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Dear Iain,

Thank you for your recent written question in which you asked what assessment has the Cabinet Minister made of the impact of rising energy prices on households during the 2025-26 financial year.

Energy costs have been elevated but broadly stable over the last 2 years, until the war in the Middle East disrupted fuel supplies and caused global price shocks.

Households who are reliant on heating oil and LPG have seen their fuel costs rise the most due to the war in the Middle East, with heating oil doubling in price and temporary issues in securing deliveries. A £200 payment is being made available through local authorities to low-income households eligible for Council Tax Reduction. We estimate around 20,000 – 25,000 households are eligible for this support.

The recent 13% rise in the domestic energy price cap is the latest cost of living pressure to hit families across Wales. This level of price hike is unaffordable to many households and will be even harder to bear as we head into the autumn.

The Prif Weinidog has called on the UK Government to convene a four nations summit to ensure robust plans are developed to support low-income households and those with unavoidably high energy needs, who will be most impacted by high energy prices when winter approaches.

Yours sincerely,

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