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Paul's News Roundup

*Summary of the main news
and sports events over the last
three months*

Welcome to the April, May and June news and sport review. Sadly, there were further big names to pass away during the three months. There was also a lot of sports action as summer hit and Brexit was inevitably the biggest talking point. Off we go...

April News Review

The Panama Papers were released to news companies across the world. The papers related to Mossack Fonseca, an offshore law firm. The papers revealed ways

in which the wealthy can exploit offshore tax authorities. Many politicians were linked with the papers; Vladimir Putin had a trail lead to him after his best friend, cellist Sergei Roldugin, was at the heart of the papers.

There was particularly bad news for PM David Cameron after it was found his father had run an offshore investment. It was discovered the PM owned £30,000 in shares, however we were told that he sold them before he moved in to No. 10. Which obviously makes it ok!

Brexit time. Leaflets costing the tax payer £9million (most of which were probably never read and binned with other leaflets) were posted to every household urging the British public to vote to remain in the EU as the referendum debates ramped up the pressure. President Obama along with other politicians based in the EU warned that a Brexit vote would be damaging to the UK. Obama stated that Britain would be on its own if it were to leave the EU.

The department store British Home Stores (BHS), once owned by Sir Philip Green, enters administration. The store which was founded in 1928 hopes that a buyer can be found to rescue the retailer that is owned by Retail Acquisitions Ltd.

The singer and musician Prince died at the age of 57 after a fatal accidental overdose of fentanyl. The musician was best known for songs such as 'When Doves Cry', 'Purple Rain', 'Little Red Corvette', along with many others and is a huge loss to the industry.

The comedian, singer-songwriter, screenwriter and actress Victoria Wood died due to cancer at the age of 62. Wood was well known for stand-up and her acting, but also did a large amount of charity work and will be greatly missed.

April Sports Review

April sees arguably the biggest golf tournament of the year and Englishman Danny Willett claimed the green jacket, becoming only the second Englishman to win Augusta. American Jordan Speith had led the tournament for most of the week, but things changed as Speith had a quadruple-bogey at the 12th. Willett took advantage to win with a score of five-under as Speith finished joint

second with Lee Westwood on two under.

In football Rangers were promoted to the Scottish Premiership after a four year run in the lower divisions, reuniting them with long-term rivals Celtic next season.

Antonio Conte was named as the new manager of Chelsea and would begin

his tenure for the 16-17 Premier League campaign.

The West Indies beat Australia in the Women's World Twenty20 final.

Rule the World won the Grand National. The 33/1 winner was trained by Mouse Morris and the jockey was David Mullins.

Anthony Joshua became the IBF Heavyweight after hitting Charles Martin in the

second round which kept the American down leaving the referee no choice but to end the fight.

The Formula One season continued. Nico Rosberg won both the Bahrain and Chinese Grand Prix putting him top of the leader board ahead of Lewis Hamilton.

May News Review

Donald Trump became the Republican Party candidate in the US presidential election - someone save us. Voters will choose between the businessman and Democratic candidate Hilary Clinton when the country votes in November.

EgyptAir flight 804 disappeared and crashed into the Mediterranean Sea. The flight which departed Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport was headed to Cairo

International airport sent no mayday call although signals of smoke have been detected. A large scale operation to discover the black box from the plane is underway to find what happened to the aircraft.

Harmony of the Seas, the largest passenger ship in the world, set off on its maiden voyage from Saint-Nazaire in France to Southampton in England. The ship weighs over 200,000 tonnes and is over 350 metres in length.

The 61st Eurovision Song Contest took place in Sweden. For those of you that care, the winner was Jamala from 'Ukraine' with the song '1944'. Australia returned, and weren't far off winning, after taking part in the 2015 competition leaving many wondering how that exactly works out. Justin Timberlake became

the first world superstar to perform during the interval as the singer sang 'Rock your body' and his new single 'Can't Stop the Feeling'.

The last day of the Premier League (more below) saw Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United, evacuated after a bomb threat. United were set to play Bournemouth in their last game of the season, however the game was called off after a bomb scare. The device was found in the toilets in the north-west of the stadium. It later transpired the bomb was a training device left by a private company that had been carrying out a training exercise (bad mistake). The match was rescheduled for the Tuesday, with Man Utd winning 2-1.

May Sports Review

Football first. Leicester won the Premier League title defying the odds of 5000/1. Aston Villa, Newcastle United and Norwich City were the three teams to be relegated, while Arsenal finished second, Tottenham third and Man City fourth. Man Utd finished fifth, Liverpool finished

sixth and the previous champions Chelsea finished tenth after a turbulent season. Burnley, Hull and Middlesbrough will all be in the Premier League next season after claiming first, second and third in the Championship.

Real Madrid beat rivals Atletico Madrid in the Champions League final. The match went to penalties after the two teams were drawing 1-1; Madrid won 5-3 as Ronaldo scored the winner. Liverpool lost their hopes of becoming Europa league winners as they lost 3-1 against Sevilla. Man Utd won the FA cup as they beat Crystal Palace 2-1, it was thought the win may secure Van Gaal his job as Man Utd manager after an up-and-down role since succeeding David Moyes, however the club and manager parted

ways after the game. Jose Mourinho was somewhat unsurprisingly announced as the new manager, meaning the long running rivalry between Mourinho and Guardiola will continue next season.

Mark Selby won the World Snooker Championships after beating Ding Junhui 18 frames to 14 at the crucible.

Nico Rosberg won the Russian Grand Prix early in the month increasing the Germans lead in the championship. Max Verstappen became the youngest ever winner of a Grand Prix as he won the Spanish race. Then came the one everyone wants to watch; Monaco, where Lewis Hamilton got back on track with a win rekindling his plans of retaining the title.

June News Review

It was referendum time as Britain went to the polls to decide whether to stay in or leave the EU. Days before the referendum Jo Cox MP, a remain supporter, was murdered in her constituency by a man who was heard shouting 'Britain first' as he shot the MP, our thoughts are with her family. On the 23rd June Britain voted out of the EU with 52% percent of the vote. It was widely thought that the remain campaign would win, but the shock result was announced early on Friday 24th. Scotland, Northern Ireland and London were the only areas to have a larger percentage vote for remain. The result means that Scotland are likely to hold another independence referendum as the country voted to remain in the EU.

David Cameron announced his resignation as Prime Minister after the result, but has vowed to stay on until a successor is decided. The result also left much of the Labour party insisting that Jeremy Corbyn also resign as leader of their party (at the time of writing he remains leader). The pound dropped significantly at the time of the announcement, although it did begin to strengthen as the day went on. Further information about the impact of a Brexit will be discussed in a later edition of Government World.

Muhammed Ali the legendary boxer and activist died at the age of 74. The man many consider to be the greatest boxer of all time had battled with Parkinson's disease for over thirty years. As well as his boxing career which spawned such fights as the 'Rumble in the Jungle' and the 'Thrilla in Manilla', Ali also became known for being outspoken. He refused to take part in the Vietnam War and followed the beliefs of his mentor Malcolm X. After retiring from boxing, Ali dedicated his life to charity and religious work. Like many who have

unfortunately passed away this year, Ali is a true icon and his legend will live on for centuries to come.

British Home Stores (BHS) failed to find a buyer for the department store leaving no option but to begin winding down its operations.

Head office staff were made redundant after the announcement, while stores have been left open to sell off remaining stock. The company has debts in excess of £1 billion.

Glastonbury 2016 kicked off festival season in the UK. This year's headliners were Muse, Adele and Coldplay. The so-called legends slot on Sunday was filled with Jeff Lynne's ELO. Other acts included New Order, Last Shadow Puppets, Earth, Wind and Fire, Guy Garvey, Gregory Porter and even a DJ set

from Steve Davis (yes, snooker player Steve Davis).

Microsoft bought the social network LinkedIn for \$26.2 billion.

