September 2026 – Northern Ireland (NI) Attitudinal Poll – NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION (NEA) - NORTHERN IRELAND (NI) MAIN QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE RESULTS PROJECT REPORT:

Version 1.0 (1st October 2026)

This report includes results for both the final QUANTITATIVE and QUALITATIVE results, from a NI-Wide Attitudinal Poll-Project carried out by LucidTalk on behalf of the NEA NI in September 2026.

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Key abbreviations and acronyms used in this report:

NEA NI – National Energy Action Northern Ireland, NI - Northern Ireland, LT – LucidTalk, UK – United Kingdom, BPC – British Polling Council

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LUCIDTALK – INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

LucidTalk is a specialist polling and market research company based in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Its mission is to provide professional, in-depth, polling-market research services to public, private, media, and political and public affairs organisations, in Northern Ireland, Ireland, and the UK.

The company was founded in 2012 by Bill White, a mathematics/statistics graduate, who has worked at the highest level in the Information/Communications Technology (ICT) industry for over 25 years. During this time Bill also worked professionally in the polling and market research industry in Great Britain gaining significant business and project-management experience, alongside key knowledge of the latest polling/market research technologies.

Since returning to Northern Ireland, Bill White has been providing polling/market research consultancy and founded LucidTalk in order to offer a full local, regional, and national (UK and Ireland) polling and market research service. Bill White and his LucidTalk colleagues all have 'frontline' polling and market research experience, having worked on several political polling projects in Great Britain, including projects for the 'big name' UK based polling organisations.

Unlike other companies in the Market Research sector LucidTalk is a focused company specialising only in Polling and Market Research, and are therefore not 'distracted' by other business activities. As such, all LucidTalk personnel have built-up highly specialist knowledge and experience which is cross-transferable between all LucidTalk personnel.

LucidTalk has an experienced team of consultants who provide input, analysis, and opinion for all Poll Project results and reports. In addition, LucidTalk also works closely with all Northern Ireland Marketing, PR, and Public Affairs consultancies.

LucidTalk is fully aware of the market sensitivity of the results obtained from a polling/market research project and LucidTalk guarantees that all our project team(s) from directors to researchers are aware of, and committed to, total confidentiality. In addition, all LucidTalk staff are fully security cleared to the highest level (via AccessNI etc.).

LucidTalk is an exclusive polling partner of the Belfast Telegraph, Northern Ireland's largest daily newspaper and media group. LucidTalk carries out regular polling for the Belfast Telegraph including several NI-wide poll-projects per annum. This special business relationship exemplifies the confidence that LucidTalk can command from major companies like the Belfast Telegraph.

LucidTalk's skilled and trained 'polling teams' can complete polling projects at short notice without compromising the professionalism, detail, and accuracy of their service. LucidTalk uses the latest polling/market research technologies, and predictive methodologies, thus ensuring the highest degree of accuracy and detail in all projects.

LUCIDTALK – POLLING, PROJECT METHODOLOGY, and DATA WEIGHTING

LucidTalk runs regular 'Attitudinal' polls targeted at various sectors and usually targeted at Northern Ireland (NI), with the objective of obtaining a robust and mathematically representative sample of NI opinion.

For this project, online polling was carried out by LucidTalk over a period of **4 days from 14th to 17th September 2026**. The project targeted the established Northern Ireland (NI) LucidTalk online Opinion Panel (16,000+ members) which is balanced by gender, age-group, area of residence and community background to ensure it is demographically representative of Northern Ireland. **1,729 full responses were collated**, and after data auditing to ensure:

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(a) 'one person-one vote' responses, and
(b) the collation of a robust, accurate, and balanced representative NI sample, - 1,050 full responses were recorded and used for analysis in terms of the final results.

This 1,050 response data-set was considered in terms of the final results presented in this report. All data results have been weighted by gender and community background to reflect the demographic composition of Northern Ireland. All data results produced are accurate to a margin of error of +/-2.3%, at 95% confidence. NB All surveys and polls may be subject to sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

All polling questions were agreed by the project partners and designed to British Polling Council (BPC) professional market research standards, to ensure neutrality and balance. This resulted in fourteen (14) agreed poll-project questions, plus six (6) sub-questions, and a range of qualitative questions. Full final results are presented in this report. Demographic analyses will be available via ten (10) different demographics (see below), as part of the main Data-Tables report to be supplied as part of this project.

If applicable, LucidTalk would be pleased to answer any questions regarding the methodology and results for this project. For more information, please contact LucidTalk directly on: info@lucidtalk.co.uk.

