

## Assembly Round-up

Week commencing 15/11/21

### Committees this week

Committee	Date	Business
Communities	16 <sup>th</sup> November	<p><b>Public from 9:03 AM (7 mins)</b> Private Tenancies Bill</p> <p><b>Public from 9:10 AM (25 mins)</b> Private Tenancies Bill - Briefing by Fuel Poverty Coalition NI  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms Pat Austin, Fuel Poverty Coalition NI</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Jamie Miller, Fuel Poverty Coalition NI</i></li> </ul> </p> <p><b>Public from 9:35 AM (30 mins)</b> Private Tenancies Bill - Briefing by Homeless Connect  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Mark Baillie, Homeless Connect</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms Nicola McCrudden, Homeless Connect</i></li> </ul> </p> <p><b>Public from 10:05 AM (30 mins)</b> Private Tenancies Bill - Briefing by the Landlords Association for NI  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Richard Smyth, Landlords Association for Northern Ireland</i></li> </ul> </p>
Economy	17 <sup>th</sup> November	<p><b>Public from 10:05 AM (60 mins)</b> Small-Scale Green Energy Bill - Briefing from Power NI  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr William Steele, Power NI</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Philip Carson, Power NI</i></li> </ul> </p> <p><b>Public from 11:05 AM (55 mins)</b> Research and Information Service (RaISe) Briefing - Small-Scale Green Energy Bill  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Aidan Stennett, Research Officer</i></li> </ul> </p>

		<p><b>Public from 12:00 PM (5 mins)</b> Committee Business</p> <p><b>Public from 12:05 PM (15 mins)</b> Small-Scale Green Energy Bill</p>
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## Legislation:

### *Climate Change (No. 1) Bill:*

Initiated by Clare Bailey MLA. The Bill aims to establish a mandate for climate change mitigation and adaptation in Northern Ireland and ensure that Northern Ireland meets net-zero carbon emissions by 2045. It makes provision for climate governance and advice, including the establishment of a Northern Ireland Climate Commissioner and Northern Ireland Climate Office.

### *Climate Change (No. 2) Bill:*

Initiated by the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. The Bill aims to achieve this by creating a framework that will establish a pathway to achieving emission reduction targets which will ensure that Northern Ireland makes a fair and equitable contribution to the achievement of the UK 2050 Net Zero target. In doing so this will help to ensure that Northern Ireland develops a greener, low carbon circular economy in which the environment can prosper and be protected.

### *Private Tenancies Bill:*

Initiated by the Minister for Communities. It is the aim of this Bill, a result of the Proposals for Change document consultation, to assist in addressing the aim of the review - to make the private rented sector a safer and more secure housing option for a wider range of households. This includes the most vulnerable in our society who, in part, due to limits on social housing provision, find themselves in this sector. These much-needed changes will ensure better regulation of the sector and offer greater protection to private renters.

### *Small-Scale Green Energy Bill:*

Initiated by John O'Dowd MLA. The Small-Scale Green Energy Bill has three policy objectives:

- a) To place a requirement on major electricity providers and suppliers to provide an obligatory minimum price tariff for exporting micro-generated renewable power into the grid.

b) For the Minister for the Economy ("the Minister") to establish a small-scale green energy micro-generation scheme with powers that include setting this minimum price tariff, and to alter it depending on relevant economic conditions (e.g. broader macroeconomic conditions, the unit price of renewable energy and the financial stability of the providers themselves etc.).

c) To provide the Minister with the power to determine what providers are eligible for the scheme by setting a minimum threshold for market share.

### Questions:

Reference	Department	Question/Answer
AQO2641/17-22	Infrastructure	To ask the Minister for Infrastructure to outline her long-term plans for pop-up cycle lanes in Belfast. <a href="#">+ Display Answer</a>
AQW 24984/17-22	Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for a breakdown of the £1.2m expenditure to date on the Green Growth Strategy. <b>[Priority Written]</b> <a href="#">+ Display Answer</a>
AQO 2632/17-22	Communities	To ask the Minister for Communities for an update on the delivery of the proposals in the Shaftesbury Square Development Framework. <a href="#">+ Display Answer</a>
AQO 2692/17-22	Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs what discussions he has had with Executive colleagues and others on consolidating the Climate Change (No. 2) Bill (NIA Bill 28/17-22) with the Climate Change Bill (NIA Bill 19/17-22). <a href="#">+ Display Answer</a>
AQO 2691/17-22	Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to outline the role of the newly appointed Clean Air Champion. <a href="#">+ Display Answer</a>
AQW 25083/17-22	Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to detail on the new Green Growth and Climate Action division within his Department, including (i) the strategic objective of the new division; (ii) who is appointed to the division, and (iii) how these appointments were made. <b>[Priority Written]</b>

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AQW 23793/17/22	The Executive Office	To ask the First Minister and deputy First Minister what work has been done by their Department since May 2021 to deliver an Infrastructure Commission. <b><i>[Priority Written]</i></b> <a href="#">+ Display Answer</a>

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