June Sports Review

June saw the beginning of the European Football championships. While the final matches and results will be in the next edition (as the tournament finishes in July) we'll review what we know so far. England have been knocked out after losing to Iceland, this subsequently led to Roy Hodgson resigning as England Manager. Wales are the only home nation left in the tournament at the time of writing. While Northern Ireland won their first ever game in Euro tournament history with a 2-0 win over the Ukraine.

On the darker side of the tournament there have been riots in various places in France, most notably was an organised attack on England fans as Russian fans broke through into the England fan area after their first match. Russian ultras claimed responsibility over the riots raising questions over whether the country should host the World Cup in two years time.

Lionel Messi, who many consider to be the greatest footballer in the world, retired from international football after Argentina lost 4-2 to Chile after the 0-0 game went to penalties.

The tennis French Open at Roland Garros saw Novak Djokovic beat Andy Murray in four sets to claim the men's title and Garbine Murguruza beat Serena Williams in two sets to win the women's title.

In other tennis news Maria Sharapova was suspended for two years by the International Tennis Federation after she failed a drug test at the 2016 Australian Open.

Wimbledon began at the end of the month and going into July men's favourite Novak Djokovic along with Andy Murray and Roger Federer were all still in with a chance of winning, while both Venus and Serena Williams were still aiming for an all sister final.

Anthony Joshua successfully defended his heavyweight title after knocking out his opponent Dominic Breazeale in the seventh round.

In golf, June saw the US Open get underway at Oakmont Country Club. The championship was won by Dustin Johnson after he finished five under for the tournament. Jim Furyk, Shane Lowry and Scott Piercy were tied for second on one under.

A day by day breakdown of the news can be found at the back of the magazine'

UK consumers better off in EU as roaming charges down to near zero

Consumers are now better off in Europe as mobile phone roaming charges across the EU are slashed to nearly zero, in preparation for full abolition next year.

The changes come after strong UK leadership inside the European Union, which delivered a better deal for consumers – who will save up to 65 per cent on their calls from May.

From June 2017 all roaming charges across the EU will be abolished, after the UK led the charge in securing agreement across Europe as part of the single market in telecoms.

Digital Economy Minister Ed Vaizey said:

“From May, UK consumers who use their mobiles while in the EU will see their bills slashed further. If you are making a phone call in Paris or Barcelona, you are quite literally better off inside the European Union – because

strong UK leadership secured a better deal for consumers.

“And from next year, roaming charges will be abolished entirely. The truth is: if you want the certainty of lower phone charges across Europe, along with economic security more broadly, you are better off in a reformed EU.”

The changes will see the current price capping for roaming within the EU replaced by a maximum surcharge for roaming services, which may be charged in addition to domestic charges.

The maximum surcharge for outgoing calls will be no more than €0.05 (about 4p) per minute, incoming calls will be no more than €0.014 (less than a penny) per minute, texts will be priced €0.02 per message (about a penny) and data will be priced €0.05 per megabyte (about 4p).

From June 2017 the surcharge will be removed altogether, and

using your mobile anywhere in Europe will cost no more than when at home, saving UK consumers up to 38p per minute on calls and potentially up to £1.4 billion a year in roaming charges.



A cause for celebration! From June 2017 all roaming charges across the EU will be abolished.

Sharp manufacturing decline points to slowing growth in first quarter

- Manufacturing output in February 2016 was -1.1% on the month, and -1.8% on the year
- Total industrial production in February 2016 was -0.3% on the month, and -0.5% on the year

Commenting on the UK Index of Production figures for February 2016, published by the ONS, David Kern, BCC Chief Economist, said:

“The worse than expected manufacturing figures for February reinforce our assessment that GDP growth in the first quarter of 2016 will show a slowdown compared with the fourth quarter.

“A healthy manufacturing base remains critical for the UK economy in areas such as productivity, innovation and exports. While the UK manufacturing sector still retains key areas of strength, more effort is needed to help the sector compete against global headwinds, which will enable us to retain a vibrant manufacturing base to support future economic growth.”

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Welsh firms to flex mussels in Brussels



Six companies are travelling to Brussels at the end of this month, all flying the flag for Welsh food and drink, to exhibit before more than 25,000 buyers and suppliers from 150 countries around the world.

The Deputy Minister said,

“We know the quality of Welsh food and drink is up there with the best in the world, and having a presence at events such as the Global Seafood EXPO gives us a great platform to promote this.

“Wales has a remarkable range of highly innovative Seafood producers, who

are making their mark internationally and whose brands are renowned across the globe for their high quality and for the sustainable way in which they are produced. This is also evident in the number of Welsh produce securing Protected Food Name (PFN) status, which includes Anglesey Sea Salt.

“We are aiming to grow the Food and Drink industry in Wales by 30% to £7 billion by the year 2020 by working in partnership with industry and I hope attending events like this can provide an international platform to showcase the very best

Wales has to offer, as well as raise the profile of our brand.”

The food and drink industry is one of the Welsh Government’s key economic priority sectors, and fisheries play an important role in this. We are supporting the fisheries sector to develop and move in positive new directions, embracing new technology and advancements in research and development to put Wales at the forefront of sustainable food production.

In 2015, shellfish cultivation alone in Wales was valued at £12m and around 80 per cent of Welsh seafood is exported to the continent where the Welsh catch is highly prized. Our long term strategy for the development of Wales’ fisheries commits us to safeguarding, supporting and encouraging the industry.

Queen’s Speech reaction

Commenting on the 2016 Queen’s Speech, Dr Adam Marshall, Acting Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), said:

“Businesses will see the merit in many of the bills announced in the Queen’s Speech, particularly the commitment to high-speed broadband for all households and business premises. If implemented in full and at pace, this could go some way to improving the poor digital connectivity that far too many firms face.

“Yet on most of the issues where business is impatient for action, what’s needed are big decisions – not new legislation.

“Businesses want decisive action to boost aviation capacity, help companies plug skills gaps, and stop the steady drip of new taxes and costs piled on their bottom lines at a time of significant uncertainty.

“Firms want to see bold and decisive steps from government after the EU referendum – whatever the outcome – to help Britain get back to business.”

Prince Harry unveils the UK team for the Invictus Games 2016



Prince Harry of Wales during the Invictus Games in London on Sept. 11, 2014. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Andrew Lee)

Prince Harry, patron of the Invictus Games Foundation, unveiled the team at Buckingham Palace this morning. He met the team and posed for the first official team photograph.

More than 180 Wounded, Injured and Sick (WIS) personnel and veterans tried out for one of the 110

places available on the UK team. The selection process was based on the benefit the Invictus Games will give an individual as part of their recovery, combined with performance and commitment to training.

Getting involved in sport helps with self-confidence and feeling psychologically empowered. Significant physical and mental health benefits can be translated outside of sport and into everyday life.

The UK delegation to the Invictus Games 2016 is being delivered by a partnership comprising the Ministry of Defence, Help for Heroes, and the Royal British Legion.

Defence Secretary Michael Fallon said:

“Everyone selected for the UK team can be proud of what they have achieved as

they prepare for success in Orlando. The MOD is once again backing this superb event and I look forward to being there to see our personnel and veterans demonstrate their fighting spirit.”

The team will compete in 10 sports: athletics, archery wheelchair basketball, road cycling, powerlifting, indoor rowing, wheelchair rugby, swimming, sitting volleyball, and a new sport for 2016, wheelchair tennis.

The 2016 UK team captain has been named as former Army Captain David Wiseman. He was shot by the enemy when commanding a small British Infantry team embedded within the Afghan National Army in Nad-e Ali district, in Helmand province in 2009.

A bullet entered his shoulder and travelled the length of his torso and hit his ribs. The bullet came to rest in his

right lung, where it resides to this day. Capt Wiseman was diagnosed with PTSD in 2012, a condition which is now manageable but still a part of his day-to-day life.

He said:

“I have a huge emotional attachment to the Invictus Games and could not be prouder to have been selected to Captain the UK Team at Orlando 2016. The reason for my pride?

“I think the Invictus Games is a shining example of what this community can achieve, a group of individuals from around the world coming together in order to show everyone that beyond injury, they can achieve the extraordinary.”