NI Targeted Poll – Auditing Process

Auditing: This Report includes all the results relating to FULL AUDITED responses (1,050 responses) received as part of the NI poll-project. The poll project was carried out on the basis of 'invitation' to the online LT Northern Ireland (NI) Opinion Panel members (membership 16,000+) resident in the targeted area of NI. The project was carried out on the basis of 'one participant – one vote', and the LucidTalk online polling systems have in-built safeguards and checks to ensure 100% compliance. The poll-project auditing process, which involves detailed IP address analysis of each response, ensures that the complete set of base responses, from which the audited results are determined were totally (to a degree of 99.8%) 'one participant – one vote' with the participants definitely resident in the targeted area i.e. Northern Ireland.

Demographic Analyses

NB This full report is based on the Data-Tables results which will be supplied shortly to NEA NI i.e. all the results, and all the demographic analyses, are, and will be, as referenced in the Data-Tables report.

These demographic breakdowns, for each poll question and sub-question, as will be reported in the Data-Tables results are:

- FULL NI representative results
- GENDER
- AGE-GROUP
- SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUP (Middle class vs Working class etc.)
- NI RESIDENCE AREA – By 5 NI Residence areas (see description in Data-Tables report)
- NI VOTING BLOCK (Unionist, Nationalist/Republican, Neutrals)
- COMMUNITY (religion etc.) - Catholic, No Religion, Other Religion, Prefer not to say, Protestant
- TYPE OF HOUSING – Owner, mortgaged, rented, social housing, NIHE etc.
- TYPE OF HOUSE/HOME HEATING – Oil, Gas, Electric, etc.
- DISABLED or NOT DISABLED
- CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD: Yes/No

Demographic analyses can be provided for any/all of the above demographics. LucidTalk can do all these analyses, and types of analyses, for each poll-survey question, and a PowerPoint presentation slide-deck will be collated containing results graphics for all poll questions, including key demographic analysis results

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graphics. We would advise that the best approach is for the client i.e. in this case NEA NI to review the main results of each poll-survey question and then request the particular demographic analyses that would be most applicable, and are of most interest to NEA NI.

Notes – relating specifically to this report – the main project report:

- This report includes all the main data results from the project – both quantitative and qualitative (respondent comments etc. – as included in the 'Final Comments').
- The results come from a sample of opinion (1,729 responses – 1,050/1,051 weighted/modelled final sample) from the LT NI representative Opinion Panel (16,000+ members) which is balanced and NI representative.
- The results are representative of NI opinion to within an error of only +/-2.3% at 95% confidence.
- Demographic analyses for specific questions can be provided on request by e.g. gender, age-group, residence area, socio-economic group, NI Residence area, political grouping e.g. Unionist, Nat/Rep, Neutral etc.
- As per above, this report also contains the full qualitative report (i.e. all comments made as part of applicable questions). A Word Cloud analysis, and Word count listing, is supplied for the 'Final Comments' section.
- This report contains ALL the voluntary comments made as part of the NEA NI NI-Wide Attitudinal Poll – September 2026, and are verbatim and unedited. NO comments have been removed except some meaningless comments such as N/A, 'None', 'no comment' etc. Therefore, and as would be expected, this report also contains some critical comments about the poll, the poll questions, and NEA NI etc.
- NB Qualitative comments are unedited and are exact verbatim comments from the poll participants i.e. they are not grammar or spell checked, however the overall meaning should be clear. NB a separate comment/record No. (left-hand-column), represents a separate comment, from an individual poll-survey participant. To assist reading and reviewing some meaningless comments have been removed e.g. N/A, 'No comment', 'None' etc. – therefore the No. sequencing may show some 'missing' Nos.
- Regardless of the Qualitative (i.e. comments) analyses e.g. Word Cloud analyses, Word count analyses, we recommend a direct review of all comments by applicable and knowledgeable NEA NI personnel. This is because correct, accurate, and meaningful interpretation of comments, can really only be carried out by those who have key knowledge and experience about the topics and issues being researched.

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Key Demographic Data used for analyses:

GENDER: Male or Female?
AGE-GROUP: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+ years.
DISABLED/NOT DISABLED: **YES, limited a lot, YES, limited a little, NO, Don't Know/Not Sure/No Opinion - or I prefer not to answer**
HOUSING: Owner, Mortgaged, Rented, Social Housing, etc.
TYPE OF HOME HEATING: Oil, Gas, Electric, etc.
CHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD: Yes, No, Prefer not to Say, etc.
HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR OCCUPATION – Used for modelling of Socio-Economic Group: **A - Managing Director/Senior-Middle Manager/Doctor/Lawyer, B - Junior Manager/Teacher/Small business owner, C - Clerk/Tradesman/Driver/Labourer, D - Unemployed/On Benefits, E - Retired/Housewife/Househusband, F - Student/In Full-Time Education/Training.**
HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR COMMUNITY: **Catholic, Protestant, Other, no religion/prefer not to say**
NI VOTING BLOCK: Unionist, Nationalist/Republican, Neutral, Undetermined
NI RESIDENCE AREA: What NI RESIDENCE AREA of Northern Ireland are you currently resident in?: **BELFAST - 4 Belfast Constituencies, EAST NI - E&S Antrim, Lagan Valley, N. Down, Foyle, NORTH - E. L'Derry, N. Antrim, Foyle), SOUTH - Upper Bann, Strangford, Newry and Armagh, South Down, WEST – West Tyrone, Mid-Ulster, Fermanagh and & South Tyrone**

Question Analysis Data – Quantitative Questions

All applicable questions i.e. those with quantitative determinate answer structures e.g. Yes/No/Don't Know – Not Sure, are presented with five key analysis scores, as well as the main total results i.e.

MEAN – The average score (shown as a number) within the band of choices as in the question.

STANDARD DEVIATION – Amount of variation or dispersion of the set of all values within the question.

SATISFACTION RATE – The lower this No. is, the more the overall question has tended towards 'YES', or towards the 'positive' answer aspect of the poll question, however defined. This is calculated by the overall pattern of all the answers, and not just the 'YES' score, but also including the level of 'NO's and 'Don't Knows'.

VARIANCE - The **Variance** measures the average degree to which each score within the poll differs from the **Mean** — the average of all the respondent scores within the poll. NB the **Standard deviation** (see above) looks at how spread out a group of numbers is from the mean, by looking at the square root of the **Variance**.

STANDARD ERROR – The error specific to each poll question and usually is either 1% or 2% dependent on the structure of the poll question. However, as per above, the overall error that applies to the total poll-survey project in terms of the representation of NI opinion is that the results presented are/will be NI representative to within an error of only +/-2.3% at 95% confidence.

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QUALITATIVE SECTIONS – Background Information

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Northern Ireland (NI) Attitudinal Poll Research Project – September 2026:

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This report contains ALL the comments for the applicable 'Qualitative' questions made as part of the project *NEA NI – NI-Wide Attitudinal Poll Research Project re. Home Heating and Fuel Poverty in Northern Ireland: September 2026*, and are verbatim and unedited. NO comments have been removed except some meaningless comments such as N/A, 'None', 'no comment' etc. Therefore, and as would be expected, this report also contains some critical comments about the poll, the poll questions, NEA NI, and LucidTalk etc.

It is important to note that these are ALL the qualitative results, from the applicable qualitative parts of the relevant poll questions, i.e. from all 1,729 respondents. NB The final quantitative results (the Data-Table results) will use a response data-set smaller than this base response No.

A WORD CLOUD analysis is included applicable to the main qualitative (i.e. comments) section i.e. the 'Final Comments – voluntary' section of the poll-project. However, regardless of the Qualitative (i.e. comments) analyses e.g. Word Cloud analyses, we recommend a direct review of all comments by applicable and knowledgeable NEA NI personnel. This is because correct and meaningful interpretation of comments, can really only be carried out by those who have key industry, sector knowledge, and experience, about the topics and issues being researched.

The quantitative data-table results, and the final quantitative results, will be presented in the main report for this poll-project, and will be NI representative to within an error of +/-2.3%. The quantitative results shown in this 'Main Report' are the final audited results, and are fully NI representative to within +/-2.3%. In addition, qualitative comments should not be taken as NI representative, apart from the questions when it was compulsory to answer. However, with the voluntary qualitative questions, comments were made voluntarily by the poll participants, and therefore not all of the poll participants recorded comments.

In terms of analysis, it can be reasonably assumed that the voluntary comments made by poll-participants are from those who are the most engaged with the topic being researched, and have the strongest views pro/anti, for or against, the various topics being researched as part of the poll.

NB All qualitative comments are randomised. Therefore, there is no connection between comments made in one section to another e.g. the 7th comment in one section does NOT imply that the 7th comment in the next section was made by the same person.

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QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS – FINAL COMMENTS SECTION

Word Cloud Analysis: The actual number of Word occurrences in all of the comments listed in the 'Final Comments' section is calculated. Then the higher the No. of occurrences, and the relative importance, and specific context, of where the word occurs, is reflected in the 'Word Cloud' by that Word being bigger and bolder compared to other words in the Word Cloud. Words related to the poll-survey itself obviously occur very frequently e.g. Energy, heating, oil, gas, electric, fuel, poverty, cost, afford, pension, etc., and this should be considered when reviewing the Word Cloud.

Word Cloud: NEA NI POLL-PROJECT – FINAL COMMENTS (Voluntary) September 2026:



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MAIN POLL-SURVEY PROJECT RESULTS – NEA September 2026 Poll

The NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION (NEA) - NORTHERN IRELAND (NEA NI) - NI Representative Poll-Survey: Poll-Period: 14th to 17th September 2026: 1,729 responses - 1,050 NI representative response data-set

QUESTION 1 – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

Sections in Blue is background information related to the specific question, to assist the respondent.
Items in Red is technical information regarding how the poll question is structured.

