

Economy vs Climate Change Control



“ The UK was a real leader [on climate change] but it’s not at the moment. They’ve introduced new tax breaks for oil and gas in 2015 that will cost the UK taxpayer billions between 2015 and 2020, and at the same time they’ve cut support for renewables and for energy efficiency,”

Mary Robinson, UN special envoy on climate change and El Niño



"£1 billion fund to invest in carbon capture and storage technology has been scrapped, breaking (the government's) manifesto pledge. Government have still not committed to maintaining for the long term a reduced rate of VAT on solar panels, wind turbines and water turbines." [Speech to Parliament by Rebecca Long-Bailey, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury \(June 2016\)](#)



There have been about 18 legislative changes in (favour of) the oil and gas sector in the past 15 years . Also withdrawal from green initiatives such as:

- zero-carbon home policy
- the green deal home improvement fund
- solar subsidies have been cut
- onshore wind farm subsidy has been removed
- a cap introduced for biomass fuel subsidy
- UK Green Investment Bank has been privatised
- the green tax target on renewable energy investment abandoned
- green car incentives have been cut.

[Excerpts from Speech to Parliament Phil Boswell, SNP, Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill \(July 2016\)](#)