The team launch also marked the official handover of the Invictus Games flag from Prince Harry to US team captain, Will Reynolds, signifying the handover from London to Orlando.

The Invictus Games 2016 are being held in Orlando, Florida at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex from 8 to 12 May 2016.

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Extended tax averaging for farmers starts

Under the new rules, initially announced in the 2015 Budget, farmers will be able to average their profits for Income Tax purposes from two years to five years.

The latest move will help farmers with fluctuating profits better manage risk and the impact of global volatility which has become an inherent feature of the agricultural industry.

Environment Secretary Elizabeth Truss said:

“Food and farming is already a vital part of the UK economy, generating £100 billion and supporting one in eight jobs. Our ambition is to make the industry a world leader, turbo-charged by talent, skills and innovation so it can capitalise on the growing demand for, and excellent reputation of, British produce.

“Managing risk at a time of

severe price volatility is vital. By remaining in the EU we avoid years of complication and uncertainty and can help build greater resilience in the supply chain.

“Having a tax system that accommodates the realities faced by farmers in a way that is simple to understand and use will also give farmers a vital tool to thrive in the face of volatility.”

Chancellor George Osborne said:

“A resilient and thriving food and farming industry is fundamental to the success of the UK economy. This government recognises the challenges our farmers face from volatile markets and we are absolutely committed to supporting them.

“The reforms will provide farmers with additional security to plan and invest for the future, allowing them to

spread profits over a longer period of time. Over 29,000 farmers can benefit from the changes, saving an average of £950 a year.

“The fairer tax system for farmers is among a number of reforms to taxes, National Insurance allowances and others measures coming into effect to back hard work, support savers and economic security at every stage of life.”

As well as having the new option to average tax over five years, farmers will also retain the choice to average profits over two years.

The dual option, announced in December, follows industry feedback in consultation over how to deliver the extension that the two-year option was well understood and had provided significant relief to farmers dealing with financial pressures.

For more information on this news story contact the Defra Press Office on 0208 026 4049.



New penalties to crack down on fly-tipping

Anyone caught illegally dumping waste could soon face an on-the spot penalty of up to £400, the Environment Minister Rory Stewart has announced.

From Monday 9 May local authorities will be given greater powers to tackle the crime by issuing penalty notices of between £150 and £400 to those caught in the act of fly-tipping anything from old fridges or sofas to garden waste or rubble.

Introducing fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping is the latest move in a government crackdown on waste crime, which costs the economy millions of pounds a year in clean-up costs, undermines legitimate business, and poses serious risks to our environment.



Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs Rory Stewart MP

Environment Minister Rory Stewart said:

“It’s beyond me that anyone feels it’s acceptable to simply dump their waste by the road – whether in our cities or our countryside. The new fixed penalty notices will provide local authorities with another tool to crack down on the selfish individuals who blight our neighbourhoods and ruin our beautiful landscape.

“The fines will also act as a deterrent and we will continue to work with local authorities to tackle the root cause of the crime and change the mentality of the few who commit it.”

While acting as a deterrent, the fixed penalty notices will also save local authorities time and money in punishing offenders as they will provide a quicker alternative to prosecuting fly-tippers through the courts. However, prosecutions will remain an option for local authorities in punishing large scale waste criminals.

The introduction of the fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping was a manifesto commitment and comes ahead of the forthcoming launch of our national litter strategy.

Fall in inflation reinforces case for low interest rates

- The Consumer Prices Index rose by 0.3% in the year to April 2016, down from 0.5% in the year to March.
- Falls in air fares and prices for clothing and vehicles were the main contributors to the decrease in the rate. These downward pressures were partly offset by rising prices for motor fuels and recreational goods.

Commenting on the UK inflation figures for April 2016, published by the ONS, David Kern, BCC Chief Economist, said:

“After last month’s bigger than expected rise in the inflation rate, April’s fall will ease concerns that inflationary pressures may be strengthening. The weakening in service price inflation to less than 2.5%, and goods price inflation remaining in negative territory, reinforces the subdued outlook for inflation.

“While the Bank of England’s current monetary policy is conducive to maintaining stability, boosting business confidence will require much greater efforts on the part of the government to support growth at a time when the economy faces many headwinds.”

3D Printing

Part One: The basics

By Paul Bazeley



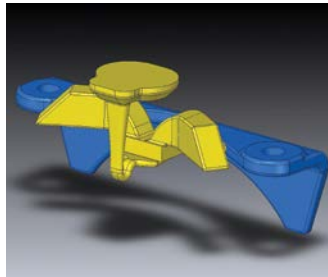
The VX2000 is a 3D printer for industrial applications

In part one of our series about 3D printing we talk about what it is and some of the potential issues we may face.

What is 3D printing?

Put simply: 3D printing, also known as additive manufacturing or desktop fabrication, is a way to make solid objects out of digital files.

How does it work?



CAD model used for 3D printing.
Source: Wikipedia

To start 3D printing you must have a digital design file of what you plan to print. To create the design

you can do one of two things: one, you can use a modelling application to create the file; or two, you can use a 3D scanner to create a digital copy of the object. After the design is created you will have built a 3D model of what you are planning to print, however before it can be printed the model must be sliced. Slicing is where the 3D model is divided (or sliced) into thousands of horizontal layers, this is achieved using software. When the model has been sliced it can then be sent to the 3D printer. As soon as the file is uploaded the object will be printed layer by layer (or slice by slice) to create the 3D object.

What materials can be used to print the objects?

There are several options in terms of materials to

choose from and most of the time it will depend on the printer being used. While it is often believed that plastic is the main option or only option for 3D printing (I did a small survey of friends) there is actually a wider



Guardians of Time by Manfred Kielnhofer, 3D printing polished nickel steel by Shapeways in 2014. Source: Wikipedia

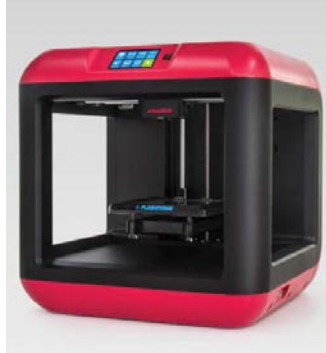
choice than you may think. Obviously plastic is the go-to option for the majority of 3D printers, particularly the cheaper versions, but higher end 3D printers can use a variety of materials such as: powders, resins, stainless steel, bronze, wax, titanium, ceramic, brass, silver, gold and even food (yes, 3D printed chocolate is a thing).

What are the applications?

3D printing has many applications and the list seems to be growing rapidly. The medical industries are embracing 3D printing technologies to create many different things, such as implants, hearing aids and even dental work. The aerospace and automotive sectors are also adopting the use of 3D printing technology, although mainly for prototyping at this stage there are many who believe they will have real-world applications in the future. 3D printing has also been used in architecture to build detailed models of building etc. Other industries such as fashion, food and art are beginning to take advantage of the options 3D printing can offer and there are other applications

are being thought of all the time.

How much are they?



The Flashforge Finder sub £400 3D printer

That really depends on how much money you have available and what you are planning on using it for. You can buy a basic 3D printer for around £300 to a few thousand. However, in industrial terms they vary from tens of thousands of pounds up to hundreds of thousands and possibly more.

What is the future?

It's safe to say the future of 3D printing is set to be substantial. With 3D printers expected to come down in price as the years go by home printing will become more and more common. While large industries are already experimenting, and smaller industries are beginning to experiment with the possibilities 3D printing may offer, it does seem inevitable that this will impact the nature of manufacturing and trade in some way and that 3D printing will become a bigger part of our lives.

Are there any concerns?

Yes. As mentioned above 3D printing is likely to impact manufacturing and trade and many are unsure whether this will be good or bad thing.

The media has also been very quick to highlight the dangers 3D printing may pose as some may begin to print 3D guns and other weapons. There is also the issue of copyright as some believe that 3D printing will increase the amount of counterfeit items. Others have raised the possibility of 3D printed drugs, although this seems a long way off. 3D printers also use a large amount of energy to operate and the emissions they create could also pose a health risk.

