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[Buildings: Carbon Emissions](#)

Asked by: Davies, Geraint

To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has published recent guidance for the (a) owners and (b) operators of large buildings in Greater London on replacing ageing (i) gas boilers and (ii) combined heat and power units with zero or ultra-low emission alternatives.

Answered by: Graham Stuart | Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

The Department has not published guidance for owners or operators of large buildings in London on replacing ageing gas boilers. Powering Up Britain sets out the Government's ambition to phase out new and replacement natural gas boilers by 2035.

In September 2021, the Government issued a call for evidence – ‘Combined heat and power: pathway to decarbonisation’ – in which it sought views on potential decarbonisation options. The feedback has been published and is informing future Government policy.

UIN 185867, tabled on 30 May 2023

Carbon Emissions: Government Departments

Asked by: Offord, Dr Matthew

To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department are taking to encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing between Government Departments on reaching net zero goals.

Answered by: Graham Stuart | Department: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

The creation of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero means there is now a department dedicated to delivering on the Government's climate ambitions. The Department aligns with Cabinet committee structures; the Domestic and Economic Affairs (Energy, Climate and Net Zero) Committee ensures a coordinated approach to delivering net zero across government.

The Department works closely with counterparts across government to coordinate action, working with Cabinet Office and HM Treasury to ensure net zero goals are prioritised in Government policy and decision-making, and align with other Government priorities.

UIN 185562, 25 May 2023

Carbon Emissions

Asked by: Anderson, Fleur

To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of proposals to introduce an explicit legal duty for Ofgem to support work towards the UK's net zero targets.

Answered by: Graham Stuart | Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

On 10th May, the Government published a consultation for a Strategy and Policy Statement (SPS) for energy policy, which sets out Ofgem's role in promoting the UK's net zero targets. Ofgem will be required to have regard to the SPS, and has a statutory duty to protect consumer interests in the reduction of greenhouse gases.

UIN 184753, 11 May 2023

Chemicals: Fossil Fuels

Asked by: Cunningham, Alex

To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero what plans his Department has to help support the chemicals industry to transition away from fossil fuel feedstocks in their products.

Answered by: Graham Stuart | Department: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

The Government is supporting research that will identify opportunities for the chemicals sector to become more circular, delivering resource efficiency and waste reduction objectives throughout the chemicals supply chain. This includes support for the UKRI-funded National Interdisciplinary Centre for the Circular Chemical Economy. UKRI is also providing grants to support the use of sustainable feedstocks.

The Government has commissioned further research exploring barriers and opportunities around improving resource efficiency across UK industry, including the chemicals sector and related downstream products. This research will be published in due course, and will inform an assessment of policy options to support increased circularity.

UIN 184965, 18 May 2023

[Waste Management: Climate Change](#)

Asked by: Lord Taylor of Warwick

To ask His Majesty's Government what further plans they have for new waste management strategies to address the effects of climate change.

Answered by: Lord Benyon | Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The "*Powering Up Britain - The Net Zero Growth Plan*" published in March 2023 sets out the Government's approach to reaching net zero, including for the waste sector. Within this, the Carbon Budget Delivery Plan sets out our commitment to the near elimination of biodegradable municipal waste to landfill from 2028, through the Collection and Packaging Reforms, as well as additional policies. To that aim, we will launch a Call for Evidence shortly focused on the near elimination of biodegradable waste being sent to landfill. The Government has also committed to publish an addendum to the Resources and Waste Strategy in the summer, which will focus on net zero.

HL7607, 10 May 2023