

Greens respond to new energy price cap rise

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Responding to news that energy regulator Ofgem has raised the price cap by 9.5 per cent just before the onset of winter, Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer said:

“Consumers are paying high prices for a crisis not of their making. This will be deeply worrying news for all those people already struggling to pay their bills.

“The government has said that establishing GB Energy will reduce bills in the future, which would be welcome. However, that aim will only be achieved if the government invests in improving the energy efficiency of homes too.

“We need a nationwide programme of government-backed, council-delivered home insulation starting immediately to help people keep their bills down for good.

“We also now need the government to maintain the winter fuel payments for all pensioners and end means testing so that they know they can afford to keep warm.

“We could reduce bills for the long term and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by building new homes that are easier and cheaper to heat and boosting insulation in existing homes. Insulating people’s homes means they can stay warm while using less energy, save money and produce fewer harmful carbon emissions.”

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Minister congratulates students receiving GCSE results

Education Minister Paul Givan has welcomed the success of Northern Ireland’s students receiving their GCSE results today.

Hurst Engineering secures contracts worth over £2.5m

Economy Minister Conor Murphy has announced Hurst Engineering Services Ltd, based in Co. Fermanagh, has successfully secured four contracts in Britain, totalling £2.5million.

Extension of the Chair of the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute Board position

The Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Andrew Muir, has announced the extension of Colin Coffey as Chair of the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) Board for a two-month period while a public appointment process to appoint a new Chair is completed.

Statement by Justice Minister Naomi Long

Justice Minister Naomi Long has commented on media reporting in relation to a leaked correspondence. The Minister also makes clear the role of the Accounting Officer in NICS departments.