

**Inquiry into  
Energy and  
Planning in  
Wales**

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## The Environment and Sustainability Committee's Inquiry into Energy Policy in Wales

### Introduction

The Environment and Sustainability Committee has announced an inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales. As part of these proceedings, they are seeking comments from stakeholders and interested parties until Friday 23 September.

The Committee will consider how the current devolution arrangements for energy policy and planning affect the delivery of the Welsh Government's desired future 'energy mix' in Wales, as set out in *A Low Carbon Revolution – Energy Policy Statement* and the *UK Renewable Energy Roadmap* (for the latter see Client Briefing 63).

The **key questions** that the committee have posed are:-

- ***"What are the implications for Wales if responsibility for consenting major onshore and offshore energy infrastructure projects remains a matter that is reserved by the UK Government?"***
- ***How does this affect achievement of the Welsh Government's aspirations for various forms of renewable and low carbon energy as set out in the Energy Policy Statement?***
- ***How does this affect delivery of the Welsh Government's target for a 3 per cent reduction in Green House Gas emissions per annum from 2011?***
- ***What will be the impact if consenting decisions on major infrastructure projects and associated development are not all taken in accordance with Welsh planning policy?***
- ***Alongside these questions, the Committee will also consider the two petitions about Welsh Government planning guidance as it relates to onshore wind energy and the impact on local communities and infrastructure."***

In addition, the Committee are keen to hear opinions on how new forms of energy generation in Wales could contribute to meeting the Welsh Government's annual targets for greenhouse gas emission reduction.

Committee Chair, Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM, said *"This inquiry will look at all aspects of energy policy and planning and we would welcome opinions and evidence from anyone with an interest in this area."*

The Committee are seeking responses from a wide range of parties.

### How DLP Can Help You

DLP Consulting Group has broad experience of renewable energy projects - particularly onshore wind - and detailed understanding of Welsh and national energy policy. We would be pleased to offer advice and assist any interested parties tailor responses to the Committee.

**Should you require further information on the National Policy Statements, TAN8 or any other energy and planning related matters, please contact your local office.**

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