

Sustainability Committee

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Annex B

Response from Energy Retail Association

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Dear Mick,

Thank you for your invitation for the ERA to join a panel at an evidence session of the Assembly Sustainability Committee to examine "the energy pricing structure in Wales". The ERA will always be delighted to work with your committee on all issues within our remit. However the ERA operates within strict guidelines. Our activity is not related to matters affecting competition between our members, and the ERA is not a forum for discussions as to energy prices or other commercially sensitive matters. Therefore I am afraid we cannot help you on this occasion.

The Energy Networks Association rightly takes the lead on this issue and I believe your Committee Clerk already has contact information for Tony Glover, Public Affairs Manager of the Energy Networks Association.

I know that you are also aware of the statutory responsibilities that OFGEM has as a regulator for all parts of the energy industry.

I look forward to working with the Assembly Sustainability Committee in the future on issues within our remit and I am sorry we cannot be more helpful on this occasion.

Yours sincerely

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