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Energy and Climate Change Committee Calls for Action on CCS

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) welcomes the publication of the Energy and Climate Change Committee report into the Future of Carbon Capture and Storage in the UK.

The report is a summary of the one-off evidence session that was held on the 20th January 2016 and sets out a number of recommendations for CCS – including devising “*a new strategy for carbon capture and storage in conjunction with a new gas strategy*” and engaging with the National Infrastructure Commission on how to develop CCS transport and storage infrastructure.

Dr Luke Warren, Chief Executive of the CCSA, commented:

“The Spending Review decision to withdraw funding for CCS has had an extremely negative impact on the industry. What may have seemed like a good short-term saving risks loading significant costs onto the UK economy in the longer-term as the cost of meeting decarbonisation goals will increase substantially if CCS is not available.

We very much welcome the Energy and Climate Change Committee’s call for the UK Government to urgently come forward with a clear strategy for CCS. As today’s report has emphasised, such a strategy needs to clearly set out the Government’s ambitions for CCS in the near-term and address the challenge of providing transport and storage infrastructure.

We look forward to working with Government to deliver a successful CCS strategy that can ensure the decarbonisation of the UK’s power sector at least cost, enable a long-term

sustainable future for vital energy intensive industries, and retain the opportunity to maximise our North Sea oil and gas assets”.

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Notes to Editors:

1. On Wednesday 10th February 2016, the Energy and Climate Change Committee published a report into The Future of Carbon Capture and Storage in the UK. The report can be found [here](#).
2. The Energy and Climate Change Committee wrote to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Amber Rudd, seeking answers to a number of questions regarding the CCS decision. The letter can be found [here](#) and the response can be found [here](#).
3. On the 25th November 2015, the Government announced to the London Stock Exchange that *“the £1 billion ring-fenced capital budget for the Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Competition is no longer available. This decision means that the CCS Competition cannot proceed on its current basis”*. The announcement can be found [here](#).
4. CCS has a vital role to play in meeting the UK’s climate change targets at least cost. The Committee on Climate Change recently concluded that CCS *“could almost halve the cost of meeting the 2050 target in the Climate Change Act”*. CCS is also the only technology available that allows deep decarbonisation in energy intensive industries, and is therefore crucial in enabling a long-term sustainable future for these important industries.

5. The Carbon Capture and Storage Association exists to represent the interests of its members in promoting the Business of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS). The Association works to raise awareness, both in the UK and internationally, of the benefits of CCS as a viable climate change mitigation option, and the role of CCS in moving towards a low-carbon global economy.

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