

Economy and Fair Work Committee
Wednesday 11 June 2025
19th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Grangemouth's Industrial Future Note by the Clerk

Background

1. Following the announcement that the refinery at Grangemouth would transition to a finished fuels import terminal and distribution hub, the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy [wrote to the Committee](#), outlining actions being undertaken by the Scottish Government.
2. One action with the UK Government was to support Petroineos' "Project Willow", a feasibility study into different industrial options for the industrial future of Grangemouth. Project Willow's [findings were published in March](#).
3. The Scottish Government also recently consulted on a [draft Grangemouth Just Transition Plan for Grangemouth](#). This had been scheduled to be published in May.

Previous Committee Scrutiny

4. In 2023, the Committee held an inquiry into a just transition for the Grangemouth area. INEOS did not formally engage with the inquiry but contributed to a [written submission](#) from Forth Ports Limited and the Forth Green Freeport and [oral evidence](#) from Forth Ports Limited. The Committee visited the refinery in March 2023 and [published its report in June 2023](#).
5. The Committee took evidence in [December 2023](#) from Petroineos Manufacturing Scotland Ltd, INEOS Grangemouth, and the then Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy. The Committee held an evidence session with Graham Stuart, the then UK Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero in [January 2024](#). The Committee held a further evidence session with Petroineos Manufacturing Scotland Ltd and INEOS Olefins & Polymers UK in [November 2024](#).

Evidence Session

6. Following publication of Project Willow's findings in March the Committee agreed to schedule evidence sessions with both Governments to discuss the next steps. The Trade Union side declined the Committee's invitation.
7. The Committee took evidence from Michael Shanks, the UK Government's Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Energy, on [21 May 2025](#). Today, the Committee will take evidence from—

- Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy);
- Chris Bryceland, Team Leader Critical Energy Infrastructure, Scottish Government;
- Kenneth MacDermid, Head of Critical Energy Infrastructure, Scottish Government; and
- Jan Robertson, Grangemouth Director, Scottish Enterprise.

**Clerks to the Committee
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