ADEPT: Parliamentary monitoring July 2019

This document is tailored to provide a monthly overview of key activity, debates, questions, reports, PMQs, speeches and bills relevant to the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport.

Key dates

25 July – 3 Sept: Summer recess 14 Sept - 2 Oct: Party conferences 31 October: Date UK due to leave the EU

Planning – Housing

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
02/07/19	Speech	MHCLG	MHCLG: Speech by Communities Secretary James Brokenshire MP at the Local Government Association Annual Conference (2 July 2019). <u>Read here.</u>

Industrial Strategy & Local Industrial Strategies

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
05/07/19	Press Releases	Public Accounts Select Committee	Clearer view needed on how to boost local economic growth. <u>Read here.</u>
09/07/19	Written Q&A	BEIS	To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how he plans to use the Northern Powerhouse strategy refresh to improve productivity in the North of England. Answered on: Tuesday 9 July 2019 Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
			Andrea Jenkyns (Morley and Outwood) : To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how he plans to use the Northern Powerhouse strategy refresh to improve productivity in the North of England.
			Jake Berry (Rossendale and Darwen) :The Government's continued commitment to the Northern Powerhouse, and the North's vital role in improving the country's productivity, is reflected in my rt. hon. Friend the Prime Minister's recent decision to

			make the Minister for the Northern Powerhouse and Local Growth a joint appointment between the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government. This builds on the commitment at Autumn Budget 2018 to refresh the Northern Powerhouse Strategy. The Strategy will be developed across government and in partnership with external stakeholders, including mayoral combined authorities, Local Enterprise Partnerships and civic and business leaders, to ensure the whole of the North of England benefits from government investment with a clear plan for improved productivity and prosperity. It will also reflect the development of Local Industrial Strategies across the North, the first of which was published last month by Greater Manchester with government. The refreshed Northern Powerhouse Strategy will be published in due course.
10/07/19	Written Q&A	DIT	To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps he is taking to encourage green investment in the UK to ensure that the UK reaches Net Zero by 2050.
			Answered on: Wednesday 10 July 2019 Department for International Trade Giles Watling (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what steps he is taking to encourage green investment in the UK to ensure that the UK reaches Net Zero by 2050.
			Graham Stuart (Beverley and Holderness): DIT's global network is dedicated to promoting green investment in the UK, such as in renewable energy, and broader low carbon growth. For example, the UK has the biggest offshore wind capacity in the world, with full participation of global investors, developers, and a

			Strategy Offshore Wind Sector Deal builds on the UK's global leadership position in offshore wind and seeks to maximise the advantages for UK industry from the global shift to clean growth. The Sector Deal sets out a strategy to deliver 30GW of Offshore Wind energy by 2030, and supply chain investment of £250M. The Government published its Green Finance Strategy on 2 July setting out the steps it is taking to catalyse green investment in the UK and abroad.
16/07/19	Written Q&A	BEIS	NP11:Written question - <u>275222</u> Asked by <u>Justin Madders</u> To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what the terms of reference are for the NP11.
			Answered by: Jake Berry The NP11 has been provided with £850,0000. The Government and NP11 have agreed a Memorandum of Understanding and headline business plan for 2019/20. It sets out how the NP11 will work with Government to unlock the north's economic potential. This includes collaboration across the Local Enterprise Partnerships, key business and civic leaders, and other strategic partners across the North. The NP11 is an independent body, and so appoint their own Chair and Vice Chair.
19/07/19	Press Release	BEIS	Innovation and commercialisation at heart of new economic plan for South East Midlands. Locally developed plan sets out how the area will take full advantage of its global assets and maximise the economic opportunities of the Oxford-Cambridge Arc <u>Read</u> <u>here.</u>
19/07/19	Press Release	MHCLG	Creativity at heart of West of England Local Industrial Strategy. The West of England Local Industrial Strategy encourages sectors to collaborate to

			help boost productivity and opportunities for all <u>Read here.</u>
19/07/19	Press Release	MHCLG	New economic plan to make Oxfordshire global innovation centre. The Oxfordshire Local Industrial Strategy, designed to cement the county's reputation as one of the foremost areas in the world to innovate, has been published. <u>Read</u> <u>here.</u>
19/07/19	Press Release	BEIS	New economic plan to super-charge space and creative sectors in Buckinghamshire Plan sets out how the area will maximise the economic opportunities of the Oxford. Read here.
23/07/19	Written Ministerial Update	BEIS	BEIS: Energy Update The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has published written ministerial statement on Energy Update: <u>https://bit.ly/2YcZzbZ</u>

