# Smart Secure Electricity Systems – Enduring Governance

# Consultation Response Form

The Smart Secure Electricity Systems (SSES) Programme is designed to create the technical and regulatory frameworks to enable the untapped flexibility from small scale devices, such as domestic electric vehicle charge points and heat pumps.

It should contribute to electricity system decarbonisation in a way that protects consumers and the electricity system and as such is a key enabler for consumer-led flexibility that will help consumers make energy bill savings and deliver the government’s Clean Energy Superpower Mission.

To make sure the technical and security requirements for energy smart appliances and flexibility services continue to meet the evolving needs of industry and government’s policy objectives, we plan to establish industry-led governance arrangements to manage these considerations and recommend any changes to government and regulators in light of emerging risks and market developments.

We are consulting on:

* our minded-to position for Elexon to be responsible for SSES enduring governance through modifications to the Balancing and Settlement Code
* the technical and security governance functions to be managed by the SSES Technical and Security Governance Groups
* the proposed membership arrangements for the SSES Technical and Security Governance Groups
* cost recovery proposals for Elexon to recover costs for managing the enduring governance functions
* the proposed code modifications to the Balancing and Settlement Code (Annex A)

The consultation is available at: [https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/smart-secure-electricity-systems-programme-sses-enduring-governance](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fconsultations%2Fsmart-secure-electricity-systems-programme-sses-enduring-governance&data=05%7C02%7CEmilyRose.Milburn%40energysecurity.gov.uk%7C2d459873b96342ec120108ddcf36c1d9%7Ccbac700502c143ebb497e6492d1b2dd8%7C0%7C0%7C638894556274777706%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qK5cchoBmPiSX9LT8%2Bn4HxJKQ92tF7R%2B4hD2jh2xI7A%3D&reserved=0)

The closing date for responses is 11:59pm on 29th September 2025.

Please return completed forms to: SSESConsultation@energysecurity.gov.uk

## Personal / Confidential information

Please be aware that we intend to publish a summary of all responses to this consultation.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or release to other parties or to disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes. Please see the consultation document for further information.

If you want information, including personal data, that you provide to be treated as confidential, please explain to us below why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we shall take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the department.

I want my response to be treated as confidential [ ]

Comments: Click here to enter text.

## About You

Name:
Organisation (if applicable):
Address:

|  | Respondent type |
| --- | --- |
| [ ]  | Business representative organisation/trade body |
|[ ]  Central government |
|[ ]  Charity or social enterprise |
|[ ]  Individual |
|[ ]  Large business (over 250 staff) |
|[ ]  Legal representative |
|[ ]  Local government |
|[ ]  Medium business (50 to 250 staff) |
|[ ]  Micro business (up to 9 staff) |
|[ ]  Small business (10 to 49 staff) |
|[ ]  Trade union or staff association |
|[ ]  Other (please describe) |

## Questions

Question 1: Do you agree that the Balancing and Settlement Code administered by Elexon is the most suitable code to house SSES Enduring Governance functions?

[ ]  Agree [ ]  Disagree [ ]  Not sure

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 2: Do you agree with the suggested term limit of two years for the SSES Technical and Security Governance Group members?

[ ]  Agree [ ]  Disagree [ ]  Not sure

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 3: Do you agree that the business architecture design, technical architecture design, plain language schema and the GB Interoperable CLF Companion Specification should be managed by the SSES Technical Governance Group? If you disagree, please provide information on how these documents should continue to be managed.

[ ]  Agree [ ]  Disagree [ ]  Not sure

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 4: Do you agree that government and/or regulators should make the final decision on changes to the companion specification? Please explain your answer.

[ ]  Agree [ ]  Disagree [ ]  Not sure

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 5: Do you agree that the SSES Technical Governance Group should have a longer-term role in assurance and testing?

[ ]  Agree [ ]  Disagree [ ]  Not sure

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 6: Do you agree with the categories for seat allocation and the suggested split of seats for the SSES Technical Governance Group?

[ ]  Agree [ ]  Disagree [ ]  Not sure

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 7: Do you have any other reflections on the proposed governance structure for the SSES Technical Governance Group?

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 8: Do you agree with the proposed membership composition of the SSES Security Governance Group, including the number of members in each category?

[ ]  Agree [ ]  Disagree [ ]  Not sure

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 9: Are the scope of the roles and responsibilities of the SSES Security Governance Group manageable and proportionate?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 10: Should any responsibilities of the SSES Security Governance Group be added or removed?

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 11: Do you agree with the proposed content of the BSC code modification set out in Annex A? If you disagree, please set out your reasonings and any suggested changes.

[ ]  Agree [ ]  Disagree [ ]  Not sure

If you disagree, please set out your reasonings and any suggested changes: Click here to enter text.

Question 12: Do you agree the SSES Technical and Security Governance Groups should report into the BSC Panel? (recognising the proposals in this consultation are subject to change following the outcomes of code reform consultations)

[ ]  Agree [ ]  Disagree [ ]  Not sure

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 13: Do you agree that the set-up costs during the Transition Phase for SSES Enduring Governance should be treated as BSC Costs, subject to review prior to the delivery phase?

[ ]  Agree [ ]  Disagree [ ]  Not sure

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 14: Do you agree that government reserving the right to change the chair is a sufficient method to hold the SSES Technical and Security Governance Groups to account for their activities?

[ ]  Agree [ ]  Disagree [ ]  Not sure

Response: Click here to enter text.

Question 15: Are there any key elements we are not including in the timeline which will need to be factored into our roll out of SSES Enduring Governance?

Response: Click here to enter text.

Do you have any other comments that might aid the consultation process as a whole?

Please use this space for any general comments that you may have.

Click here to enter text.

Thank you for your views on this consultation, your input is valuable in ensuring appropriate enduring governance structures for smart secure electricity systems.

Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views. We do not intend to acknowledge receipt of individual responses unless you tick the box below.

Please acknowledge this reply [ ]

At the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero we carry out our research on many different topics and consultations, and your views are valuable to us. Would you be happy for us to contact you again from time to time either for research or about other consultations?

[ ] Yes [ ] No