Finally, although there are many materials that can be used in 3D printing, the majority of printers rely on plastics, something environmentalists have been trying to reduce over recent years.

There you have it; this is the very basics of 3D printing. In the next issue we will delve a little deeper into the world of 3D printing.

Securing the UK's electricity supply

The Government is taking action to ensure the UK's long-term energy security as it builds a system of energy infrastructure fit for the 21st century.

Following a consultation launched in March, a package of reforms to the Capacity Market has been confirmed. The Capacity Market is the UK's principal tool to ensure we have secure supplies of electricity.

The Government is taking action to ensure the UK's long-term energy security as it builds a system of energy infrastructure fit for the 21st century.

It is driving down costs and securing electricity at the lowest possible price for bill-payers. It gives market participants a payment

to ensure there is enough electricity available during peak times in the winter.

Responses to the March consultation reflected clear support from industry and investors for three key reforms which will ensure the Capacity Market continues to deliver energy security:

- Buying more electricity and buying it earlier;
- Toughening sanctions for firms which go back on their Capacity Market agreements;
- Bringing forward the Capacity Market by one year to the winter of 2017/2018.

In light of these responses, the Government has set out its intention to hold an auction this winter for delivery in 2017/2018 and will proceed with its other core proposals in the consultation, giving both bill-payers and the energy industry more certainty for the coming winters.

This will better safeguard our energy security so we can protect families and businesses from spikes in energy costs in the future.

Sturgeon's 'con' on business supertax

Ruth Davidson has hit out at SNP plans to land every ordinary mid-sized Scottish firm with massive new rates – warning it will only hamper efforts to grow jobs and help Scotland's economy.



Ruth Davidson MSP

On last night's TV debate, Nicola Sturgeon tried to play down the impact of the new tax by claiming it will only hit multinationals such as RBS and Amazon.

In fact, the new tax will impact nearly 30,000 Scottish business premises including high street shops, distilleries, and mid-sized Scottish firms such as confectionery firm Tunnock's and Stirling-based Graham's dairies.

In total, one in eight business premises will be affected by the new tax, adding an extra £60 million onto their rates bill.

It means that such firms now face paying a thumping 51 per cent tax rate on the rateable value of their property – making Scotland less competitive compared to the rest of the United Kingdom.

Earlier this week, five

leading trade bodies joined forces to protest against the move, saying it would stifle jobs and investment.

Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson said:

"Nicola Sturgeon tried to con people on TV last night by claiming this SNP tax will only hit multi-nationals and banks.

"The truth is that her new supertax is targeted at thousands of local Scottish firms, hotels and shops.

"These firms aren't multinationals, they are the lifeblood of local communities the length and breadth of Scotland.

"And now the SNP wants to milk them with a 50 per cent tax on their properties which will only limit their ability to hire a new apprentice or invest in staff.

"At a time when unemployment has shot up by 20,000, taking an extra £60 million in tax out of the economy is the wrong choice and deeply irresponsible.

"We need to give help to job creators. Instead, the SNP is going down the path of job destruction.

"Nicola Sturgeon needs to think again – and as a strong opposition, we will demand she does so."

Notes to editors:

1 in 8 premises are affected, There are 223,000 rated properties across Scotland, which means that around 29,000 rated over £35,000 will be affected.

These firms will now pay a tax rate of 51% of their rateable value in tax – which is now higher than in England where the large business supplement is 1.3p. This breaks the SNP pledge to ensure rates are aligned with England.

Illegal anglers ‘blitzed’ in rod licence crack down

Environment Agency enforcement officers were out in force over the May Day bank holiday weekend in a bid to catch those anglers who fish without a rod licence.

Every year, nearly 1 million anglers fish legally, respecting each other and the sport. The money they pay to buy a licence supports fish, fisheries and fishing and protects the future of the sport. A small number of anglers refuse to buy a licence, cheating the sport and their fellow anglers.

Over the three-day weekend enforcement blitz, officers saw 315 anglers fishing legally at 43 locations across Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. Officers used

their local knowledge to catch offenders and in total 19 were reported for fishing without a valid licence.

For the minority who flout the rules, the most common offence is fishing without a valid licence. Fishing without a valid licence could land you with a fine of up to £2,500 and a criminal record.

Over the bank holiday weekend, across England, Environment Agency enforcement officers checked 3127 and reported 247 for fishing illegally.

Overall, last year, enforcement officers in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire checked 6255 licences and reported 295 anglers for fishing illegally.

Last year in England, the Environment Agency checked over 62,000 rod licences and prosecuted more than 1,900 anglers for rod and line offences resulting in fines and costs in excess of £500,000.

Mark Revill, Enforcement Team Leader for Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire said;

“We are passionate about making the sport of angling the best it can be and we take our job of protecting angling, fisheries and the environment very seriously. The vast majority of anglers who fish legally deserve to see those who flout the law brought to account. To that criminal minority our message is clear; we won’t hesitate to take action to stop illegal fishing.

“Nearly 1 million anglers have a rod licence and

legally enjoy the sport of fishing; we’re urging everyone to get their licence online before they next go fishing.”

Any angler aged 12 or over, fishing on a river, canal or still water needs a licence. A full rod licence costs from just £27 (concessions available). You can buy your rod licence online from the Post Office here, at your local Post Office or by phoning 0344 800 5386.

Money from rod licence sales is invested in England’s fisheries, and is used to fund a wide range of projects to improve facilities for anglers including; protecting stocks from illegal fishing, pollution and disease, restoring fish stocks through restocking, eradicate invasive species, and fish habitat improvements. Rod licence money is also used to fund the Angling Trust to provide information about fishing and to encourage participation in the sport.

To help crack down on unlicensed fishing the Environment Agency urges anyone to report illegal activity by calling the Environment Agency Incident Hotline on 0800 80 70 60 or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Water release at Wimbleball Reservoir to help young salmon



More than 300,000,000 litres of water will be released over 3 days to aid salmon smolt migration downstream. The Environment Agency asks South West Water, who manage the reservoir with Wessex Water, to release the water.

The release is a mitigation measure resulting from the construction of Wimbleball Lake in the 1970s.

It is particularly useful to do this in the spring, if there are low flow levels, to assist the salmon smolts to move down river towards the sea. This helps encourage them to migrate without delay, protecting them from predation.

Stuart Hunter, for the Environment Agency, said:

“To give England’s salmon populations greater resilience, we are working with partners to maximise the output of healthy smolts from our rivers. We recognise that there is much more to be done and we will continue to work with our partners to safeguard England’s salmon populations.

“It is through working together that we can give salmon a much needed helping hand. This type of operation is a regular occurrence, along with one in December, to aid upstream fish migration for spawning, and it compensates for the impact to the River Haddeo, a tributary of the River Exe, from Wimbleball reservoir.

“This amount of water being released on Exmoor will equate to a rise of just a few centimetres by the time it gets to Exeter. But this is

still enough, particularly in periods of prolonged low flows, to give salmon the incentive to move downstream.

“We decide when and if the releases will be used. Timing is crucial and is largely dependent on flow and temperature, which dictate when smolts are ready to begin their downstream migration. We also often make a summer release to encourage adult salmon to migrate from the estuary into the river to begin their journey to their spawning grounds in the upper reaches of the River Exe. We make sure that key landowners and users of the river are advised of this release of water before it happens.”

James King, Director of Operations, Water Resources and Production, South West Water, said:

“We are delighted to be able to assist the Environment Agency in their efforts to support the migration of young salmon in this way. We are in the fortunate position in our region to have a very strong water resource storage position which means plentiful water supplies for customers and the ability to support environmental activities such as this.”

