

Item 1:
FM Briefing – Labour GB Energy Speech Lines 19 June

Labour GB Energy Announcement – Lines (19 June 23)

TOP LINES

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PUBLIC INVESTMENT

“Setting up the public energy company that the SNP failed to deliver in 2017. GB Energy will be headquartered in Scotland, building on Scotland's proud energy and industrial history. It will serve all four nations of the United Kingdom.”

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GREEN JOBS AND SKILLS

“Doubling the number of jobs in low carbon sectors in Scotland, with 50,000 direct and indirect jobs in Scotland in the clean power sector alone.”

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HEAT IN BUILDINGS

“Driving forward with creating a clean power system by 2030 saving Scottish households £8.4bn over the rest of this decade, which, combined with Labour’s Warm Homes plan, will mean up to £1,400 off bills for every family in Scotland every year.”

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COMMUNITY ENERGY

News reports note that: *‘The Local Power Plan will...empower communities to come forward with their own bespoke projects for renewable energy projects directly owned by local people.*

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NET ZERO POWER SYSTEM

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{for reference – embargoed press release}

NEWS FROM SCOTTISH LABOUR

LABOUR'S ENERGY REVOLUTION WILL BE MADE IN SCOTLAND – STARMER PLEDGES GB ENERGY HQ WILL BE IN SCOTLAND

EMBARGOED: 00:01 MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2023

Labour's world leading plan to make Britain a clean energy superpower by 2030 will be "made in Scotland", Keir Starmer will pledge as he announces that GB Energy, Labour's publicly-owned energy company, will be headquartered in Scotland.

A Labour government will create Great British Energy (GBE), a new, publicly-owned clean energy generation company that will harness the power of Britain's sun, wind, and waves to cut energy bills and deliver energy security for our country.

On Monday, Keir Starmer will expand on Labour's mission to deliver cheaper zero carbon power by 2030, including plans to attract investment in the UK's industrial heartlands - and will directly benefit Scotland particularly communities linked to the oil and gas industry.

Recent analysis by the Labour Party has found that, under Labour's Green Prosperity Plan to invest in British clean energy, the number of jobs generated in Scotland in the clean power sector alone would more than double compared to under the SNP.

Labour's commitment to rapidly create jobs in the renewables industry will particularly benefit Scotland given its extraordinary renewable energy assets and stands in stark contrast to the abysmal records of both Conservative and SNP governments, which have resoundingly failed to deliver on promises made to workers in the offshore wind industry.

The SNP's own promise for a Scottish publicly-owned energy company was famously scrapped, and their promise to create 130,000 green jobs by 2020 was abandoned, with just 20,500 green jobs being delivered by that point.

Speaking alongside Anas Sarwar, Keir Starmer will set how Labour will succeed where the SNP and Conservatives have failed and outline three key benefits for Scotland of Labour's Green Prosperity Plan:

- setting up the public energy company that the SNP failed to deliver in 2017. GB Energy will be headquartered in Scotland, building on Scotland's proud energy and industrial history. It will serve all four nations of the United Kingdom.
- doubling the number of jobs in low carbon sectors in Scotland, with 50,000 direct and indirect jobs in Scotland in the clean power sector alone.
- driving forward with creating a clean power system by 2030 saving Scottish households £8.4bn over the rest of this decade, which, combined with Labour's Warm Homes plan, will mean up to £1,400 off bills for every family in Scotland every year.

Keir Starmer MP, Leader of the Labour Party, said: “The route to making Britain a clean energy superpower, slashing energy bills and creating tens of thousands of quality jobs runs through Scotland.

“That is why GB Energy, our publicly owned energy company, will be headquartered in Scotland, the heart of the British energy industry.

Item 2:
Briefing CSWEFWE, MEE, CSTNZJT Labour Green Policies June 23

From: [Redacted]
Energy Strategy and Markets, Energy and Climate Change Directorate
26 June 2023

Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

Minister for Energy and Environment

1. Labour Green Prosperity Plan Announcement – Assessment of Energy Proposals

1.1 Priority and Purpose

1. To provide an initial assessment, for information, of the Labour Party's 'Make Britain a Clean Energy Superpower' proposals launched on 19 June.

