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Dear Ian,

Inquiry Into Northern Ireland Energy Strategy

I would like to thank you and your officials for attending to give evidence to our Inquiry into Northern Ireland Energy Strategy on 11 June 2026.

Following subsequent discussion, the Committee agreed to seek further information. In particular:

- I. the evidence behind the renewable energy progress figures (e.g. the movement from around 51% to the current figures and what had actually driven that change);
- II. updated figures in terms of expenditure and cost figures related to the Energy team. The Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO) report noted that over £107 million has been spent on energy-related activity since 2020, including: £8.2 million per annum in staffing costs (2023–24) and approximately £85 million on capital and programme expenditure; and
- III. an update in relation to Performance Metrics; and
- IV. clarification of the specific actions in the Energy Strategy Action Plan that will be delivered, including where those delivery dates appear in the published documents.

Please respond by email using the address above by **Monday, 24 September 2026**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel McCrossan', with a small flourish at the end.

Daniel McCrossan
Chairperson
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