UK's £200 million polar research ship named in honour of Sir David Attenborough

- UK's £200 million polar research ship to be named after Sir David Attenborough, days before the broadcaster's 90th birthday
- "Boaty McBoatface" to live on as the name of the ship's high-tech remotely operated undersea vehicle, following a public call for ideas
- new Polar Explorer programme launched to engage young people and inspire the scientists, engineers and explorers of the future

A £200 million state-of-the-art polar research ship is to be named after world renowned naturalist and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough, the Science Minister Jo Johnson has confirmed (6 May 2016).

Following a call for suggestions that sparked global interest, Royal Research Ship Sir David Attenborough has been selected as a name that captures the ship's scientific

mission and celebrates the broadcaster's contribution to natural science.

The decision to name the ship after Sir David Attenborough comes only days before Sir David's 90th birthday and is in recognition of his legacy in British broadcasting, inspiring a love of the natural world over generations. In a career spanning 6 decades, Sir David has presented critically acclaimed wildlife documentaries on the BBC including The Blue Planet, Planet Earth and Frozen Planet.

Reflecting the global interest that the campaign drew, Jo Johnson has also confirmed the popular suggestion Boaty McBoatface will live on as the name of one of the high-tech remotely operated sub-sea vehicles. The "Boaty" sub-sea vehicle will be dispatched from RRS Sir David Attenborough to allow the ship's research crew to collect data and samples from the deepest waters of the Arctic

and Antarctic.

Universities and Science Minister Jo Johnson said:

"The public provided some truly inspirational and creative names, and while it was a difficult decision I'm delighted that our state-of-the-art polar research ship will be named after one of the nation's most cherished broadcasters and natural scientists.

"This vessel will carry the Attenborough name for decades to come, as it fulfils its mission to explore the oceans and put Britain at the forefront of efforts to preserve our precious marine environment.

"The ship has captured the imaginations of millions, which is why we're ensuring that the Boaty name lives on through the sub-sea vehicle that will support the research crew, and the polar science education programme that will bring their work to life."

Sir David Attenborough said:

"I am truly honoured by this naming decision and hope that everyone who suggested a name will feel just as inspired to follow the ship's progress as it explores our polar regions. I have been privileged to explore the world's deepest oceans alongside amazing teams of researchers, and with this new polar research ship they will be able to go further and discover more than ever before."

Building on the interest in polar science generated by the naming process, Jo Johnson has also announced that the government will be investing up to £1 million in a new Polar Explorer programme to engage young people and inspire the scientists, engineers and explorers of the future.

The £200 million ship, being built in the UK on Merseyside, is due to set sail in 2019. Tonne for tonne, it will provide the UK with the most advanced floating research fleet in the world, conducting vital research into the world's oceans and how we address climate change.

As the biggest commercial shipbuilding contract in Britain, the construction of RRS Sir David Attenborough is supporting 400 jobs and 60 apprenticeships.

Imaging techniques to identify food adulteration: proof of concept using pasta

Scientists from the Government Chemist programme have recently published a peer-reviewed paper in the journal of Food and Nutrition Sciences describing the application of imaging techniques as non-destructive approaches to food authenticity testing.

Food adulteration presents a significant challenge to the food industry. Adulteration is typically performed for financial gain, for example by substituting cheaper ingredients for more expensive versions, or providing false or inaccurate descriptions on the label.

To ensure the consumer receives what they are paying for and to satisfy



regulators, foods must be tested to ensure their authenticity.

Pasta products are typically based on durum wheat, a more costly wheat species considered to be ideal for pasta.

EC regulation allows up to 3 % contamination with alternative species, such as common wheat, without further labelling requirements. Authentication of pasta is currently performed

using molecular biology-based techniques. These techniques focus on DNA as the target analyte and, although effective, are time consuming, destructive, and require significant specialist training.

Using the adulteration of pasta as a model example, the paper by Wilkes et al (Food and Nutrition Sciences (2016) 7:355-361, doi:10.4236/fns.2016.75037) shows the application of multispectral

and hyperspectral imaging techniques to food authenticity testing. This feasibility study demonstrated that these imaging techniques were capable of rapidly distinguishing between durum wheat and the adulterant common wheat variety and assigning percentage adulteration levels.

The results outlined in this paper demonstrate the potential for spectral imaging-based adulteration testing of seeds and grains to augment existing standard molecular approaches for food authenticity testing, providing a fast, non-destructive and high throughput approach.

Funding

Funding for this work was provided through the UK Department for Environment, Food & Rural affairs (Defra project FA0136 “Feasibility study for using rapid and automated spectral imaging for food authenticity testing”) and the UK Department for Business, Innovation & Skills as part of the Government Chemist Programme 2014-2017.

Tackling unlicensed commercial fishing

The report, 'Business opportunities in a changing climate', combines evidence from Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) surveys of UK firms with new insights from interviews with leading businesses in the UK.

The report's key findings include:

- 86% of companies identified one or more climate-related risks
- 34% of the climate risks identified are being managed using a low-cost, 'business-as-usual' approach
- 33% of the opportunities identified are expected to arise within 3 years
- Approximately 1 opportunity was identified for every 3 risks reported

Other findings from the

report are that 44% of companies do not know the financial costs of climate impacts and that 62% of the market opportunities identified by companies related to increased demand for existing and new products and services.

The report shows that UK businesses are already exploring the opportunities that planning for climate change brings and highlights a range of benefits; from effectively protecting vital assets, to maintaining business continuity, and even gaining a competitive advantage. Much of this work is happening within 'business-as-usual' budgets, and with no need for extra funding, staff and skills.

The UK has world-class expertise in this field with sectors such as manufacturing, finance and insurance,

environmental and engineering consultancy, and construction already exporting products and services globally to help clients manage climate change impacts. Demand for these products and services will continue to grow, the report concludes.

The Environment Agency's Acting Chair Emma Howard Boyd comments in the report:

Planning now for the impacts of severe weather and a changing climate makes good business sense and can have immediate benefits. For instance, if businesses can keep trading during severe weather they will not only retain customers, they may have the chance to win new ones.

We want UK businesses to be resilient to extreme weather to, be prepared for future risks, and to seek opportunities, where they can, from a changing climate.

Osborne's faltering recovery is built on sand

Seema Malhotra MP, Labour's Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury responding to the Index of Production figures out in May showing a decrease in UK production, said:

"The further decline in manufacturing output shows once again that George Osborne's faltering recovery is built on sand. He has failed to rebalance the economy. These figures show that manufacturing companies, in particular, are being hit hard by Osborne's poor long term planning. At the same time he has failed to effectively tackle the tax evasion and aggressive tax avoidance. We need fairness for companies playing by the rules and investment in the infrastructure that British businesses are crying out for.

"This is yet another warning shot to Osborne. The Government must now bring forward a serious industrial strategy to support the high-wage, high-tech industries of the future."

Academies - a humiliating climb down for David Cameron and his Education Secretary

Lucy Powell MP, Labour's Shadow Education Secretary, commenting on the government's u-turn on forced academisation said:

"It is welcome news that the Tory Government has finally listened to Labour and the alliance of head teachers, parents and local government who opposed these plans, and dropped the forced academisation of all schools. It is frankly a humiliating climb down for David Cameron and his Education Secretary, who just weeks ago were insisting they would plough on with the policy regardless.

"There remain enormous challenges facing our

schools under the Tories, and their fixation with structures has distracted school leaders and created panic in the schools system, at the expense of raising standards. Ministers must urgently tackle the serious problems they have created in education, including school budgets falling in real terms for the first time in twenty years, chronic shortages of teachers, not enough good school places, and chaos and confusion in the exams system. This Government's failed approach to education is letting down our children and will hold back young people for years to come."



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The Travellers Club



The Travellers Club, 106 Pall Mall, London. Source: Wikipedia

The Travellers Club has been situated in its current location at 106 Pall Mall since 1832. The club had first moved from its original premises in 12 Waterloo Place to 49 Pall Mall in 1821 and as membership grew, decided to spend £25,000 on the purpose built club house that is still

in use today.

The building was designed by Sir Charles Barry, who was the architect for the Houses of Parliament and was based on the style of a Renaissance Palace.

