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NEW CROSS-PARTY INQUIRY 2014/15

REMANUFACTURING

RESOURCE SECURITY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

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CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Inquiry: Remanufacturing – Resource security and opportunities for Growth

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About the All-Party Parliamentary Sustainable Resource Forum (APSRG)

Established in 1995, the All-Party Parliamentary Sustainable Resource Group is the leading forum informing the debate between parliamentarians, business leaders and the sustainable resource community. Our mission is to provide an objective platform for effective communication between policy-makers, businesses and organisations with an interest in the sustainable resource management agenda and to raise awareness of sustainable resource issues within Parliament.

About the All-Party Parliamentary Manufacturing Group (APMG)

The All-Party Parliamentary Manufacturing Group is a cross-party coalition of Parliamentarians and manufacturing industry organisations that works to develop new industrial policy ideas, critique existing government decision-making around manufacturing, communicate within Parliament the importance of a well-balanced productive economy, and help the manufacturing community better engage with the policy process.

About the inquiry

Further to the All-Party Parliamentary Sustainable Resource Group's (APSRG) March 2014 report *Remanufacturing: Towards a Resource Efficient Economy*, the APSRG and the All-Party Parliamentary

Manufacturing Group (APMG) are undertaking a further research inquiry to further examine the potential for remanufacturing in the UK.

We wish to identify and help establish the optimal policy environment to encourage remanufacturing activity, which could have a decisive role to play in ensuring resource security, and deriving extensive additional economic, environmental and social benefits. The report will:

- consider how remanufacturing increases the potential for reshoring parts and products
- examine the role of remanufacturing in improving national resilience;
- explore the potential drivers and barriers for remanufacturing in diverse industries, ranging from those where it is difficult to those where it is already commonplace;
- consider the benefits of alternative types of business models (e.g.: servitisation) in engaging in remanufacturing; and
- identify areas where further Government regulation or incentives may be needed to stimulate remanufacturing

Submit evidence

Please use the questions below to form your response to the call for evidence, but do not feel restricted by or compelled to answer every question. The APSRG and APMG welcome all types of evidence including data analysis or internal studies your organisation has carried out, and personal or organisational views on these issues. Submissions of evidence will not be published and the APSRG and APMG will seek your permission before quoting from evidence submissions in our final report.

The APSRG and APMG's secretariat will also be conducting informal interviews to inform the inquiry – please get in touch if you would like to discuss the topic in more detail.

The deadline for submission of evidence is Friday 26th September.

Please email your evidence submission to anne-marie.benoy@policyconnect.org.uk.

For more information on the inquiry visit <http://www.policyconnect.org.uk/apsrg/> or call Anne-Marie on 02072028573

Call for evidence

1. Drivers and barriers to remanufacturing

- a. How does remanufacturing fit into the Government's idea of a circular economy?
- b. How does remanufacturing improve the UK's economic and environmental resilience?
- c. How advanced is the remanufacturing industry now in the UK/Europe/Worldwide?
- d. What are the key drivers of remanufacturing? How might these change over the next ten years?
- e. What are the key barriers to remanufacturing? How should these be addressed?
- f. How can design for remanufacture be encouraged?
- g. When product designers think about end-of-life and sustainable design, how much do they think about remanufacturing? What is needed to encourage more circular thinking?
- h. In terms of the resources and materials used, what are the environmental benefits that are gained through remanufacturing?
- i. The first APSRG report on remanufacturing outlined that "a key barrier to the uptake of successful remanufacturing is the return of end-of-life products (or "core") from the consumer to the remanufacturer. What can manufacturers do to ensure they get their products back at the end of their first life? Are there any Government initiatives needed to drive this?

- 2. Business models lending themselves to remanufacturing**
 - a. What business models suit remanufacturing the most?
 - b. How do servitisation and leasing business models work?
 - c. How can industries with more traditional business models move towards using business models which compliment remanufacturing?

- 3. Industries where remanufacturing is commonplace**
 - a. What makes the automotive industry so suited to and successful in remanufacturing?
 - b. What other industries remanufacture successfully? Why?

- 4. Industries where remanufacturing is not commonplace**
 - a. What are the areas or industries where remanufacturing is not common?
 - b. What are the reasons behind a lack of remanufacturing in, for example, the textiles industry?
 - c. What barriers need to be overcome in order to see more remanufacturing in these industries? How can remanufacturing in these industries be supported?

- 5. Moving forwards**
 - a. What regulations or incentives are still needed by Government to encourage remanufacturing?
 - b. How could remanufacturing fit with the Government's idea for green procurement?

Inquiry co-chairs



Barry Sheerman MP (Lab)

Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Sustainable Resource Group & All-Party Parliamentary Manufacturing Group



Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP (Con)

Former Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs;

Chair, APSRG March 2014 report
Remanufacturing: Towards a Resource Efficient Economy