

2023/2024 Activity Summary

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Manufacturing

April 2023

Event: Competitive Decarbonisation of Industry

Chair: Mark Pawsey MP

Speakers:

- John Penrose MP
- Jo Gideon MP
- Katherine Mountain, DESNEZ
- Jenny Rowland, HMT
- Dave Dalton, Energy Intensive Users Group

Parliamentary seminar to hear about recent work by the Commission for Carbon Competitiveness and review the Government consultation on carbon leakage. Panellists discussed the challenges and opportunities associated with a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and introduction of mandatory product standards.

May 2023

Event: Audience with Minister Hollinrake

Chair: Mark Pawsey MP

Speakers: Kevin Hollinrake MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at Department for Business and Trade

The Minister made opening remarks setting out his new brief and priorities for increased growth, levelling-up, energy prices, skills, and investment. A question and answer session with APMG members followed.

July 2023

Event: APMG Summer Reception

Chair: Mark Pawsey MP

Speakers:

- Rt Hon Graham Stuart MP, Minister at Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
- Nat Macauley, JCM Fine Joinery
- Stephen Phipson, Make UK

Summer reception, co-organised with Make UK to foster the APMG's stakeholder network and to promote Make UK's report 'Digitalise to Decarbonise'.

October 2023

Event: Manufacturing Commission report launch: Upskilling Industry

Chair: Lord Bilimoria of Chelsea

Speakers:

- Kevin Hollinrake MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at Department for Business and Trade
- Mark Pawsey MP
- Carl Perrin, Coventry University
- Andrew Everett, ERA Foundation
- Jack Semple, Engineering Machinery Alliance
- Robin Clark, Warwick Manufacturing Group
- Richard Jenkins, Lloyds Banking Group

Event to launch the Manufacturing Commission's yearlong inquiry into skills for UK manufacturing. Minister Hollinrake gave opening remarks, followed by inquiry Chair, Lord Bilimoria.

November 2023

Event: Offshore wind

Chair: Wera Hobhouse MP

Speakers:

- Richard Oldfield – National Composites Centre
- Cristina Garcia Duffy - Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult
- Stephen Kinnock MP
- Stephen Crabb MP
- Ian Levy MP
- Lord Whitty

A seminar to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the UK's offshore wind sector, following the Government's failed renewable energy auction earlier in the year.

March 2024

Event: Hydrogen

Chair: Mark Pawsey MP

Speakers:

- Barry Sheerman MP
- Andy Carter MP
- Annie Colgan, Catapult Network
- Clare Jackson, Hydrogen UK

A roundtable to discuss how technology companies and businesses in the supply chain can make the most out of the Government's target for hydrogen production.

APHG Media Outputs

Policy Connect and the APMG had 2 Guardian articles released alongside:

- Sarah Olney MP – Skills for manufacturing
- Lord Bilimoria of Chelsea – Cross party working

Wider Promotion

Policy Connect presented the findings of the Manufacturing Commission's Upskilling Inquiry report to the Kent Manufacturing Focus Group (Kent Chamber of Commerce).