The Travellers Club was first formed in 1819 primarily

by the Statesman Lord Castlereagh. Following the end of the Napoleonic Wars, Europe became a safer place to visit and the club was created to accommodate gentlemen who 'travelled' and provide them with a place to meet and offer hospitality to foreign visitors of distinction.

The original rules excluded anyone "who has not travelled out of the British islands to a distance of at least five hundred miles from London in a direct line"

Today's rules are slightly more relaxed although candidates are still required to list four foreign countries they have visited before being considered.

The club has had many prominent members over the years, including Prime Ministers, members of parliament, diplomats,

scientists, astronomers, authors, explorers, industrialists and of course royalty.

Pall Mall is famous for its gentleman's clubs, which were originally founded as men only clubs by the British upper classes in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The area itself is named after a ball game similar to croquet which was introduced from France to England in the early 17th century and London's first Pall Mall court was laid out in the area that now bears its name.

Many clubs were characterised by their members interests, i.e. Politics, travel, art, science etc and of these only the Reform, Athenaeum and the Travellers Clubs remain in use to this day.

In modern times the rules of the Travellers Club have been relaxed slightly to allow women in as guests (hurrah for progress) but the dress code remains formal with jacket and tie although national dress is allowed.

If only the English had a national dress...

Statement by the Welsh First Minister: EU Referendum result

The country has taken a fundamental decision. I am deeply disappointed with the result.



Carwyn Jones AM, member of the National Assembly for Wales.

This was a referendum I was never convinced we should have – not because I object to the democratic decision taken – but because of its timing so soon after elections and I always feared that the debate would never really

be about the EU.

This argument has not been one that represents a great advert for our political discourse in Britain.

But, a decision has been taken. And we must respect that.

Just last month I was elected First Minister and the head of the Welsh Government – I promised then, and I repeat, I will be the First Minister for the whole of Wales. No matter how you voted yesterday, no matter how you voted in May, this Welsh Government will fight for your interests.

Now is the time for Wales to unite and to think clearly about our future. Even before yesterday's vote I

said that no one party had the monopoly on good ideas, and now more than ever, we must rely on the abilities of all.

I have spoken to the First Minister of Scotland this morning. The Prime Minister has already said that Wales should be fully involved in negotiations on the terms of UK withdrawal and our future relationship with Europe – and I'll be holding the UK Government to that.

We will have a meeting of the Cabinet on Monday.

My urgent priority is to protect the interests of Wales. The Welsh Government has 6 key priorities arising from these changed circumstances.

Firstly, we must protect our jobs. For the Welsh Government now, doing everything we can to

maintain economic confidence and stability is our number one task. We have built excellent, proactive relationship with Welsh businesses and inward investors, and these will need to intensify following yesterday's vote.

Second, the Welsh Government must play a full part in discussions about the timing and terms of UK withdrawal from the EU. Our participation is essential, not just for directly devolved issues, but for the whole range of issues affecting vital Welsh interests.

Thirdly, it is vital that the United Kingdom negotiates to retain access to the 500 million customers in the Single Market.

Four, we should negotiate continued participation, on current terms, in major EU programmes like CAP and Structural Funds up until the end of 2020. This will facilitate continuity for citizens, communities, businesses and investors while arrangements are made for the longer term.

Five, Wales is a net beneficiary

from the EU to the tune of hundreds of millions of pounds. There is now an overwhelming case for a major and immediate revision of the Barnett Formula taking into account needs arising from EU withdrawal and I call for the promise made that Wales will not lose a penny to be guaranteed.

Sixth, and finally, withdrawal from the EU is a massive constitutional shift for the UK and it has equally far-reaching implications for the devolution settlement. The relationship between Devolved Administrations and the UK Government must now be placed onto an entirely different footing.

The Welsh Government will fight for the people of Wales in all of these vital areas, but also strive to unify the divisions exposed by this vote, taking Wales

forward together, which I believe is what the nation now wants and needs. Passions have been raised by this debate, I acknowledge, but it's now a time for calm, rather than knee-jerk reactions. Many will be concerned about the vitriol that seeped into the campaign – this will not help us with the significant challenges that now face us all.

We also need to find a way of talking to one another again – we may have voted different ways, but we remain neighbours, friends and family.

The challenges we faced yesterday, on the NHS, on the economy, in education, we still face today. And we must rise to those challenges, and deliver for the Welsh people.

It is too early for anyone to fully analyse why the

country voted the way it did last night – but one thing is obvious. Areas of Wales and England that contain post-industrial communities, often deprived communities, voted out – even though they had often benefited massively from European funding. Even though those communities voted for parties in May who supported a Remain vote. Too many people in these communities feel that politics, and our economy, has left them behind, and we have a real task ahead to undo that sense of alienation.

I said after the May election that it represented the start of the conversation with our communities, and I meant it. For the good of our nation and its future we must come together and rise to the challenges before us.

Lord Sugar appointed government's enterprise tsar

- Lord Sugar to champion enterprise across the country
- He will undertake a roadshow to highlight advantages for young people and business
- Lord Sugar's record in business makes him ideally suited to lead campaign

Lord Sugar has been appointed enterprise tsar as part of the government's drive to get more young people to consider starting their own business or undertaking an apprenticeship.

As well as championing enterprise and apprenticeships among young people, he will encourage businesses to take on apprentices themselves.

Lord Sugar is one of the best known names in British business, and having built up two successful computer firms – Amstrad and Viglen – after leaving school at 16, he is ideally placed to champion the cause of both entrepreneurship and apprenticeships.

He will be undertaking a series of roadshow events across England, speaking to local school leavers and businesses.

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Labour's initial economic response to Brexit votes

The shock of exit from the European Union requires immediate and urgent action from the relevant authorities.

This is needed to stabilise the situation given the weakness of the economy after six years of Tory austerity and failure.

Labour will not allow the costs of exit to be borne by working people and their families.

The vote to leave the European Union represents a decisive rejection of the Conservative's economic policy, resulting in stagnant real wages for a decade and widespread disaffection where people have not shared in prosperity.

Labour's initial responses are:

1. The target for the Government Budget

surplus in 2019-20 must be ditched. It has already damaged the economy and has no possible economic justification. Fiscal intervention is likely to be needed to reduce the shock to the economy.

2. There is no mandate or economic justification for an emergency austerity budget, as George Osborne threatened. We will oppose any attempts to impose one.

3. Government must reverse proposed cuts to government investment spending and urgently undertake a priority investment programme, targeted on those areas most exposed to the risks of an economic downturn.

4. Labour is taking steps to establish the extent of damage to pension funds, given their exposure to stock markets and the shadow banking system.

John McDonnell MP, Labour's Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, said:

"The government must now take steps to stabilize the economy, and to protect jobs,



John McDonnell MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer pensions, and wages.

"Labour will not allow any instability to be paid for by the working people of this country. There is no justification or mandate whatsoever for an emergency austerity budget. We need a clear programme of action to protect our economy."

Statement from the Secretary of State for Scotland on the EU Referendum result

Secretary of State for Scotland David Mundell said:

"David Cameron has been a great leader of my Party and of our country. I was proud to be one of his first supporters during the 2005 leadership election and I have never regretted that decision for a moment. His achievements in rescuing our economy and in social reform will stand the test of time. He has once again put country before self.

"As the Prime Minister made clear this morning, the UK Government is absolutely committed to working closely with the Scottish Government to ensure they are fully involved in the negotiation process. The Prime Minister has already spoken to the First Minister and I have offered to meet with the Scottish Government in Edinburgh to discuss next steps.

"The United Kingdom has fundamental strengths and this is a time for calmness and deliberation – not pushing other personal or political agendas.

UK votes to leave - Green Party response

REACTING to the news that the UK has voted to leave the EU, Caroline Lucas, Green MP for Brighton Pavilion, said:



Green MP Caroline Lucas
Source: Wikipedia

“People in Britain are angry – and they’ve expressed that anger by voting to leave the EU. The most important task at hand now is unifying our divided communities.