NPPF - Land value capture

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
10/07/19	Committee Summary	Treasury	Impact of Business Rates on Business – Summary. <u>Read here.</u>

Energy – Local authority projects

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
16/07/19	Written Q&A	BEIS	Renewable Energy 276250
			Peter Kyle (Hove) : To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the contribution that (a) rooftop solar, (b) solar farms and (c) onshore wind can make to delivering the 2050 net-zero emissions target; and if he will make a statement. [276250]
			Chris Skidmore (Kingswood): Solar PV is
			a UK success story. Over 99% of the UK's
			solar PV capacity has been deployed

19/07/19	Papers	НоС	Changes to support for small scale renewables In June 2019, the Government
18/17/19	Written Q&A	BEIS	Buildings: Electricity and Heating: Written question - 275753 Asked by Seema Malhotra To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the most popular models of (a) electricity and (b) heat microgeneration in buildings throughout the UK. Answered by: Chris Skidmore The Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) scheme supports solar, wind, hydro, anaerobic digestion and micro-combined heat and power technologies. On the basis of installations on Ofgem's central FIT register, solar is the most popular method of electricity generation accounting for 99% of all installations (over 830,000) supported under the scheme. The Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) supports biomass only boilers and biomass pellet stoves, air source heat pumps, ground source heat pumps and solar thermal panels. The Domestic RHI has accredited over 69,000 applications for the residential microgeneration of heat. As of May 2019, air source heat pumps are the most popular method of heat microgeneration, making up 54% of total accredited applications. More deployment data can be found <u>here</u> . It should be noted that there are some forms of microgeneration not covered by the RHI or FITs scheme.
			since May 2010, and now provides 13.5GW of renewable electricity. 13.8GW of onshore wind capacity has now also been installed in the UK, enough to power over 7.6 million UK homes. Renewable technologies have an essential part to play in meeting the 2050 net zero emissions commitment as part of a diverse energy system.

announced a new Smart Export Guarantee to support small scale renewable generation. This briefing covers why support is offered, details of previous support under feed-in tariffs,
the new policy, and commentary on
the change.
Full report: <u>http://bit.ly/2JOsauY</u>

Digital – Broadband & mobile

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
			No updates

Economy – Fair funding review

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
02/07/19	Debate	MHCLG	That for the year ending with 31 March 2020, for expenditure by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government— (1) further resources, not exceeding £13,222,573,000 be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 2154 of Session 2017–19, (2) further resources, not exceeding £5,087,100,000 be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and (3) a further sum, not exceeding £9,295,168,000 be granted to Her Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(Wendy Morton.) <u>Read here.</u>

Transport – Investment strategy

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
03/07/19	Debate	HoL	Publicly Funded Infrastructure Projects
			Read here.
08/07/19	Press Release	DfT	£20 million fund marks one year on from the Inclusive Transport Strategy. Read here.
08/07/19	Written Ministerial Statement	DfT	DfT: Inclusive Transport Strategy - One Year On. <u>Read here</u> .

