

## Westminster Business Forum policy conference

### Next steps for the UK space sector - regulation, commercialisation and international partnerships

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Alistair Carmichael MP**, MP for Orkney and Shetland, and Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Home Affairs, Political & Constitutional Reform, and Northern Ireland
- 9.05 **The development and regulation of commercial spaceflight in the UK**  
**Paul Cremin**, Commercial Spaceflight Policy & Regulation Lead, Department for Transport  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Commercialising the UK's space sector - the Artemis programme, spaceport development and spaceflight regulation**
- Developing and utilising funding for UK spaceports*  
**David Oxley**, Director of Business and Sector Development, Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- The future regulatory framework for the sector*  
**Joanne Wheeler**, Managing Partner, Alden Legal
- Progress with plans for UK spaceflight*  
**Nick Shave**, Chair, UKSpace
- Plans for commercial flights in the UK*  
**Steve Eisele**, Vice President, Business Development, Virgin Orbit
- Space flight operations and manufacturing*  
**Nik Smith**, Regional Director UK and Europe, Lockheed Martin Space  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Strengthening international partnerships and cooperation**  
**Elodie Viau**, Director of Telecommunication and Integrated Applications and Head, ECSAT, European Space Agency  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 Break
- 11.25 **Supporting a sustainable space sector - skills, collaboration, innovation and safety**
- Developing the skills and workforce to meet sector needs*  
**Jacob Smith**, Chair, UK Students for the Exploration and Development of Space
- Collaboration between government and industry to achieve growth in the sector*  
**Graham Peters**, Chair, Space Growth Partnership
- 'Mitigating the impact of space weather and space debris'*  
**Professor Richard Horne**, Head of Space Weather, British Antarctic Survey
- Improving telecommunications and connectivity*  
**Richard Franklin**, UK Managing Director and Head of Secure Communications, Airbus Defence and Space  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Next steps for the UK's space sector**  
**Graham Turnock**, Chief Executive Officer, UK Space Agency  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
**Alistair Carmichael MP**, MP for Orkney and Shetland, and Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Home Affairs, Political & Constitutional Reform, and Northern Ireland  
**Helen Crocker**, Forum Lead, Westminster Business Forum