Westminster Business Forum policy conference:
Next steps for UK space policy, regulation and sector development
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Garnier MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Space

9.05 **Strategic priorities for the UK space sector and next steps following the new *UK Space Strategy***
Samuel Whelan, Head, Space Strategy and Insights, UK Space Agency, Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Investment considerations for the space industry - funding priorities and access to capital**
Senior representative, investment

9.40 **Space sector priorities for procurement, commercialisation and market development**
investment across the four accelerated subsectors and implications for wider industry | role of government as an anchor customer and the Enterprise Space Category | approaches to civil and defence procurement | access to contracts for SMEs and scale-ups | commercialisation of research and addressing barriers to scaling | access to finance and later-stage investment | demand for Earth Observation and downstream services | retention of companies, skills and intellectual property in the UK | export potential and participation in international markets | priorities for the AI Roadmap for space, including testing, assurance and commercial applications
Elizabeth Seward, CEO, Supersharp
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, procurement
Senior representative, technology

10.00 Questions and comments from the floor

10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mark Garnier MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Space

10.35 Break

10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

10.50 **Next steps for UK space regulation - licensing, liability and insurance requirements**
Senior representative, regulation

11.00 **Space regulation and commercial operations - risk, insurability and sustainability operations**
implementation of the new variable liability regime for orbital operations, including security and sustainability criteria | availability and affordability of third-party insurance | risk-sharing mechanisms, including between operators, insurers, and government | alternative insurance arrangements | time-limited liability waivers for qualifying in-orbit activities and lunar missions | licensing reform, application timescales and regulatory capacity | regulatory requirements for emerging mission types | end-of-life obligations, orbital sustainability, and debris mitigation | international standards and regulatory alignment | implications for investment, operators and new market entrants
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, insurance
Senior representative, operator
Senior representative, sustainability

11.20 Questions and comments from the floor

11.40 **Resilience, sovereign infrastructure and national security - priorities for UK satellite and launch capabilities**
ground infrastructure and supply chains | sovereign, allied and commercial provision for civil and defence needs | satellite connectivity for telecoms, aviation, emergency services and critical infrastructure | resilience against interference, disruption and cyber threats | Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy inquiry into space resilience | Space Domain Awareness and monitoring orbital activity | launch infrastructure, spaceport capacity and investment requirements | assured access to space and international partnerships | domestic manufacturing capability | AI adoption in satellite operations and launch services
Senior representative, end users
Senior representative, operator
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, launch
Senior representative, manufacturing
Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **Priorities for the UK space industry - investment, commercial growth and national capabilities**
Senior representative, space sector
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Business Forum