

ECONOMY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

**14th Meeting, 2023 (Session 6), Wednesday
10 May 2023**

Just Transition for the Grangemouth area

Note by the Clerk

Background

1. There is currently a target of 2045 for Scotland to cut greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero. Industry is the second highest carbon emitting sector in Scotland after transport and the Scottish Government aims to reduce emissions by around a third by 2030.
2. The transition to net zero is known as a “just transition”. The Just Transition Commission has defined this as where—

“Governments design policies in a way that ensures the benefits of climate change action are shared widely, while the costs do not unfairly burden those least able to pay, or whose livelihoods are directly or indirectly at risk as the economy shifts and changes.”
3. At its meeting on 14 December 2022, the Committee agreed to undertake an inquiry exploring policy to support a Just Transition with an initial focus on the Grangemouth area. The first evidence session of the inquiry was held on 22 February 2023.

Remit

4. The agreed remit for this inquiry is to consider how we can support, incentivise and de-risk this transition in a way that benefits businesses and people.
5. Key areas that the Committee has explored include:
 - planning and engagement for the transition to net zero;
 - economic and employment benefits of a net zero transition;
 - skills needed to support the transition;

Call for Views

6. The Committee [launched a call for views](#) on 20 December which closed on 14 February. Written responses [can be found here](#).

Witnesses

7. The Committee will hear from—
 - Graham Stuart MP, Minister of State (Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero);
 - Jonathan Hoare, Deputy Director - Clean Growth Directorate, UK Government.

**Economy and Fair Work Committee Clerks
5 May 2023**