Transport – Major road network

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
18/07/19	Oral Answer	DfT	Strategic Road Network: Manchester to
			Sheffield
			18 July 2019
			Volume 663
			Ruth George (High Peak) (Lab)
			8. What recent assessment he has
			made of the adequacy of the strategic
			road network between Manchester
			and Sheffield. <u>Read here.</u>
23/07/19	Press Release	Highways	Highways England awards
		England	groundbreaking contracts to deliver
			major upgrades. <u>Read here.</u>

Transport – Sub-national Transport Boards (STBs) – (TfN, TfSE)

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
03/07/19	Press	Public	Timetable and viability of Stonehenge
	Releases	Accounts	tunnel at risk. <u>Read here.</u>
		Select	
		Committee	

Transport – Automated electric vehicle bill

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
			No updates

Transport – rail

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
Date 03/07/19	Type Written Q&A	Organisation DfT	To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of the UK rail network is electrified. Answered on: Wednesday 3 July 2019 Department for Transport Grahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of the UK rail network is electrified. Andrew Jones (Harrogate and Knaresborough): The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) publishes data on the electrified rail route operated by Network Rail in Great Britain.
			The length of Network Rail operated electrified route (so excluding the High Speed 1 line) in Great Britain was 5,766 kilometres in 2017-18. This represents 36% of the total Network Rail mainline railway route.
			This data is available at the following link:

			https://dataportal.orr.gov.uk/displayreport/re port/html/c35e0c28-324f-4168-81b9- be197963f251
08/07/19	Written Q&A	DfT	To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many schemes have progressed through each of the five stages of the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline since the publication of the paper entitled, A new approach for rail enhancements in March 2018. Answered on: Monday 8 July 2019 Department for Transport
			Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many schemes have progressed through each of the five stages of the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline since the publication of the paper entitled, A new approach for rail enhancements in March 2018.
			Andrew Jones (Harrogate and Knaresborough): We are committed to transparent policy making in line with the Government response the Transport Select Committee 's 2018 Rail Infrastructure Investment inquiry. In due course we will be publishing information on how schemes have progressed through the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline. In addition, Network Rail will continue to provide updates on the progress of enhancements which have received a Final Investment Decision, through the quarterly publication of its Enhancements Delivery Plan .
08/07/19	Written Q&A	DfT	To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with Network Rail on their progress in implementing the recommendations of the John Varley Vegetation Management Review. Answered on: Monday 8 July 2019
			Department for Transport Tracey Crouch (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with Network Rail on their progress in implementing the recommendations of the John Varley Vegetation Management Review.

