

GMB Scotland responds to renewable energy jobs report



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Responding today (Wednesday 17 April) to the publication of the STUC Report, '[Broken Promises and Offshore Jobs: Employment in the low-carbon and renewable energy economy](#)', GMB Scotland Secretary Gary Smith said:

"The report reinforces what we have consistently argued about the reality of renewables employment and the challenges posed by the transition to a low carbon economy. Ultimately, it shows what happens when politicians preach and don't plan.



“BiFab is the case in point. Despite all the talk of a green jobs revolution, the fabrication yards in Burntisland and Methil remain empty

“The manufacture of 100 turbine jackets and five floating platforms for the Moray East and Kincardine projects will not take place in Fife but in Belgium, the North East of England, Spain and the United Arab Emirates; the result of our industry being controlled by European state subsidised energy firms, Far East finance and Middle East sovereign wealth, and their supply chain partners of preference.

“This is what long-term political failure looks like and the price is paid in the loss of thousands of jobs and billions of pounds of prosperity to the Scottish economy, starving hope from working class communities in regions of economic deprivation like Fife.”

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