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EIA Update

This week the EIA was pleased to start sending out congratulatory emails to Secretary of States to introduce ourselves and the value of our sector. We will continue our engagement with the new Minister of particular relevance to us as their portfolios of responsibility are released.

We are also preparing for an event with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Lisa Nandy, next week which will serve as our first opportunity to engage with the new Government following the election just last month. Feedback from the event will be included in next week's monitor.

Political Update

This week saw the return of Prime Minister's Questions following the General Election. This is the first time in fourteen years that PMQs have been directed towards a Labour leader.

The new Labour Government are continuing to hit the ground running by introducing the much anticipated GB Energy Bill which will see the creation of a new publicly owned clean energy company backed by £8.3bn of funding over the next five years.

This Monday coming it is expected that Rachel, Reeves, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will give a speech outlining a 'black hole' of £20bn in the public finances. Conservatives and others are speculating that this will lay the groundworks for future tax rises.

The Conservative leadership race timetable was announced with a deadline set for 2nd November, currently the declared candidate stand at former Security Minister Tom Tugendhat; former Communities Secretary and Immigration Minister Robert Jenrick; former Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary James Cleverly; and former Chief Secretary to the Treasury Mel Stride.

Following the resignation of Vaughan Gething, Eluen Morgan MS was announced as the new Leader of Welsh Labour. It is expected she will be confirmed as the new First Minister of Wales next week during a meeting of the Welsh Parliament.

News

DCMS Ministerial Team announced

The Ministers for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and their portfolios have now been confirmed:

- Secretary of State: Lisa Nandy
- Minister for Creative Industries, Arts and Tourism: Sir Chris Bryant
- Minister for Sport, Media, Civil Society and Youth: Stephanie Peacock
- Minister for Gambling: Baroness Fiona Twycross

Skills England

Speaking at the Farnborough Airshow on 22nd July, Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, and Education Secretary, Bridget Phillipson, announced the launch of Skills England.

Skills England will endeavour to bring together businesses, training providers, unions and central and local government to provide over of the post-16 skills system. The aim is to help local areas develop a skilled workforce in areas that they need, particularly construction and healthcare.

The next steps for Skills England will involve setting up a shadow organisation within the Department of Education and to begin work on assessing future skills needs, as well as establishing a permanent board, Chair and CEO.

Richard Pennycook, former Chief Executive of the Co-operative Group was named as interim chair.

Bridget Phillipson delivered a speech on Britain's global position in education

During a speech at the Embassy Education Conference, Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education reinforced Britain's place as an international hub for students, particularly at university level. She spoke about her passion for Britain to be considered an open and global place for new ideas. Later in her speech, she highlighted her commitment to build education partnerships across the globe which could be in the form of cross-border collaboration on skills training.

UK joins the first global digital trade agreement

The UK was joined the first global digital trade deal negotiated by the World Trade Organisation (WTO). This is an agreement between the UK and 90 other countries to help make global trade faster, fairer, cheaper and more secure by banning customs

duties on digital content. It is estimated that Global adoption of the digital customs systems could increase UK GDP by up to £24.2 billion.

Parliament

House of Commons

Martyn's Law

During a debate on Immigration and Home Affairs this week, Yvette Cooper, Home Secretary, called for the whole House to support Martyn's Law. She hoped that the law would help lessons to be learnt around the Manchester attack.

Ms Cooper argued that through the debate and argument the house could come together 'to keep communities safe'.

House of Lords King's Speech Debate features terrorism protection and premises Bill

The House of Lords continued to debate the King's Speech this week, with part of the debate focused on the Terrorism Protection and Premises Bill (Martyn's Law). The Bill was outlined by Lord Timpson, Minister for the Ministry of Justice and Lord Steward of Dirleton confirmed that the Conservative party would work constructively with the Government to bring forward Martyn's Law subject to scrutiny.

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