			Andrew Jones (Harrogate and
			Knaresborough): Officials from my
			Department and the Department for
			Environment Food and Rural Affairs have held
			a number of meetings with Network Rail to
			discuss implementation of the
			recommendations of John
			Varley's Vegetation Management Review.
			John Varley is due to report to me shortly on
			the progress made so far by my Department
			and Network Rail in implementing his
			recommendations.
09/07/19	Press	DfT	Great Western 2015 rail franchise agreement
	Release		A deed of amendment was agreed to the
			GWR franchise agreement dealing solely with
			the consequential amendments to the
			agreement arising from changes resulting
			from the delays to Network Rail
			electrification programme.
			The full agreement can be accessed
			at: <u>https://bit.ly/2G4ogNr</u>
10/07/19	Corresp	Public	Letter from Meg Hillier, Chair, Public Accounts
	ondenc	Accounts	Select Committee, to Bernadette Kelly, DfT,
	е	Select	regarding HS2
		Committee	Letter from Meg Hillier, Chair, Public Accounts
			Select Committee, to Bernadette Kelly, DfT,
			regarding HS2, 4 July
			2019: <u>https://bit.ly/2XD7lqw</u>
			2017. <u>https://bit.iv/2xb/idw</u>
10/07/19	Debate	НоС	High Speed 2
,,			Session 2019-2020. Read here.
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11/07/19	Writton	DfT	DfT: High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe)
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	Ministeri		Bill: English Votes for English Laws
	al		The Department for Transport has published a
	Stateme		written ministerial statement on High Speed
	nt		Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill: English Votes
			for English Laws: <u>http://bit.ly/32jEziS</u>
			Made by: Ms Nusrat Ghani (Parliamentary
			Under Secretary of State for Transport)
			I am today placing in the Library of the House
			the Department's analysis on the application
			of Standing Order 83L in respect of the
			amendments made in the Commons Select
			Committee stage for the High Speed
			Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill.
12/07/19	Papers	НоС	High Speed 2 (HS2) Phase 2a
			This paper provides general information on
			the proposed high-speed rail line
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			between London and the North
			of England (HS2). It gives a brief overview of
			the scheme, its
			costs, compensation arrangements and the
			Bill which would give statutory and planning
			authority for the construction of Phase 2a of
			the scheme between the West
			Midlands and Crewe .
			The report can be read
			here: <u>http://bit.ly/30Ede9B</u>
12/07/19	Press Release	DfT	Updated: HS1 stations review (control period 3): draft decision
	Keleuse		The Department of Transport has published
			supporting reports for the following
			consultation on HS1 stations review.
			The reports can be found
			here: https://bit.ly/2Y4zZFK
			The closing date for the consultation has also
			been extended to 11 August 2019.
15/07/19	Written	DfT	Railways: Electrification: Written question -
-,,	Q&A		<u>275182</u>
			Asked by <u>Mr Gavin Shuker</u>
			To ask the Secretary of State for Transport,
			what proportion of rail passenger journeys take place (a) wholly and (b) for at least 50
			per cent of the journey by distance on
			electrified sections of the railway network in
			Great Britain.
			Answered by: <u>Andrew Jones</u>
			The Office of Rail and Road publishes data on electrified rail routes in Great Britain. However,
			this includes routes open to passengers and
			freight and does not contain a breakdown for
			passengers only.
			The length of network rail operated electrified
			route in Great Britain was 3,583 miles in 2017-
			18. This represents 36% of the total mainline
			railway route.
			This data is available at the following link:
			https://dataportal.orr.gov.uk/displayreport/re
			port/html/c35e0c28-324f-4168-81b9-
			be197963f251
15/07/19	Debate	НоС	High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill.
			Read here.
16/07/19	Press	ORR	Annual health and safety report
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	Release		The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has today published its Annual Report on Health and

			Safety 2018-19, which stresses that Britain's railway remains one of the safest railways in Europe for passengers, but warns that the rate of improvement has shown signs of slowing. <u>Read here.</u>
16/07/19	Written	DfT	Railways: WiFi <u>275206</u>
	Q&A		Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 8 July 2019 to Question 271562, if he will publish the value for money assessment for his Department's on-train wi-fi policy for the Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern, South Eastern, Chiltern and Wales and Border rail franchises. [275206]
			Andrew Jones (Harrogate and Knaresborough): The Department does not normally publish detailed economic assessments that inform rail policy decisions. In developing the business case different policy options would have been considered and appraised as per the guidelines in the Green Book. The economic assessment to evaluate the value for money would have utilised the Department's modelling and appraisal guidance (WebTAG). The latest information on this can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/transport- analysis-guidance-webtag
17/07/19	Commit tee Summar v	Transport Committee	Departmental policy and performance: Update with the Secretary of State- Summary <u>Watch here.</u>
18/07/19	Written Q&A	DfT	Railway Stations: Construction: Written question – <u>912048</u> Asked by <u>Vicky Ford</u> Railway Stations: Construction 912048 What progress he has made on opening new stations on the rail network. Answered by: <u>Andrew Jones</u> Since 2010, some 42 new stations have been opened across the rail network. The Government supports proposals for new stations that help provide a solution to local traffic congestion or fulfil a new opportunity such as a housing development,

			business/retail park or airport. Good progress is made on proposals that provide a robust business case, a sponsor and funding.
19/07/19	Reports	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Blake Jones Review published The Blake Jones Review was commissioned following the rail disruption across the North of England triggered by the May 2018 timetable change. It was led by Cllr Judith Blake, Leader of Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Lead and then Rail Minister Jo Johnson . Andrew Jones MP took over as Rail Minister in November 2018.
			The review can be read at: <u>https://bit.ly/2GjPnEe</u>
19/07/19	Press Release	DfT	Improved governance of future decision- making across rail in the north. Recommendations arise from review into 2018's timetable disruption across the north. Read here.
23/07/19	Press Release	DEFRA	Government sets out vision for a safe and biodiverse railway lineside. Read here.
23/07/19	Written Ministeri al update	DfT	DfT: Annual Update on Crossrail The Department for Transport has published a Written Ministerial Statement on Annual Crossrail Update: <u>https://bit.ly/20cbK</u> Sl

Devolution deals

Date	Туре	Organisati on	Notes
12/07/19	Inquiry	MHCLG	Progress on devolution in England inquiry Scope of the inquiry The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has launched a new inquiry into progress on devolution in England . The inquiry will scrutinise the impact of recently agreed devolution agreements and ask if the transfer of further powers to England 's cities and regions can boost local economies and provision of public services.
			Since 2014, following plans announced by the Coalition Government to devolve greater powers and funding to local

			authorities, ten cities and regions in England have successfully negotiated bespoke devolution deals, including Greater Manchester, the West Midlands and Cornwall . London gained greater devolved powers following the establishment of an assembly in 2000. Each devolution deal involves its own arrangements for funding and increased responsibilities, but can include greater responsibility over areas including business support, planning, transport and health. London, and eight of the ten newly agreed devolution deals, established directly elected mayors to oversee the implementation of new powers. The inquiry will examine the impact of devolving increased powers in the cities and regions where deals have been agreed, and consider how any benefits can be realised in more areas of the country. It will investigate the effectiveness of the current strategy of developing bespoke deals region by region, and ask if increasing available powers without wider systemic changes would produce similar benefits. The Committee will investigate the roles of directly elected mayors, quality of scrutiny in decision making and public accountability. Opens: 12 July 2019 Closes: 29 August 2019
			Closes: 29 August 2019
17/07/19	Debate	HoL	HCLG: <u>https://bit.ly/2Ll8cuH</u> Devolution: English Cities
			Lord Heseltine That the Grand Committee takes note of devolution to English cities in the light of Lord Heseltine's report Empowering English Cities, published on 2 July. <u>Read here</u> .
16/07/19	Committee Summary	BEIS	Regional Investment and Growth - Summary Overview: A single voice was needed to represent the needs of the Midlands (East and West), the committee heard. This voice sought to carve a different path to other organisations in the regions and sought to appeal to a different set of investors. <u>Read here.</u>
18/07/19	Reports	Institute for Governme	Has Devolution Worked? The first 20 years Our latest publication features 10

nt	commissioned essays and an exclusive interview with Tony Blair exploring the success of devolution since 1999. Has Devolution Worked?, written by academics, historians and experts, takes a detailed and wide-ranging look at the first two decades of devolution, assesses its successes and failures, and looks ahead to the challenges, not least Brexit, which face the devolution settlement and the future of the Union. Watch the launch event live from 13:00pm today.
	Full report can be accessed here: <u>https://bit.ly/2YWFWBS</u>

Environment – 25 year environment plan

Date	Туре	Organisati on	Notes
Date 16/07/19	Type Written Q&A		Drinking Water: Written question - <u>274467</u> Asked by <u>Paul Farrelly</u> To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether his Department plans to support local authorities to install drinking water fountains across the UK to reduce the number of single-use plastics being consumed. Answered by: <u>Jake Berry</u> The Government is committed to reducing the environmental damage caused by single use plastics by widening availability of drinking water facilities in our communities. The Government's 25 year environment strategy 'A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment' has committed to supporting water companies, high street
			retailers, coffee shops and transport hubs to offer new refill points for people to top-up water bottles for free in every major city and town in England.
			The water industry is a key partner in delivering our commitment to create a
			nationwide network of refill points. Through the Refill campaign a free app is now available to the public which signposts to over 20,000 free refill points and is estimated

			to save over 100 million single use bottles from entering our waste stream by the end of 2019. The Government will continue to reduce single-use plastic by working with local authorities and encouraging partnerships with water companies and businesses to widen the availability of drinking fountains and refill sites across our communities.
23/07/19	Debate	НоС	Degraded Chalk Stream Environments. <u>Read</u> <u>here.</u>

Environment – Waste

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
10/07/ 19	Written Q&A	DEFRA	To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) increase the amount of plastic that is recycled, and (b) improve the UK's recycling infrastructure.
			infrastructure. Answered on: Wednesday 10 July 2019 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Mrs Anne Main (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) increase the amount of plastic that is recycled, and (b) improve the UK's recycling infrastructure. Dr Thérèse Coffey (Suffolk Coastal): The Government's Resources and Waste Strategy for England, published in December last year, sets out how we will reduce plastic pollution and preserve material resources by minimising waste, increasing recycling rates, promoting resource efficiency and moving towards a more circular economy. We have consulted on reforms to household and business recycling collections which are intended to improve the quantity and quality of materials collected for recycling, including plastic, and on proposals to make
			producers pay the full net cost for dealing with the packaging they put on the market at end- of-life, and on the potential introduction of a deposit return scheme. Her Majesty's Treasury have also consulted on a world-leading tax on plastic packaging which does not contain at least 30% recycled material. These reforms should help reduce waste and increase the amount of packaging recycled.

Defra also supports the UK Plastics Pact, a unique collaboration launched by Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) that will create a circular economy for plastics . WRAP estimates these members are responsible for over 80% of the plastic packaging on products sold through UK supermarkets, and approximately 50% of the total plastic packaging placed on the UK market. The Government is also acting to help ensure the
right infrastructure is in place to deliver high quality secondary materials for recycling. It is investing around £3 billion of grant funding in waste infrastructure projects. These grants support infrastructure including material recovery, mechanical biological treatment and anaerobic digestion facilities, as well as implementation and expanding kerbside recycling services. It also recently announced £4.7 million of grant funding for recycling infrastructure projects that will help to recycle difficult plastic packaging and textile materials. Further grant opportunities around recycling will follow in due course.

Environment – Air Quality

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
09/07/19	Written Q&A	Treasury	To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Clean Air Strategy 2019, what progress he has made in reviewing current uses of red diesel to ensure that its lower cost is not discouraging the transition to cleaner alternatives.
			Answered on: Tuesday 9 July 2019 Treasury Matthew Pennycook (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Clean Air Strategy 2019, what progress he has made in reviewing current uses of red diesel to ensure that its lower cost is not discouraging the transition to cleaner alternatives. Robert Jenrick (Newark): In April 2019 HMT and Defra published a summary of responses to the call for evidence on non- road mobile machinery and red diesel . HMRC also published a research paper on the same topic. These can be found

	at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/gover nment/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_ data/file/792651/red_diesel_summary_of_resp onses_web.pdf and https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/gover nment/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_ data/file/791883/Non- agricultural_use_of_red_diesel_for_non- road_mobile_machinery_Research_Report.pd f The government will continue to pursue policies to reduce the overall environmental impact of diesel use and encourage the uptake of alternatives in industries where a practical substitute for diesel engines is available. All taxes are kept under review and any changes are announced as part of the annual budget process.
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Brexit – BEIS, Defra, HCLG, DExEU & committees

Date	Туре	Organisation	Notes
02/07/19	Oral Answer	НоС	What progress the Government have made on establishing a shared prosperity fund. <u>Read here.</u>
09/07/19	Written Ministerial statement	BEIS	BEIS: Post EU Energy Council The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has published a written ministerial statement on Post EU Energy Council: <u>http://bit.ly/2XxZXID</u>
11/07/19	Committee Summary	Exiting the EU	The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal - Committee Summary Exiting the European Union Committee The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal 10 July 2019. <u>Read here.</u>
15/07/19	Debate	HoL	Environment (Legislative Functions from Directives) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 Read here.
16/07/19	Debate	HoL	Brexit: European Investment Bank (European Union Committee Report) <u>Read here.</u>
17/07/19	Written Ministerial Statement	Cabinet office	Cabinet Office: The European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks <u>Read here.</u>