“Our party will now mobilise

alongside the Trade Unions, environmental groups and others to defend our hard-won rights at work and environmental protections.

“If this referendum has shown one thing to be clear it is that the old political party system is not representing people’s views. Politics in the UK is synthetically bound to the Tories and Labour – that’s clearly failing. We’re calling on all sides to come together to fix our democracy here in Britain – starting with electoral reform for the House of Commons. The democratic deficit will not be fixed by leaving the EU – we need to look closer to home too.

“What worries us now is the fate of the many Europeans living here.

The Leave campaign said they will be able to stay – and we expect them to honour that. But what about people who have made plans to come here to join family, or British people who have saved up for a lifetime to move to Spain? The prospect of shutting down the right to free movement is frightening, as are the consequences of a campaign that has at times pitted neighbours against one another, whipped up fear and allowed lies and myths to take the place of truth. Britain deserves better and I am pledging anew to fight against division on behalf of my constituents.”

Natalie Bennett, Green Party Leader, said:

“We cannot hide our disappointment at this result having campaigned strongly for a vote to Remain. But, we have to

listen to the expressed view of the British people.

“We must now turn our attention to the task at hand: unifying our divided communities after an extraordinarily bitter period in British politics.

“The level of alienation against our mainstream politics is evident in this vote. The public have rejected the views of the parties represented by 98% of our MPs in Westminster.

“There is a very clear division in the results, with very different votes in different parts of Britain. We need to listen to the generally more economically disadvantaged communities who have voted to leave, and take real action to improve their conditions as soon as possible.

“And with our sister party in Scotland launching a petition (1) for a reconsideration of Scotland’s relationship with the EU, we need to acknowledge that the vote there was very different to that in England and Wales.”

PM calls with President Obama and European leaders

Prime Minister David Cameron spoke to President Barack Obama and a number of European leaders following the outcome of the EU



British Prime Minister David Cameron. Source: Wikipedia

referendum.

Following the PM's phone call with President Barack Obama, a Downing Street spokesperson said:

"President Obama called the Prime Minister earlier this afternoon to discuss the outcome of the referendum.

"The President underlined that the US and UK remained indispensable partners, and that he had personally appreciated the Prime Minister's leadership on a range of issues.

"They looked forward to seeing each other at the NATO Summit in Warsaw for fuller discussions in a couple of weeks."

And after the Prime Minister held a number of telephone conversations with European leaders, a Downing Street

spokesperson said:

"The Prime Minister spoke separately to a number of European leaders – the President of the European Council Donald Tusk, President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Francois Hollande, Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, the Irish Taoiseach Enda Kenny, and Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte.

"The Prime Minister thanked each of them for their support in the EU renegotiation process and during the referendum campaign. They each expressed their continued strong support for the UK."

New Foresight project to explore lifelong learning

The Government Office for Science's new Foresight project looks at what changes in technology and work could mean for education and training across someone's lifetime, as people in the UK live longer.

The project will also look at the role that science and technology can play in understanding this and providing solutions.

Commenting on the project, Sir Mark Walport, Government Chief Scientific Adviser, said:

"It's important that the policy government makes now will stand up to challenges in the future. To do this, we need to have an understanding of how things could unfold in the future.

"This project aims to provide evidence on lifelong learning in a digital age which will help policy makers make those long term decisions."

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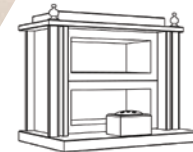
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The front tablet for inscription can be fitted either in one large piece, or two separate tablets. An optional stone planter can also be provided as pictured.



National Cremation Investigation

The Scottish Government has published the report from the National Cremation Investigation, led by Dame Elish Angiolini, into circumstances surrounding historic infant cremation practices.

The Investigation, established by the Scottish Government in 2014, was set up to look at individual cases where parents had unanswered questions about the cremation of their baby.

Over 200 cases, across fourteen crematoria, were investigated by Dame Elish and her team.

All those who asked the National Cremation Investigation to look in to their case have received an individual report relevant to their own circumstances.

It follows the Mortonhall Investigation taken forward by Dame Elish on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council and the report from the national Infant Cremation Commission, which made recommendations to reform policies and practices across Scotland.



Aileen Campbell, MSP

The Minister for Public Health, Aileen Campbell thanked Dame Elish and the National Cremation Investigation for their work

and said the Scottish Government would take forward any outstanding actions identified in the report.

Ms Campbell said: “No parent should ever have to go through the pain of not knowing what happened to their child’s ashes.

“But, sadly, this has not been the case for far too many parents in Scotland.

“Some of the historic practices uncovered in this report are unacceptable and, frankly, appalling. It is awful that parents who have lost their child in such sad circumstances have had their grief compounded by the actions of those they trusted to support them.

“While I understand it may be little comfort for those who have been affected in the past, much has changed in Scotland since

these issues first came to light.

“We have brought forward legislation to overhaul policy and practice in the burial and cremation industry, introduced a new inspection regime for crematoria and worked to improve staff training, particularly in the NHS.

“I am committed though to driving forward further improvement and we will now work to progress any outstanding actions that have been identified by the Investigation.

“Lastly, I want to thank Dame Elish and echo her words in the report that pay tribute to the great courage and dignity that those parents involved have shown through their participation.

“I hope that the work of the Investigation can bring some form of closure for those parents who have spent too long not knowing what happened to their child’s ashes.

“They may be able to take some comfort from the knowledge that their contribution to these investigations will ensure in the future no parent will ever have to go through this again.”

Scots can overcome EU challenge as part of UK

Scotland will be better placed facing up to the challenges of the EU referendum result as part of the UK, Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson has said.

In a speech to the Scottish Parliament, she sought to amend a Scottish Government motion on Holyrood's response to Britain voting to leave the EU.

While there was much the Scottish Conservatives could agree on with the SNP motion, Ruth said, there were also aspects the party wanted to change.

The amendment sought to recognise the two million people who voted No in the independence referendum in 2014.

And it outlined a preference for the Scottish Government to negotiate with Europe as part of the UK with devolved administrations, rather than forging its own path.

Ruth expressed her own regret at the result, but stated the SNP's immediate threat of another referendum on independence was not what people wanted.

She pointed out Scotland still exports four times as much to the rest of the UK than to EU countries, and that "you do not dampen the shock waves caused by one referendum by lighting the fuse for another".

Ruth was responding to an emergency debate on

the EU as leader of the opposition in Holyrood.

Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson said:

"Our capacity to overcome these challenges as Scots, and as members of the United Kingdom, has not diminished one bit.

"The challenges are great indeed. They are complex, and there are questions upon questions that have not yet been formulated, never mind answered.

"And first and foremost, we need to say to people from across the European Union that you are welcome, you are wanted. Your contribution is recognised and this is your home.

"Let's say it loud and clear – we don't just need your labour, we want your values, your brains, your culture. You.

"However, I cannot ignore the fact that within hours of the vote becoming clear on Friday morning, the Scottish Government had pushed the question of independence front and centre.

"In the days since the result last week, it feels to many people across Scotland that the SNP is talking about nothing but independence.

"You do not dampen the shock waves caused by one referendum by lighting the fuse for another.

"Nor by saying that the economic impact of leaving one union means you should sever ties with a greater union whose value in trade eclipses it many times over.

"Referendums are not just bruising, they can be wounding.

"From now on, I hope we still find time to learn the right lessons – not the wrong ones – to emerge as a stronger society, a better nation, and a still United Kingdom."

Household incomes highest on record

Household incomes have risen to a record high according to statistics, with the fastest growth in 10 years.

The average household now takes home £473 a week – £800 a year more than in 2013 to 2014.

The number of people classed as in relative low income has also fallen by 300,000 since 2010, helped by an improving labour market and the protection of pensioner, disability and carers' benefits.

Work and Pensions Secretary, Stephen Crabb said:

“These figures are a sign of a strong economy – one that is benefitting people across the UK. Relative low income is down by 300,000 since 2010, household

incomes are rising and the number of people in work is at a record high.

