

## Briefing for the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee on petition PE2160: Introduce an energy strategy, lodged by Tina Dawn Marshall

### Brief overview of issues raised by the petition

The petition calls on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to publish its Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan to address the environment, infrastructure, and land use.

The [Scottish Government's first Energy Strategy](#) was published in December 2017. A new [Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan](#) (ESJTP) was published for consultation in January 2023, with a [Consultation Analysis](#) published in September 2023. A finalised ESJTP has not yet been published.

Scottish Government advisers, the Just Transition Commission, have recently published a briefing paper on a [Just Transition for Aberdeen and the North East](#) (May 2025), as well as a report [Assessing the low carbon transition at Grangemouth](#) (March 2025).

The Scottish Government published [Securing Grangemouth's just transition](#) in June 2025.

On [3 April 2025](#), [Douglas Lumsden MSP asked the Scottish Government](#) “whether it will provide an update on when it will publish its energy strategy and just transition plan”. The Acting Minister for Climate Action (Alasdair Allan) replied:

“The judgments and issues in the energy strategy and just transition plan are informed and influenced by a range of recent developments in the United Kingdom Government’s energy policy and, indeed, by court decisions. Therefore, there remains a rapidly changing landscape—for example, the UK Government’s consultation on future oil and gas policy will be open for stakeholder input over the coming months. We are taking time to reflect on those on-going developments before drawing any conclusions and publishing any final strategy.”

An exchange then took place relating to offshore oil and gas licensing, emissions reduction obligations and energy security. The [Scottish Government's written submission in relation to this petition](#) highlights further work in this area.

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