



Maritime Parliamentary Bulletin

April 2023

The purpose of this bulletin is to update MPs and Peers on the latest developments in the UK maritime sector and to provide a forward look to opportunities within parliamentary business for positive advocacy.

Latest

Powering Up Britain and the Maritime Sector

Maritime UK notes that Powering Up Britain consolidates a number of already known existing policy announcements into a new set of policy papers, placing them into the context of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's mission of increasing the UK's energy independence and accelerating net zero.

The Government cannot afford to be anything but ambitious when it comes to charting a course towards maritime decarbonisation and a net zero economy, particularly with the US Inflation Reduction Act and the EU Green Deal, if the UK has any chance of being a leader in this sector.

Whilst we recognise the effort to bring greater coherence to its approach on these vital issues, Maritime UK urges the Government to use the Clean Maritime Plan Refresh and the Autumn Statement later in the year to instil a policy framework and commit significant funding towards delivering strategic priorities such as the roll out of shore power charging in UK ports and actively facilitating investment in proven clean energy solutions to deliver net zero vessels at pace.

The Government should also seek to engage with the maritime sector and the renewable energy industry to begin work on delivering the recommendations outlined in Maritime UK's Offshore Wind Plan, which provides a roadmap to maximise the value of offshore wind to the maritime supply chain, unlocking huge economic dividends for coastal communities across the UK.

We would be grateful if Parliamentarians would consider submitting the following suggested written questions:

Treasury

- To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps he is taking to support ports to deliver strategic net zero priorities such as the roll out of shore power charging.
- To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps he is considering for the Autumn statement that will actively facilitate investment in proven clean energy solutions to deliver net zero shipping vessels at pace.

Energy Security and Net Zero

- To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security what actions he is taking forward to support ports to deliver strategic net zero priorities such as the roll out of shore power charging and decarbonisation of the maritime industry.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero how his Department will respond to the recommendations made in Maritime UK's Offshore Wind Plan.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security if he will meet Maritime UK to discuss port infrastructure needed to deliver strategic net zero priorities for the decarbonisation of the maritime sector.

Transport

- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what discussions his department is having with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero to drive forward deliver strategic net zero priorities such as the roll out of shore power charging and decarbonisation of the maritime industry.

Science, Innovation and Technology

- Will the Secretary of State for Science, Technology and Innovation meet with Maritime UK to discuss how industry and government can make progress towards developing an R&D strategy for the maritime sector.

Recent updates from Maritime UK

- UK maritime industry leaders will come together in Liverpool in June for the fifth annual Mersey Maritime Exchange - [Liverpool Business News](#)
 - Project to restore marine habitats in Humber Estuary - [BBC News](#)
 - Southampton backed Hydrogen Consortium wins £3.8M funding - [Business Magazine](#)
 - Launch of a LEGO inspired initiative for girls in the Maritime Sector – [Cowes Enterprise College](#)
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Events for Parliamentarians

Maritime UK Parliamentary Drop In Session

Maritime UK is holding a session on Tuesday 16 May 2023 to brief parliamentarians on the importance of the Clean Maritime Plan Refresh. This will be held in Room R, Portcullis House from 9.30am - 11.30am.

The session will offer a chance for parliamentarians to meet representatives from the UK's maritime industries, which support over 1 million jobs and add £116 billion a year to the UK economy in aggregate turnover. Representatives from the maritime sector's industries in the UK – which include shipping, ports, engineering, science, leisure marine, and professional services – will be present.

The CMP Refresh is scheduled for publication in 2023. We have seen real progress for the maritime sector recently and the months ahead will be crucial to ensure that the CMP Refresh reflects the importance of infrastructure development to the UK's shipping energy transition and the wider green transport agenda.

We are grateful to Luke Pollard, MP for Plymouth Sutton and Devonport and Shadow Minister for the Armed Forces, for hosting the drop-in session.

If you would like to attend, please contact publicaffairs@maritimeuk.email.

Upcoming Parliamentary opportunities to promote maritime

Suggested questions, statements and briefing material can be provided on request.

