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Onshore Wind Subsidy Scheme Halted Early

The government has confirmed it will be ending subsidies for onshore wind farms in April 2016 - a year earlier than previously agreed.

A grace period will be put in place to limit harm to investors. Speaking on Radio 4's Today programme, Energy Secretary Amber Rudd stated that this is a 'significant change' but should not come as a surprise due to its inclusion in the Conservative manifesto.



Maria McCaffery, chief executive of RenewableUK remarked that "The Government's decision to end prematurely financial support for onshore wind sends a chilling signal not just to the renewable energy industry, but to all investors right across the UK's infrastructure sectors,". She adds that "People's fuel bills will increase directly as a result of this Government's actions. If Government was really serious about ending subsidy it should be working with industry to help us bring costs down, not slamming the door on the lowest cost option."

The UK wind energy industry has already threatened legal action should the Government go ahead with this decision.

Will your business be affected by this decision? More information can be found [here](#).

