities

Watt-Logic

WSP

Individual Members

Clive Dawson MBE

Bill Fortescue

John Hall

Joan MacNaughton CB Hon FEI

Iain Poole

Dr Barbara Vest OBE

Graham Ward CBE

Janet Wood

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

SPEAKERS AND FUNCTIONS

- 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 Recover to Net Zero – by Zoom
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
- September 20 **Success at CoP26 starts at home: Leading by example on Net Zero**
with Louise Kingham OBE FEI – Chief Executive, Energy Institute
Steve Holliday FEng FEI – President, Energy Institute & former CEO, National Grid
Dr Rob Gross FEI – Energy Institute Trustee and Director, UKERC
- November 20 **Transport and Heating towards Net Zero – Hydrogen update**
with Dr Bob Moran – Head of Environmental Strategy DfT
Heidi Genoni – Programme & Project Manager Arup
Mark Selby – CTO Ceres Power
Tim Harper – CEO Element2
Dr Angela Needle – Director of Strategy Cadent
- December 20 **Launch of the PGES 40th Anniversary Inquiry**
What are the energy policies that will drive an independent UK to net zero while
fuelling the economy?

IEA views on net zero
Renewables: leading transitions to a more sustainable energy system
with Dr. Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency
- February 21 **Looking forward to CoP26**
with Andrew Griffith, MP, UK Net Zero Business Champion
- March 21 **Launch of the PGES 40th Anniversary Inquiry into Energy Policy**
Full report launched – [details here](#)