



Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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Dear Jonathan —

The Committee took evidence on the Energy National Policy Statements on 7 December.

James Richardson, Chief Economist of the National Infrastructure Commission, told us that systematic stress testing of our electricity networks is not undertaken by Ofgem at a system wide level, and that such resilience assessments are undertaken by the national grid and distribution system operators directly.

Please can you confirm that this is correct and, if so, set out what regular resilience reporting Ofgem receives from these companies.

If Ofgem has reviewed network resilience prior to Storm Arwen, please can you set out when that was undertaken, what it concluded and what has happened since that review.

I'd be grateful to receive a response by 16 December.

I'm copying the Chair of the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy, Dame Margaret Beckett, due to that committee's inquiry into climate change and critical national infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,

Darren Jones MP
Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee