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## **EIA Update**

This week we presented to the AEV and AEO CEO Summit along with the ESSA membership at ESSA's AGM. Our presentations focused on the results from last week's General Election, what these mean for the EIA and the events industry and our strategy for political engagement with the new Government and Parliament.

Separately, we held our regular catch up with officials from the Department for Business and Trade who were in the midst of welcoming their new Secretary of State (SoS) & Minister, and gearing up for new plans, initiatives and approaches. They were very upbeat, and looking forward to working with the new government, and indicated the new SoS was keen to engage with business leaders asap, and indicated representatives from EIA would be included which makes for a very promising start!

They acknowledged receipt of the latest Economic Impact Study, and we reiterated that whilst our policy asks remain consistent, as does our offer to engage, help and stimulate growth, we would be refreshing the language in our manifesto and policy asks over the summer to align with the presentation of the new governments objectives.

## **Political Update**

It's the first week of the new Government following last Thursday's General Election. New Prime Minister Keir Starmer has continued appointing his front bench with all Ministerial roles now reportedly filled. Appointments of note are set out below but we await confirmation of ministerial responsibilities.

Rachel Reeves delivered her first speech as Chancellor on Monday, outlining her immediate plans to revitalise the British economy, focusing on stabilising and growing the economy, reducing taxes, and improving living standards.

She criticised the economic legacy of previous governments, promising to address the inherited challenges with a new approach centred on stability, investment, and reform. Reeves pledged to tackle outdated planning systems, accelerate housing development, and boost infrastructure projects, including energy and transportation.

The King's Speech, which marks the State Opening of Parliament will take place next Wednesday and will set out the new Government's legislative agenda for the next Parliamentary session.

Expected announcements include some of Government's flagship manifesto policies such as reform of employment rights, the establishment of Great British Energy, plans to build more homes and the foundations of NHS reform. Martyn's Law is also expected to be included in the King's Speech. More details on this below.

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## News

### [Martyn's Law expected in King's Speech.](#)

The Guardian has reported that next week's King's Speech - which will take place on Wednesday, 17 July - will include Martyn's Law. The Law would require venues to take steps to prepare for terror attacks and is named after Martyn Hett, a victim of the 2017 Manchester Arena terror attack.

The introduction of the Bill in this Parliamentary session follows continued campaigning by Martyn Hett's mother, Figgan Murray, who said she felt let down by Rishi Sunak after he promised to introduce the law but did not bring it forward before he called the election.

### [Starmer appoints first Cabinet as PM](#)

New Prime Minister Keir Starmer has begun appointing his first Cabinet following Labour's landslide victory in the General Election last week.

There is a new Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Lisa Nandy. She is the only new Secretary of State who didn't shadow in their role prior to the election, having served as Shadow Minister for International Development.

A biography of Lisa Nandy can be found [here](#). Other Cabinet appointments of relevance to EIA include:

- Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves
- Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Johnathan Reynolds
- Chief Secretary of the Treasury, Darren Jones

Ministerial portfolios are yet to be finalised however:

- Sir Chris Bryant has been appointed Minister of State for Culture, Media and Sport
- Stephanie Peacock has been appointed Parliamentary-Under Secretary for Culture, Media and Sport
- Douglas Alexander and Sarah Jones have been appointed Minister of State for Business and Trade

### Rachel Reeves delivers first speech as Chancellor.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves gave her first official speech, that centred around securing economic growth and building national infrastructure as well as 1.5 million homes within the next Parliament, with planning reform a central way of achieving these goals.

The proposed reforms of the planning system are:

- Restoration of mandatory local housebuilding targets
- Relaxation of planning restrictions on 'grey belt' parts of the green belt
- A draft National Planning Policy Framework to be published before recess in August
- Enhanced presumption in favour of sustainable development
- End the de-facto ban on onshore wind turbines
- Help local authorities hire more planning officers

### Transport Secretary outlines DfT priorities.

Secretary of State for Transport Louise Haigh has outlined her five key priorities for the Department for Transport (DfT). She pledges to deliver a major overhaul of transport, focusing on rail reform, bus service improvements, nationwide infrastructure transformation, greener transport, and better integration of transport networks.

In her first address to DfT staff, Haigh emphasised the department's new motto, "move fast and fix things," and highlighted the importance of transport in achieving government goals related to growth, net zero, and social mobility.

Newly appointed ministers, including Rail Minister Lord Hendy, will support these initiatives, with Haigh beginning her efforts by engaging with regional leaders to improve bus services across the country.

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## Parliament

House of Commons

### New MPs sworn into Parliament

Newly elected MPs entered Parliament to take their oaths and elect the new Speaker of the House. There are 355 new MPs following last week's General Election, the highest number on record. Swearing in will take place throughout this week.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle was re-elected as Speaker of the House. The new Parliamentary session will officially open following the State Opening of Parliament and King's Speech on Wednesday 17th July.

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