

Government to consider further relief for energy intensive industries

- Consultation launched into support scheme for energy intensive industries including steel, paper, glass, ceramics, and cement
- targeted proposals could mean energy intensive industries receive even more relief on their electricity bills
- follows April's announcement that the Energy Intensive Industries Compensation Scheme has been extended for a further 3 years, with its budget more than doubled

High electricity using businesses like steel and paper mills could see further relief under [new proposals to help subsidise their electricity costs](#).

The UK government is consulting on the option to increase the level of exemption for certain environmental and policy costs from 85% of costs up to 100%.

This reflects higher UK industrial electricity prices than those of other countries including in Europe, which could hamper investment, competition and commercial viability for hundreds of businesses in industries including steel, paper, glass, ceramics, and cement, and risk them relocating from the UK.

The proposal would help around 300 businesses supporting 60,000 jobs in the UK's industrial heartlands. Looking at ways to reduce the cost of doing business for key industries would help secure the future of domestic manufacturing and maintain a competitive business environment in the UK, ensuring economic growth and protecting thousands of jobs across the country.

The Energy Intensive Industries Exemption Scheme provides businesses with relief for the costs of renewable levies, including Contracts for Difference, the Renewable Obligation and Feed in Tariffs, in their energy bills.

Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng said:

British manufacturers are the lifeblood of our economy and central to our plans to overcome this period of economic uncertainty.

With global energy prices at record highs, it is essential we explore what more we can do to deliver a competitive future for those strategic industries so we can cut production costs and protect jobs across the UK.

Director General of UK Steel Gareth Stace said:

The publication of this consultation is a significant step forward

in delivering competitive electricity prices for the UK steel sector and should provide some much-needed relief in the face of extremely challenging circumstances at the current time. While there remain difficulties, this announcement demonstrates that UK government understands the challenges of British industry and continues to support steelmakers and steel communities across the country.

This is a consultation on a targeted support scheme for energy intensive industries, as announced in the British Energy Security Strategy. Launching this consultation now provides the future government with the option to introduce this scheme given current high electricity prices.

The government has provided more than £2 billion to support businesses in energy intensive sectors with the price of electricity bills since 2013.

The launch of the consultation follows the extension of the separate but similar Energy Intensive Industries Compensation Scheme for a further 3 years and a more than doubling of its budget.

The compensation scheme provides businesses with relief for the costs of the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and Carbon Price Support mechanism in their electricity bills.

CAP 10B, G-BXBU: Anniversary Statement

News story

CAP 10B crashed in low cloud and reduced visibility near Buckland St Mary, Somerset, on 12 August 2021.



This statement provides an update on the ongoing AAIB investigation into an accident involving a CAP 10B near Buckland St Mary, Somerset, on 12 August 2021.

The aircraft crashed in conditions of low cloud and reduced visibility while returning to a nearby aerodrome from a cross country flight.

The investigation has considered factors including weather conditions and the provision of air traffic services. A final report will be published in due course.

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British Council brings new UK music through Paoa FM to Honiara

It is here, new, hot and happening on Paoa FM at 12 noon this Saturday 13 August 2022. The British Council's Selector Radio, an hour of new UK Music on each show.

Every Saturday Selector Radio will share the best new UK music with the world. They play music from any artist, any band and any genre as long as it's new and exciting. Each week Selector puts together an eclectic playlist of music and artists who are leading the way in UK music.

Presented by BBC Radio 1 Xtra's Jamz Supernova, it is an insight to the bubbling underground scenes from every corner of the UK. Each week's show features guest interviews with emerging artists or exciting people in the music industry. The show also provides a gateway to music beyond the UK with features from countries where the show is broadcast, dipping into the key sounds emerging around the world.

Selector is broadcast to over 30 countries around the world including Cuba, China, Zimbabwe, Ukraine, Slovakia, Spain and Mexico and has a global audience of over 4 million listeners.

In Solomon Islands, Selector will broadcast on Paoa FM. Paoa FM is the largest FM radio station in the Solomon Islands, broadcasting to two-thirds of the country's population. They play top hits, including Reggae and local stars. Paoa FM covers Guadalcanal, Malaita, Central Islands, Russell Islands and parts of Isabel and Makira Ulawa provinces.