1.2 Context and Issues

2. Speaking in Edinburgh on Monday 19 June, Labour Party leader Keir Starmer unveiled Labour's '5 Missions for a better Britain'¹. One of the five missions is to 'make Britain a clear energy superpower': to cut bills, create jobs and deliver security with cheaper, zero – carbon electricity by 2030, accelerating to net zero².
3. The UK-wide plan aims to cut household energy bills by up to £1400 per year by insulating 19 million homes and delivering a cheaper, zero carbon electricity system by 2030; save businesses £53 billion in energy bills up to 2030; and create 1 million jobs by investing in industries of the future.
4. UK-wide proposals include action to achieve:
 - Clean power by 2030 including: setting ambitions for increasing offshore, onshore and hydrogen and completing nuclear existing power projects, accelerating consenting and planning and electricity market reform.
 - Establishing GB Energy – a publicly owned clean energy generation company.
 - Setting up a national wealth fund to invest alongside the private sector in gigafactories, clean steel plans, ports, renewable-ready power, green hydrogen and energy storage.
 - Upgrading energy efficiency of homes.

¹ [Keir Starmer speech unveiling Labour's mission to cut bills, create jobs and provide energy security for Britain - The Labour Party](#)

² [Mission-Climate.pdf \(labour.org.uk\)](#)

- Issue no new licenses to explore new oil and gas fields.
5. Within the plan, Labour have committed to a Scotland-specific delivery plan which includes 8 actions targeted at increasing jobs in low carbon energy, Grangemouth industrial decarbonisation, investing in upgrading Scottish ports, upgrading energy efficiency in domestic homes, establishment of a public energy company, support for local energy projects and removing barriers to grid connection.
 6. Annex A includes stakeholder reactions to the Plan, and Annex B – a set of lines to take on key areas.
 7. Summary of proposals:
 - a) **Proposal:** *Double the number of jobs in low carbon, supporting 50,000 jobs in clean power by 2030, by 'fully realising the potential of Scotland's renewable energy assets' incentivised through the British Jobs Bonus.*
 - b) **Proposal:** *Build resilient supply chains in Scotland by using our new British Jobs Bonus to provide specific incentives for developers that create good jobs in areas currently reliant on energy industries, such as Scotland and the Northeast of England.*

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 - c) **Proposal:** *Deliver industrial decarbonisation in Grangemouth protecting thousands of jobs in heavy industry and creating more in CCS and hydrogen.*

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 - d) **Proposal:** *Invest through a National Wealth Fund in upgrading Scottish ports (Forth, Tay and Northeast Scotland renewable clusters as part of a £1.8 billion commitment to upgrade ports across the UK) - making them ready for the deployment of renewables and competitive in the decommissioning market.*
 - e) **Proposal:** *Set up a UK National Wealth Fund, which will create good, well-paying jobs by investing alongside the private sector in gigafactories, clean steel plants, renewable-ready ports, green hydrogen and energy storage.*

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 - f) **Proposal:** *Upgrade energy efficiency of up to 1.4 million homes, through Labour's Warm Homes Plan, creating 17,000 jobs upgrading homes for construction workers, plumbers, installers.*

[Redacted]
 - g) **Proposal:** *Within the first year of Government, establish a UK public energy generation firm, GB Energy to be headquartered in Scotland so that Labour's new public energy company can benefit from the skills and insight of the industry, and world-leading research institutes in Scotland.*

[Redacted]

- h) **Proposal:** *Build over a thousand local power projects in Scotland as part of a UK-wide 8GW target for local and community energy capacity.*

[Redacted]

- i) **Proposal:** *Ensure grid delays are addressed so that the current pipeline of Scottish renewables projects be brought online as soon as possible.*

[Redacted]

- j) **Proposal:** *Under Labour's plans, North Sea oil and gas will continue for decades but it will not issue new licenses to explore for new fields. It will not revoke licenses and will ensure continued investment in offshore infrastructure and workforce as the North Sea becomes home to new forms of energy production.*

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Specifically on new exploration: The Scottish Government has set out that any new production should be subject to more rigorous climate compatibility checks and consulted in the draft ESJTP on what those tests should include.

In the draft ESJTP we did not set out a preferred position on new exploration, but consulted on whether, in the light of IEA and IPCC advice, there should be a presumption against new exploration. We also asked if there was to be a presumption against new exploration, if there were exceptional circumstances when exploration could be permitted.