“There is of course still more to do and that's why our Life Chances strategy will look at the root causes of poverty whether that's worklessness, debt or addiction, family break down or educational attainment. It's only by doing this that we can truly tackle poverty and ensure everyone succeeds in life.”

The number of children in relative low income has fallen by 100,000 since 2009 to 2010, while the number of children living in a workless household is down by 449,000 since 2010.

Income inequality – the gap between the richest and the poorest – is down since 2009 to 2010 levels. And

under separate statistics, pensioner incomes have continued to rise in real terms.

In addition:

- the news is a clear sign of a strong economy as statistics last month showed that the number of people in work is at record high – this is providing the stability of employment for 31.6 million people
- the number of women in work also remains at a record high and the claimant count has fallen by nearly 750,000 since 2010
- the government is also protecting all parts of society with the basic State Pension being protected through the 'triple lock' and

disability benefits being exempt from the benefit freeze

- through welfare reform including Universal Credit, tax cuts and the introduction of the National Living Wage, it is paying to be in work – working families are benefitting from the introduction of the National Living Wage and the rise in the personal tax threshold is taking the lowest paid out of tax



Ruth: Scotland and UK must protect trade with EU

Ruth Davidson will use a parliamentary debate on the EU referendum to support efforts to keep the UK within the European single market.

The Scottish Conservative leader will argue that the practical way forward for Scotland and the UK is to seek ways to protect and maximise trade within the EU area.

She will back efforts to ensure the Scottish Government is involved at all times in the UK discussions, along with other devolved governments and regional centres of power.

But she will caution the SNP government against using the coming negotiations between the UK and the EU as a way to further Scottish independence.

Following the referendum,

discussions between the Scottish and UK Governments have already begun, along with talks with other EU institutions.

The Scottish Conservatives are now calling for widespread consultation within the UK so that everyone's interests are fully represented.

Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson said:

"The coming negotiation between the UK and the EU will be vital for Scottish jobs, and must reflect the needs of all of us.

"The aim must be to protect and maximise our trade within the European Union area and ensure continued access to the single market.

"That means the UK Government and all the devolved administrations

working closely together – along with regional centres of power – to get the best settlement going forward.

"It is encouraging that the First Minister has already held discussions with the UK government and London Mayor to further this approach.

"However, we would caution the SNP against using these negotiations to further their aim of independence.

"Whatever peoples' views about last week's decision, the truth is that we do not solve our departure from the European Union by walking out of our own Union of nations as well.

"Scotland's trade to the rest of the UK far outstrips that to the EU – Scottish jobs rely on access to both markets.

"It is now incumbent on people right across the UK to work hard to get the best deal."

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Design Icon: Eames Lounge Chair

By Paul Bazeley

Are you sitting comfortably? Then let's begin. The Eames Lounge Chair is a chair devised by leg-endar-y design couple Charles and Ray Eames. If you are reading this and you have never heard of Charles and Ray Eames then you should probably head off and do a quick Google search before you carry on reading.

The story goes that Charles and Ray Eames were on the set of a film being directed by Billy Wilder. Mr Wilder

was constantly trying to sort some kind of lounge chair for himself with whatever he could find nearby so that he could keep comfortable and take a nap in between different takes, this process of creating quick easy to set up lounge chairs was noted by Eames who began to design a lounge chair.

Obviously, it was not just a case of putting pencil to paper and designing the chair and so the two Eames went back to their office and got the team involved. Eventually the creative juices flowed and the Eames Lounge Chair



Eames Lounge (670) and Ottoman (671) Source Wikipedia

and Ottoman were born. According to Charles Eames his inspiration was the English club chair and that the plan was to create a chair that had "the warm receptive look of a well-used first baseman's mitt". The chair made its world debut on the Arlene Francis Home Show in 1956. The following day Herman Miller (the company the chair was made for) launched advertising campaigns for the chair. The first completed set was given to Wilder himself.

While the chair is normally referred to as the Eames Lounge Chair and ottoman, the official titles are the Eames Lounge (670) and Ottoman (671). The chair was particularly eye-catching thanks to the use of moulded plywood which had not been seen before. The wood was heated to a high temperature and then bent to create the smooth curves the chair is famous for, at the time this had not been done before and was quite a statement.

The chair and ottoman often appear in TV and film sets, particularly when the director

wants to show a character has good taste and/or an eye for design. The chair was a long running fixture in the TV series Frasier and has also appeared in House, Iron Man, Sunday in New York, Tron Leg-a-cy, Closer and Gossip Girl.

The chair and ottoman are seen as icons across the world, particularly in America, and they appear in the permanent collection at New York's Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) and the Art Institute of Chicago. While Herman Miller continue to sell the chair in America the Eames lounge chair and ottoman are sold by Vitra for the European market. Over the years many copies have been produced, however it is only Herman Miller and Vitra who may attach the name Eames to the chair.

For over 50 years the lounge chair and ottoman have been sold and admired, there are now several options in terms of wood, leather and size and all of them look great. While Charles and Ray Eames may have designed many great products, some of which may be covered in this very article one day, the Eames Lounge Chair (670) and Ottoman (671) remain their most iconic design and for good reason. Just look at one and the first thing you think is how comfortable it looks and then how truly great it looks. If only lounging around could always look so stylish.

“Every penny of EU funds to Wales must be replaced” says Cabinet Secretary Mark Drakeford

Speaking ahead of oral questions in the Senedd, he said the UK Government must guarantee every penny of funding which the EU currently provides.



Mark Drakeford, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Wales.

He added that EU Structural Funds play a vital role in supporting growth and jobs across Wales and any loss of

funds will have an impact on people, businesses and communities.

Mark Drakeford said:

“Wales is a net beneficiary from the European Union. The millions of pounds Wales receives from the EU help people into work and training; support businesses; drive innovation and help to regenerate communities. The UK Government must guarantee that Wales will not lose out from an EU withdrawal.”

Since 2007, EU projects have created 11,900 enterprises and some 37,000 (gross) jobs; helped 72,700 people into work; helped more than 229,000 people gain

qualifications and 56,000 people into further learning since 2007.

Under the current £1.8bn EU-supported programmes, more than £700m of EU Structural Funds have already been committed, 40% of the total allocation for the 2014-20 period.

Mark Drakeford said:

“Funding cuts will have a real impact on our budgets and strategies for growth and jobs. The First Minister has written to the UK Prime Minister about this very issue. While arrangements for a Brexit are being made for the longer term, we will continue to deliver existing EU programmes in Wales, investing in projects to ensure continuity for

citizens, communities, farmers and businesses.”

As part of an EU exit, the UK Government must give notification under Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty which would give up to two years to negotiate its withdrawal.

The Cabinet Secretary added:

“It is a priority for us to seek clarification from the UK Government about the nature, timing and outcome of negotiations for a UK exit and how significant EU funds for Wales will be replaced, particularly for those parts of Wales which need these the most.

“Wales must be involved in the negotiations so we get the best deal for Wales. This includes the need for urgent reform of the outdated Barnett formula by the UK Government to ensure a fairer funding system for Wales, taking into account needs arising from EU withdrawal.”

Theresa May's questioning of status of EU immigrants 'appalling'

GREEN Party leader Natalie Bennett has described as "appalling" the indication by the frontrunner for the Conservative Party leadership contest, that the status of three million citizens from other EU states already living in Britain would be a subject of Brexit negotiations.



Natalie Bennett campaigning in Cambridge during the general election of 2015. Source Wikipedia

Bennett said:

"This is an appalling statement by Theresa

May. It throws into deep uncertainty the lives of not just the three million citizens from other EU states living in the UK, but also the at least 1.2 million Britons living in other parts of Europe.

"This affects people's homes, education, jobs, lives. Millions of people's plans for the future have now been thrown into doubt.

"I call on Mrs May, and all of the other Tory leadership candidates, to immediately declare that they will regard as inviolable the rights of European individuals settled in the UK, or those studying here, to continue to live their lives as they planned.

"This would also offer protection to the rights of UK citizens in other EU states."

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