With Selector Radio launching this Saturday, you can now listen to UK music at 12pm Saturdays each week besides Paoa FM's usual top of the Hour news bulletins each day to keep up-to-date with the latest news in Solomon Islands.

British High Commissioner to Solomon Islands and Nauru, His Excellency Thomas Edward Coward said:

I can't wait to hear new UK music in Solomon Islands. Music has the power to bring us together and this is a celebration of the friendship between the UK and Solomon Islands.

British Council Director for Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific, Natasha Beckman said:

We are delighted to share the best of new music from the UK here in Solomon Islands. I hope we can use this to do more to connect with each other through arts, culture and creativity.

Ahead of this Saturday's launch and the first ever show, Paoa FM's General Manager, an excited Joel Samuel Lamani said:

We are so excited to have this programme on Paoa FM, connecting us to the UK, keeping us up to date with what the people in the UK are listening to.

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Be cyber aware: what to do to protect yourself



UK Government

The British Office in Taipei is aware of instances recently of cyber criminals approaching businesses in Taiwan, using fraudulent email details to pretend to be British Office staff. If in doubt about the legitimacy of any contact, please check if the email details correspond to either those published on our [GOV.UK website](#) or contact us via our published email address: info.taipei@fcdo.gov.uk; or telephone +8862 8758 2088, to verify contact from a member of our team if they're not already a trusted contact.

Please be cautious and report approaches to the Taiwanese authorities if they appear suspicious, particularly before releasing funds, providing private data or allowing access to your business.

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[UK's industrial heartlands boosted by next stage of carbon capture clusters](#)

News story

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process



- 20 projects shortlisted for next stage of carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS) cluster process
- projects located in the North East, Humber, North West England and North Wales set to benefit from government funding
- CCUS is a key technology in the UK's transition to net zero, which involves capturing and storing carbon emissions from industrial and power generation processes

20 innovative projects have been shortlisted for the next stage of the CCUS clusters process, representing an important step towards a net zero economy.

The UK has one of the largest potential carbon dioxide storage capacities in Europe, making it one of the most attractive business environments for CCUS technology. This is thanks to an unrivalled asset – the North Sea, which can be used to store captured carbon under the seabed. The UK government's commitment to support CCUS UK-wide could help to create 50,000 skilled jobs in the UK by 2030.

Today's shortlist follows the commitment in the Prime Minister's [Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution](#), to deploy CCUS in 2 industrial clusters by the mid-2020s, and a further 2 clusters by 2030. These clusters will support the government's ambitions to decarbonise industry and put the UK at the forefront of the growing carbon capture market. In November 2021, the HyNet cluster in North West England and North Wales, and the East Coast Cluster in the Teesside and Humber [were selected as Track 1 clusters](#), for deployment by the mid-2020s. These clusters will be the first to be considered for support under the government's CCUS Programme, which includes the £1 billion CCS Infrastructure Fund (CIF).

The shortlisted projects will now also be considered for government funding support to join one of these clusters, to use carbon capture technology to help decarbonise their businesses.

The 20 projects announced today represent a range of innovative CCUS technologies that will capture carbon emissions, preventing them being released into the atmosphere. Carbon capture technologies offer enormous economic potential for these regions, helping to attract new private investment and support new job opportunities.

Read the [full list of shortlisted projects](#).

- CCUS is a key technology for net zero that involves capturing and storing carbon emissions from industrial processes. The government is determined to see the UK become a world-leader in CCUS technology, helping to attract new private capital into the UK to develop new green technologies and drive forward the UK's green industrial revolution
- a CCUS cluster in Track 1 is a carbon dioxide transport and storage network of onshore pipelines, offshore pipelines and an associated offshore storage facility and at least 2 CO2 capture projects
- the [Prime Minister's 10 Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution](#) established a commitment to deploy CCUS in a minimum of 2 industrial clusters by the mid-2020s, and 4 by 2030 at the latest. The CCUS cluster sequencing process is how the government plans to meet this commitment
- the UK government's commitment to support CCUS economy-wide could help to create 50,000 jobs in the UK by 2030
- today's announcement is a shortlist of projects that will proceed to the next stage of the process, for consideration for government support under Track 1 of the CCUS cluster sequencing process. It is not the final list of projects that will receive government support, and does not imply availability of funding for any or all of the shortlisted projects
- further information on the final confirmed projects for Phase 2 will be shared in due course

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