



# Emergency Law: Government Seeks Greater Control

## Description

On a rare Saturday, Parliament has been summoned to deliberate on an emergency statute designed to preserve the British Steel plant in Scunthorpe from imminent closure. Sir Keir Starmer articulated that the proposed legislation would empower ministers to “assume control” of the Lincolnshire facility, thereby preventing its Chinese proprietors from ceasing operations of the blast furnaces. This pivotal measure potentially paves the way for future nationalisation efforts, as the Prime Minister noted that “all options remain on the table.”

Discussions have unfolded throughout the week, aimed at sustaining production amid assertions from the owners, Jingye, that the furnaces are “no longer financially sustainable.” MPs, currently on a break set to conclude on 22 April, are assembling in Westminster for this convened session—an occurrence not seen since the onset of World War II in 1939.

During a statement at Downing Street, Sir Keir accentuated the precarious state of the firm's future, declaring that steel production is “integral to our future” and affirming his commitment to safeguarding British jobs and workers. The government’s proposed new law would enable the procurement of raw materials essential for the continued operation of the furnaces, which face the prospect of depleting resources.

Despite the government’s overtures of support, Jingye has rejected significant aid offerings, asserting its own financial distress while facing mounting losses. The urgency of this legislation reflects the gravity of the situation, with unions welcoming government intervention as a transitional measure in a rapidly evolving economic landscape.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Deliberate** /dɪˈlɪb.ə.reɪt/ (verb): To think about or discuss issues and decisions carefully.
2. **Imminent** /ˈɪm.ɪ.nənt/ (adjective): About to happen; impending.
3. **Sustainable** /səˈsteɪ.nə.bəl/ (adjective): Capable of being maintained or continued over the long term.
4. **Procurement** /prəˈkjʊə.mənt/ (noun): The action of obtaining or procuring something often used in a business context.
5. **Intervention** /ˌɪn.təˈven.jən/ (noun): The action of becoming involved in a situation to alter the outcome.
6. **Transitional** /trænˈzɪʃ.ən.əl/ (adjective): Relating to a process of change or shift from one state to another.

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. Who articulated the proposed legislation to save the British Steel plant in Scunthorpe?
  - Option: Sir Keir Starmer
  - Option: Prime Minister
  - Option: Jingye owners
  - Option: MPs
  
2. What is the aim of the emergency statute discussed in Parliament?
  - Option: To prevent Chinese proprietors from closing the plant
  - Option: To nationalize the British Steel plant
  - Option: To increase steel production
  - Option: To sell the facility to a different owner
  
3. When was the last time MPs convened on a Saturday before this session?
  - Option: During World War II in 1939
  - Option: During a previous economic crisis
  - Option: During a pandemic
  - Option: Never before
  
4. Who expressed commitment to safeguarding British jobs and workers in the statement at Downing Street?
  - Option: Sir Keir Starmer
  - Option: Prime Minister
  - Option: Jingye owners
  - Option: Unions
  
5. What could the proposed new law enable the government to do for the operation of the furnaces?
  - Option: Procure raw materials
  - Option: Sell the plant
  - Option: Reduce production
  - Option: Close the furnaces
  
6. Why have Jingye owners rejected significant aid offerings?
  - Option: Due to their own financial distress
  - Option: Due to lack of government support
  - Option: To privatize the plant
  - Option: To shift operations overseas



## True-False

7. The Prime Minister mentioned that nationalization of the British Steel plant is the only option.
8. Jingye owners have expressed that the furnaces are no longer financially sustainable.
9. Sir Keir Starmer declared that steel production is not essential to the future.
10. MPs have been in session without a break since the beginning of the year.
11. Unions welcome government intervention as a temporary measure.
12. The urgency of the proposed legislation indicates a lack of concern for the situation.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Sir Keir Starmer 2. To prevent Chinese proprietors from closing the plant 3. During World War II in 1939 5. Procure raw materials 6. Due to their own financial distress

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which term best describes a development strategy aimed at meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs?

Option: Sustainable

Option: Imminent

Option: Articulated

Option: Ecosystem

2. What term refers to the act of interfering or getting involved in a situation to modify outcomes?

Option: Scrutiny

Option: Intervention

Option: Imposition

Option: Diverting

3. Which term is used to describe a community of organisms interacting with each other and their physical



environment?

- Option: Conjecture
- Option: Ecosystem
- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Egregiously

4. What term refers to a tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports?

- Option: Entrenched
- Option: Contraventions
- Option: Tariff
- Option: Levy

5. Which term represents the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities needed for the operation of a society or enterprise?

- Option: Asserted
- Option: Accessibility
- Option: Infrastructure
- Option: Transformative

6. What term represents the act of increasing in extent volume number or scope?

- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Catalyzed
- Option: Corrailed
- Option: Escalation

7. Which term refers to the action or process of imposing something or striking upon by authority?

- Option: Substantial
- Option: Unequivocally
- Option: Imposition
- Option: Asserted

8. What term describes the imposition or collection of a tax or fee?

- Option: Egregiously
- Option: Contraventions
- Option: Levy
- Option: Decommissioned

9. Which term best describes turning something aside from its course or intended purpose?

- Option: Sustainable
- Option: Diverting
- Option: Accessibility
- Option: Consortium



10. What term describes something that is limited to certain people or groups and not for everyone?

- Option: Substantial
- Option: Ecosystem
- Option: Unequivocally
- Option: Exclusively

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The company faced intense \_\_\_\_\_ over its financial practices.
12. The situation requires immediate attention due to its \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The new policy \_\_\_\_\_ significant changes in the industry.
14. The professor \_\_\_\_\_ that further research was needed to confirm the hypothesis.
15. The political ideology was deeply \_\_\_\_\_ in the region.
16. The new technology had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on the way we communicate.
17. The team waited in \_\_\_\_\_ for the announcement of the results.
18. Due to budget cuts the project had to be \_\_\_\_\_ before completion.
19. The old power plant was finally \_\_\_\_\_ after decades of service.
20. The company announced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in its profits this quarter.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The speaker his ideas clearly during the presentation.
22. The evidence supported the theory .
23. The magician succeeded in the audience's attention away from the trick.
24. The company its resources to expand into new markets.
25. Several companies formed a to collaborate on the project.



26. The error in the report was overlooked by the editor.
27. Repeated of the company policy led to disciplinary action.
28. The storm's arrival was prompting evacuation warnings.
29. Successful businesses often use to maximize their potential.
30. The conflict showed signs of as tensions rose between the two sides.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Sustainable 2. Intervention 3. Ecosystem 4. Tariff 5. Infrastructure 6. Escalation  
7. Imposition 8. Levy 9. Diverting 10. Exclusively

**Gap-Fill:** 11. scrutiny 12. urgency 13. catalyzed 14. asserted 15. entrenched 16. transformative 17.  
anticipation 18. curtailed 19. decommissioned 20. substantial

**Matching sentence:** 1. articulated 2. unequivocally 3. diverting 4. leveraged 5. consortium 6. egregiously  
7. contraventions 8. imminent 9. leverage 10. escalation

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