

UK Government asked to fund nuclear research with Westinghouse sale proceeds

A reasonable request if you are British and perhaps unreasonable if you're American!

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Members of the House of Lords have asked the government to consider putting aside some profits from the proposed sale of Westinghouse Electric Company to finance the research arm of its current owner, British Nuclear Fuels Ltd.

Responding for the government, Labour peer Bryan Davies said he was unable to give an undertaking that the government would deploy some proceeds to enhance and develop the UK's remaining nuclear capacity, partly through Nexia Solutions, BNFL's research arm.

Davies added that the government does not believe that the proposed sale of Westinghouse Electric Company by current owner British Nuclear Fuels Ltd is likely to have any bearing on the UK's ability to satisfy any future nuclear energy needs.

"The energy review team continues to be content with this position," he said, referring to the Department of Industry-based review of the UK's energy supply, which was launched late last month.