- **Wednesday 3rd May**
 - Oral Questions (Science, Innovation and Technology)
 - Deadline: Thursday 27th April
- **Tuesday 9th May**
 - Oral Questions (Treasury)
 - Deadline: Wednesday 3rd May
- **Thursday 18th May**
 - Oral Questions (Business & Trade)
 - Deadline: Thursday 11th May
- **Tuesday 23rd May**
 - Oral Questions (Energy Security & Net Zero)
 - Deadline: Wednesday 17th May

- **Monday 5th June**
 - Oral Questions (Levelling Up)
 - Deadline: Thursday 25th May
- **Thursday 8th June**
 - Oral Questions (Transport)
 - Deadline: Thursday 25th May

Suggested Questions

Maritime UK priority: Decarbonisation

- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what timeline his department is working towards for the 2023 Clean Maritime Plan Refresh.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with Maritime UK on the Clean Maritime Plan Refresh.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology if she will meet with Maritime UK to discuss the recommendations made in Maritime UK's Offshore Wind Plan.
- Will the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation meet with Maritime UK to discuss how industry and government can make progress towards developing an R&D strategy for the maritime sector in collaboration with UK Research and Innovation, Innovate UK, and the wider catapult network.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero how his Department is working to support the maritime industries involved in the offshore wind, including for the construction of vessels in the UK to support developments and further growing UK ports as centres for manufacturing and assembly.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade to confirm whether her Department intends to engage with the maritime offshore wind sector with a view to delivering the policy aims set out in Maritime UK's Offshore Wind Plan.

We are also happy to support parliamentarians with ideas and the production of additional written questions.

Relevant Consultations and Inquiries:

Government consultations

- **Department for Energy Security and Net Zero**
 - 2nd May – Contracts for Difference Allocation Round 6: amendments to the Supply Chain Plan questionnaires
 - 10th May – Climate Change Agreements: consultation on extension and future scheme (2023)
 - 22nd May – Introducing non-price factors into the Contracts for Difference scheme: call for evidence
 - 24th May – Managing radioactive substances and nuclear decommissioning
- **Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**
 - 9th June – Technical consultation on the Infrastructure Levy
- **Maritime and Coastguard Agency**
 - 1st May – Cadet Training & Modernisation Programme Syllabus Review – Sixth Group of Consultation Templates
 - 15th May – Cadet Training & Modernisation Programme Syllabus Review – Seventh Group of Consultation Templates

Maritime UK and its members will be responding to the above consultations and inquiries. To discuss these, please contact gbuttironi@maritimeuk.org

The Maritime Sector - key messages

- Maritime **contributed a total of £116.0 billion in turnover** and **supported over 1 million jobs** (more than air and rail combined).
- Maritime is **responsible for keeping the country supplied**: 95 percent of British imports and exports in goods are moved by sea, including 25 percent of the UK's energy supply and 48 percent of food supplies. Investment is essential for maintaining these resilient supply chains that every constituent relies upon.
- **The past 18 months have seen significant developments for the maritime sector**, on Freeports, developing the National Shipbuilding Strategy Refresh, securing extension to the Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition, a successful London International Shipping Week, major contribution at COP26 and at October's Budget and Spending Review, where the Chancellor announced reforms to Tonnage Tax.
- As one of the primary sectors within the government's **ten-point plan for a green industrial revolution**, the UK maritime sector has an ambition to lead the world in developing, deploying, and exporting green maritime technologies.
- Ports **invest over £600m of private capital each year**, benefiting coastal economies through job creation and infrastructure investment.
- Maritime workers are **43% more productive** than UK average.
- Maritime is a source of **well-paid highly skilled roles**, which pay an average of £38,000 per year - £9,000 more than the national average.
- Globally, **the maritime sector will double to \$3trn by 2030**.
- In **Maritime 2050**, the UK has a strategy to become the world's most competitive maritime centre by the middle of the century.
- Maritime makes a significant contribution to **all nations and regions of the United Kingdom**.

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