

ECONOMY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

**32nd Meeting, 2023 (Session 6), Wednesday
13 December 2023**

Petroineos Grangemouth

Note by the Clerk

Background

1. On 22 November, it was announced that the oil refinery at Grangemouth would transition into a fuels import terminal.
2. The refinery is owned by [Petroineos](#), a refining and energy trading joint venture between PetroChina International London and the INEOS Group.
3. Earlier this year the Committee held an inquiry into a just transition for the Grangemouth area. While INEOS did not formally engage with the inquiry, it fed into the [written submission](#) from Forth Ports Limited and the Forth Green Freeport, as well as [oral evidence](#) provided by Forth Ports Limited. The company also hosted a visit to the site by the Committee on 20 March 2023.
4. The Committee [published its report on 21 June 2023](#).
5. The purpose of this evidence session is to consider the timescales for the recently announced change, the impact on jobs and what support will be available to workers, as well as the impact on the Scottish Cluster, Forth Green Free Port, and the transition to net zero.

Witnesses

6. The Committee will hear evidence over two panels. Firstly, from—
 - Iain Hardie, Head of Legal & External Affairs, Petroineos Manufacturing Scotland Ltd; and
 - Colin Pritchard, Sustainability Director, INEOS Grangemouth;and then from—
 - Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy;

- Kenneth MacDermid, Head of Critical Energy Infrastructure and Commercial Projects, Energy Industries Division; and
 - Susie Townend, Interim Deputy Director Energy Industries Division, Scottish Government.
7. The UK Government was also invited to give evidence on the Petrineos Grangemouth announcement. Due to diary pressures, a UK Minister was not available until mid-January at the earliest. Alternative dates are being discussed, with a view to reaching agreement quickly.

**Economy and Fair Work Committee Clerk
8 December 2023**