

The Clerk of the Committee
Energy and Climate Change Committee
House of Commons
7 Millbank
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The impact of potential Scottish independence on energy and climate change

Dear Clerk of the Committee,

I write on behalf of the *Engineering the Future* alliance (EtF), which comprises the professional engineering institutions and professional bodies and is led by the Royal Academy of Engineering. The purpose of the alliance is to provide high quality engineering advice and evidence to support and improve the nation's policy development and policy delivery processes.

The two-week timescale for the submission of responses to this inquiry means that we are unable to provide a written response. We are disappointed not to be able to respond to the inquiry as we have a deep interest and considerable expertise in energy policy.

On March 27, we are holding a debate in Edinburgh on the future of Scotland's energy industry, which will be introduced by Scotland's energy minister. We would be delighted if a representative of the committee would like to attend.

We would be pleased to review the Select Committee's questions for oral evidence following analysis of the written evidence to help fill any gaps or clarify uncertainties.

Yours sincerely,

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Engineering the Future is a broad alliance of engineering institutions and bodies which represent the UK's 450,000 professional engineers.

We provide independent expert advice and promote understanding of the contribution that engineering makes to the economy, society and to the development and delivery of national policy.