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Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy				X
Minister for Energy and Environment				X

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8. **Dan McGrail, chief executive of RenewableUK**, said Labour's mission required "considerable reforms to planning, grid development, regulatory frameworks and skills policy," which need to be looked at as a "matter of urgency."
9. **Energy Secretary Grant Shapps** maintained his attack on Labour's oil and gas plans, calling the speech a "white flag to Just Stop Oil."
10. **Mary Church, the head of campaigns at Friends of the Earth Scotland**, said: "Saying no to new licences is an important start, but the Labour leader needs to go further and stand up to the oil and gas companies... If Rosebank, or any other development is approved by the current UK government, then it will have to be shut down by the next UK government."
11. **Unite general secretary Sharon Graham** welcomed the plans, but said: "Oil and gas workers need concrete, fully costed plans that will provide cast iron guarantees that they will not be thrown under a bus in the transition to net zero... There can be no room for any equivocation - promises are not enough."
12. **Community Energy England and Community Energy Scotland** welcome the initiative and its intention, saying 'Labour's new 'Local Power Plan' will genuinely 'turbocharge community energy.'

- A) Proposal:** Double the number of jobs in low carbon, supporting 50,000 jobs in clean power by 2030, by ‘fully realising the potential of Scotland’s renewable energy assets’ incentivised through the British Jobs Bonus.

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- B) Proposal:** Deliver industrial decarbonisation in Grangemouth protecting thousands of jobs in heavy industry and creating more in CCS and hydrogen.

[Redacted]

- C) Proposal:** Invest through a National Wealth Fund in upgrading Scottish ports (Forth, Tay and Northeast Scotland renewable clusters as part of our £1.8 billion commitment to upgrade ports) - making them ready for the deployment of renewables and competitive in the decommissioning market.

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Renewables

- In May 2022 the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council (SOWEC) developed a Collaborative Framework Charter which has helped to forge effective partnerships to deliver our supply chain potential. This has now led to the Strategic Investment Model (SIM), is aimed at enabling a move from project-led to sector level investment that better supports growth in port and supply chain capacity and capability.
- We welcome the commitment of developers to invest an average projection of £1.4 bn in Scotland per project, which equates to around £28bn across the 20 ScotWind offshore wind projects.
- In January 2023 the Scottish Government announced the locations of two selected Green Freeports - Inverness and Cromarty Firth, and the Firth of Forth. Green Freeports will support businesses to create high-quality, well-paid new jobs; promote regeneration; and make a significant contribution to achieving our net zero ambitions. They aim to create internationally competitive clusters of excellence in new green technologies and industries, bringing major benefits to Scottish businesses, communities and our wider economy.

Decommissioning:

- Decommissioning is integral to the pursuit of an orderly, managed transition to net-zero, and has the potential to create benefits and opportunities for people across Scotland.

- Since 2017, through its Decommissioning Challenge Fund, the Scottish Government has invested £12 million in 38 projects to support innovation and build capacity in the Scottish decommissioning sector.

D) Proposal: Set up a UK National Wealth Fund, which will create good, well-paying jobs by investing alongside the private sector in gigafactories, clean steel plants, renewable-ready ports, green hydrogen and energy storage.

[Redacted]

E) Proposal: Upgrade energy efficiency of up to 1.4 million homes, work with the Scottish Government on our Warm Homes Plan, ensuring that all homes are upgraded to at least EPC C within a decade – this means retrofitting up to 1.4 million homes in Scotland, creating 17,000 jobs upgrading homes for construction workers, plumbers, installers.

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F) Proposal: Within the first year of Government, establish a UK public energy generation firm, GB Energy to be headquartered in Scotland so that Labour's new public energy company can benefit from the skills and insight of the industry, and world-leading research institutes in Scotland.

[Redacted]

G) Proposal: Build over a thousand local power projects in Scotland as part of a UK-wide 8GW target for local and community energy capacity

[Redacted]

Community Benefits and Shared Ownership

- The Scottish Government wants to maximise the opportunities for community benefit and shared ownership and encourages developers to offer community benefits and community shared ownership opportunities as standard on all new renewable energy projects – including repowering and extensions to existing projects.

H) Proposal: Ensure grid delays are addressed so that the current pipeline of Scottish renewables projects be brought online as soon as possible.

[Redacted]

I) Proposal: Build resilient supply chains in Scotland by using our new British Jobs Bonus to provide specific incentives for developers that create good jobs in areas

currently reliant on energy industries, such as Scotland and the Northeast of England.

[Redacted]

- J) Proposal:** Labour have committed to not issue new licenses to explore new oil and gas fields, and to ensure continued investment in offshore infrastructure and workforce as the North Sea becomes home to new forms of energy production.

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Item 3:
Letter from Sarah Boyack MSP to Humza Yousaf FM

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Scottish Labour MSP for the Lothian Region

Rt Hon. Humza Yousaf MSP
First Minister
The Scottish Government
Sent via e-mail

June 23rd 2023

Dear Humza,

I am writing to you to express my concern that you misled Parliament regarding Labour's green investment plans during yesterday's First Minister's Questions.

In response to questioning from Anas Sarwar, you repeatedly stated a false claim that Labour has "scrapped their £28 billion green prosperity fund". This is incorrect.

Labour's [Net Zero Mission](#) clearly reiterates Labour's continued commitment to this transformative funding, pledging "to invest in Britain's future, reaching a total of £28 billion a year in the second half of the parliament at the latest. This investment will provide huge benefits for Britain, cutting bills, creating jobs and delivering energy security."

You went on to claim that Anas Sarwar supports "turning off the taps today" – again, this is entirely untrue.

Anas Sarwar and the Labour party as a whole have been clear that oil and gas will continue to play a role in our energy system for decades to come.

Given the Scottish Government's own Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan consults on a presumption against new exploration licenses for oil and gas, it is difficult to see your comments as anything other than a cynical attempt to misrepresent Labour policy.

I am sure you will agree that the public must be able to trust remarks made by politicians in the Scottish Parliament.

I believe that on this occasion you unfortunately fell short of the standard of honesty we should all uphold, and I would therefore urge you to come back to the chamber and correct the record on these flatly false claims.

I am copying this letter to the Presiding Officer, Alison Johnstone MSP.

Best wishes,
Sarah Boyack

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Extracts from Scottish Government's Draft Energy and Just Transition Consultation
Document for reference

"We are taking action across all sectors of the economy to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. The Scottish Government is clear that unlimited extraction of fossil fuels is not consistent with our climate obligations. Neither is it a solution to the energy price crisis people across Scotland are facing. We want to see the fastest possible just transition for the oil and gas sector." Page 9

Oil and Gas – Offshore

"This draft sets out our support for the fastest possible just transition for the sector and consults on the principles on which decisions for future extraction would be based. Page 13
"The UK Government has introduced a checkpoint to ensure any future licensing is compatible with the UK's climate objectives before a licensing round is offered. In line with advice from the Climate Change Committee (CCC) 6 Scottish Government policy is that climate compatibility checkpoints for oil and gas licensing should extend beyond new licensing rounds to cover fields that are consented but not yet in production. Further, we consider that any checkpoint should also include an assessment of the proposed production's contribution to international climate commitments.

"Whilst licensing is reserved to the UK Government, the Scottish Government is consulting on whether, in order to support the fastest possible and most effective just transition, there should be a presumption against new exploration for oil and gas." Page 14

Item 4:
Letter from Humza Yousaf FM to Sarah Boyack MSP

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10 July 2023

Dear Sarah

Thank you for your letter of 23 June regarding the criticisms I made in Parliament of Labour's green investment plans during First Minister's Questions on 22 of June.

I wholeheartedly agree that the public must be able to trust remarks made by politicians in the Scottish Parliament. I do however disagree with your assessment of my statements regarding Labour's green investment plans – which have been revised several times since they were initially announced.

The Labour Green Prosperity Plan was announced last September during the annual Labour party conference. It committed to £28 billion per year of investment aimed at making the UK economy greener, starting immediately upon the election of a Labour Government.

However, on 9 June Ms Reeves announced there would no longer be a £28 billion annual spend from the start of the next parliament. Investment would instead 'ramp up' to this amount 'by the second half of parliament'. This U-turn was reiterated by Keir Starmer during his speech in Edinburgh on 19 June and within the accompanying document '5 missions for a better Britain.' As such, I think it is clear that the plan to invest £28 billion annually has, as I set out in Parliament, been scrapped.

Regarding oil and gas production from the North Sea, we must ensure the fastest possible Just Transition away from oil and gas as unlimited extraction of fossil fuels is not consistent with Scotland's climate obligations, but the transition must be managed and fair, leaving no community or sector behind. I would draw your attention to the comments of your former party colleague and the former Leader and Lord Provost of Aberdeen, Barney Crockett who said, "Margaret Thatcher never delivered a more brutal put down of an industry than that delivered by Keir Starmer in Edinburgh."

