

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE TO HUNTERSTON SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP – 5th MARCH 2026

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING POLICY TEAM

Designation Direction for Decommissioning Hunterston B

The amended Designation Direction required to transfer the Hunterston B site from EDF to NRS for decommissioning, as required by the Energy Act 2004, has now been approved. The amended Direction was signed by Scottish and UK Ministers and laid at both the UK and Scottish Parliaments on 24th February 2026, in preparation for the transfer of Hunterston B on 1st April. The amended Direction can be viewed online at;

[Directions for Hunterston B - GOV.UK](#)

NDA Strategy V

The work that Scottish Government were carrying out with the NDA on the development of their 2026 Strategy document, ensuring that Scottish Policy and practices are properly reflected, has now concluded. The Strategy was approved by UK and Scottish Ministers and laid at both Parliaments on 23 February 2026, in accordance with the terms of the Energy Act 2004. The Strategy has been published online and can be found at the link below;

[The NDA group Strategy Effective from March 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

Upcoming Scottish Elections

The Scottish Parliamentary elections are due to take place on the 7th of May 2026. Special arrangements apply to the handling of government business in the six weeks prior to the election, from 26 March 2026, known as the pre-election period. During the pre- election period, the Scottish Government retains its responsibility to govern, and Ministers remain Ministers and in charge of their portfolios. Essential business will continue. However, decisions on matters of policy on which the next administration might wish to take a different view from the current administration will be postponed until after the election, provided that such postponement would not be detrimental to Scotland's interest or wasteful of public resources. Election guidance for Scottish Government, its Agencies and National Devolved Public Bodies has now been published and is available at the link below;

[Scottish Parliament Election: 7 May 2026, guidance for the Scottish Government, its agencies and National Devolved Public Bodies - gov.scot](#)

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