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Dear Sir/Madam,

Inquiry on Northern Ireland Energy Strategy

The Northern Ireland Assembly Public Accounts Committee is carrying out an Inquiry into the findings of the Northern Ireland Audit Office report *Northern Ireland Energy Strategy*, published 21st October 2025.

The Department for the Economy provided oral evidence to the Inquiry on 11th June 2026. The official report of the evidence session is available on the Assembly website [here](#) and a video of proceedings is available to view [here](#).

At its meeting on 18th June 2026, the Committee agreed to write to representatives within the business sector and invite written submissions on the Department for the Economy Energy Strategy and its implementation. In particular, the Committee would welcome views on the following:

- Has the Energy Strategy and its implementation had a positive, negative or mixed impact on your sector? Please provide examples where possible.
- What impact, if any, is the current Energy Strategy having on investment decisions within your sector, including business confidence and future investment planning?

- Are there aspects of the current policy, regulatory or infrastructure environment that are supporting investment or creating barriers to investment?
(For example grid capacity, planning, connection timelines or energy costs.)
- Does the current pace of delivery under the Energy Strategy provide sufficient certainty for businesses to plan and invest? Please give reasons for your answer.
- Are there any particular implementation issues the Committee should be aware of when considering the effectiveness of the Energy Strategy?

Guidance on the submission and publication of evidence and the Assembly Privacy Notice can be found [here](#).

I would be grateful if you would submit a written submission by replying to the email address 'Committee.publicaccounts@niassembly.gov.uk' **by Thursday 19th August 2026**.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel McCrossan
Chairperson
Public Accounts Committee