The Scottish Government has committed to support the Northeast of Scotland through our £500 million Just Transition Fund, regrettably this has not been backed by the UK Government, nor to my knowledge the UK Labour Party. To quote Barney Crockett once again, referring to Keir Starmer he said, "Moreover, he avoided answering any direct question about Aberdeen. Rather, he deflected to Anas Sarwar who made no specific response about the city."

While the Green Prosperity Plan intends to 'incentivise investment in areas with current ties to oil and gas', it does not set out clear, concrete plans on how a Labour Government would deliver for current oil and gas workers or how they will be involved in decision-making. Labour's approach of trialling one version of your policy in the media only to announce a policy with significant change and gaps unsettles investors; is disrespectful to communities dependent on the industry; and provides no certainty about future direction. In contrast, we will take an evidence-based approach; listening to all stakeholders and taking communities with us on the journey to net zero.

I hope this information has been useful, and your concerns have been addressed.

HUMZA YOUSAF

Tha Ministearan na h-Alba, an luchd-comhairleachaidh sònraichte agus an Rùnaire Maireannach fo chumhachan Achd Coiteachaidh (Alba) 2016. Faicibh www.lobbying.scot
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Item 5:
Email Chain – further rebuttal – PfG Opportunity Debate

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Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 8:22 AM
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Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: FURTHER REBUTTAL - PfG Opportunity Debate - 1030 deadline

Morning Ragne,

Just to check you are content with the below lines being added. I would suggest cutting the lines in yellow if want it more focused,

Thanks
[Redacted]

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[Redacted] | Strategic Energy Projects Senior Policy Officer | Onshore Electricity, Strategy and Consents | Directorate for Energy and Climate Change | **The Scottish Government** | 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow G2 8LU

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Importance: High

[Redacted] and [Redacted] – please can you find lines on the Labour proposals for a public energy company HQ'd in Scotland – we had lines in an FMQ about a month ago if you can please fish those out? Also please can you add these:

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Pop it all in the erdm link please.

Ragne

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Adding [Redacted] for additional info on Green Skills.

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***S6M-10347.2 Daniel Johnson: Opportunity within the 2023-24 Programme for Government**—As an amendment to motion S6M-10347 in the name of Neil Gray (Opportunity within the 2023-24 Programme for Government), leave out from “while addressing” to end and insert “but regrets that after 16 years of a Scottish National Party administration, and despite the jobs and incomes at stake, a Green Industrial Strategy remains a pledge not a reality; agrees that a fair work agenda and a real living wage support all of society, particularly during a cost of living crisis; welcomes the proposed pay rise for care workers to £12 an hour, but believes that this must increase to £15 an hour during the current parliamentary session; believes that tackling the global climate emergency is the defining challenge of current times and that the necessity of climate leadership could not be more stark; calls on the Scottish Government to put a detailed plan for skills development at the heart of the just transition to net zero and efforts to restore nature; further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that growth in both the onshore and offshore wind sectors leads to growth in Scottish supply chains, jobs and incomes; welcomes the commitment by the UK Labour Party to establish a publicly-owned energy company with its headquarters in Scotland, to reduce energy bills, create good local jobs and deliver 100% clear power for the UK by 2030, and further welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to reform land ownership, but urges it to be more radical to change the land ownership profile of Scotland, including ensuring that the community right to buy works for urban and rural communities.”

***S6M-10347.1 Murdo Fraser: Opportunity within the 2023-24 Programme for Government**—As an amendment to motion S6M-10347 in the name of Neil Gray (Opportunity within the 2023-24 Programme for Government), leave out from first “recognises” to end and insert “notes that the Scottish economy contracted in the second quarter of 2022 in contrast to the wider UK economy, which grew in the same period, and that, since 2014, Scottish GDP per capita has grown on average at around one-half of the UK rate; further notes that this failure to grow the economy has real consequences for jobs, businesses and the public finances; acknowledges the language around economic growth in the Programme for Government 2023-24 and the limited measures to support growth and net zero, but regrets that these fall far short of what is required to deliver growth that at least matches the UK average, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver a package of policies that will meaningfully promote growth, including a competitive tax regime, an approach to regulation that recognises the cost to business, a national workforce plan, investment in innovation and entrepreneurship, and a commitment to improve infrastructure and connectivity, including a timetable for the dualling of the A96, and the A9 between Perth and Inverness.”

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