NIView - QUESTION 1: Approximately what proportion of your household income do you spend on heating and electricity in a year?

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1	Less than 5%	15%	
2	Between 5% and 10%	29%	
3	Between 11% and 15%	16%	
4	Between 16% and 20%	10%	
5	Between 21% and 25%	7%	
6	Between 26% and 30%	4%	
7	Between 31% and 35%	2%	
8	Between 36% and 40%	2%	
9	41%, or More than 41%	2%	
10	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	13%	
		answered	1,729

Analysis						
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	3.60	Std. Deviation:	2.68
	Maximum:	10.00	Variance:	7.19	Std. Error:	0.06
	Satisfaction Rate:	28.93				

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QUESTION 2 – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

Sections in Blue is background information related to the specific question, to assist the respondent.
Items in Red is technical information regarding how the poll question is structured.

NIView - QUESTION 2:

Background: In NI, a fuel poor household (i.e. a household in fuel poverty) is currently defined as "one which needs to spend more than 10% of its income on all fuel use and to heat its home to an adequate standard of warmth. This is generally defined as 21˚C in the living room and 18˚C in the other occupied rooms – the temperatures recommended by the World Health Organisation".

Based on this, do you consider your household to be in fuel poverty?

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1	YES	34%	
2	NO	59%	
3	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	7%	

Analysis							answered	1,729
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	1.80	Std. Deviation:	0.54		
	Maximum:	3.00	Variance:	0.30	Std. Error:	0.01		
	Satisfaction Rate:	39.82						

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QUESTION 3 – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

Sections in Blue is background information related to the specific question, to assist the respondent.
Items in Red is technical information regarding how the poll question is structured.

NIView - QUESTION 3: How do you heat your home and water?
PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY, or else the 'None of the above...' option.

The options are randomised for each respondent to ensure the collation of a balanced and representative NI sample

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1	Coal fire with back boiler	10%	
2	Home heating oil	61%	
3	Natural gas	35%	
4	Electricity	37%	
5	Solar photovoltaic	6%	
6	Wind turbine	0%	
7	Micro combined heat and power	1%	
8	Biomass boiler	1%	
9	Air source heat pump	1%	
10	Ground source heat pump	0%	
11	Solar thermal hot water	4%	
12	None of the above - Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	0%	
13	Other Method (please specify) - compulsory to answer, if ticked:	9%	148

Analysis							
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	3.65	Std. Deviation:	2.79	answered 1,729
	Maximum:	13.00	Variance:	7.78	Std. Error:	0.05	

Other Method (please specify) - compulsory to answer, if ticked: (148)

1	Electricity- immersion in summer if I do not want heating on
2	Wood Burning Stove

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3	Solid fuel stove
4	Wood burner
5	Wood burner
6	Stove room heater
7	Coal fire with no boiler
8	Bottled gas
9	Wood burning stove
10	Kettle and electric heater
11	Wood burner
12	Wood burner, coal fire
13	Multi fuel stove
14	Woodburning stove
15	One wood burning stove and one open fireplace burning coal and peat
16	bottled gas
17	Wood burner
18	Gas from tank
19	Wood burning stove
20	Coal fire with no back boiler
21	Wood stove
22	coal fire no back boiler
23	Multifuel stove in living room
24	Coal fire without back boiler
25	Calor gas heating
26	Coal fire but no back boiler
27	Multi fuel stove heats living room. We only heat the rooms that we use, living room kitchen and bedroom only at bedtime.
28	Wood fired stove
29	Log burner

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30	Firewood
31	Bottled gas
32	bottled gas
33	Wood burning stove
34	Multi fuel Stove
35	BOTTLED GAS
36	Wood burning stoves
37	wood burning stove
38	Bottled gas
39	Coal & wood fire
40	Open fire (coal, wood and peat).
41	wood burning stove
42	Wood burning stove
43	portable electric heaters
44	Coal, wood and turf with NO back boiler
45	Bottledgas
46	Open fire, no boiler
47	multifuel stove
48	Multi fuel stove
49	Wood burning stove
50	Woodburner
51	wood fire with back boiler
52	Wood burner
53	Wood burning stove
54	Woodburner
55	LPG
56	Wood burner

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NIView - QUESTION 3: How do you heat your home and water?
PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY, or else the 'None of the above...' option.

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57	Fire with no back boiler
58	Coal fire / wood burner
59	Wood burning stove
60	Multi fuel log burners
61	Wood burning stove heat only.
62	Multifuel stove.
63	Log burner
64	Wood burning stove
65	Bottled gas for fires
66	Coal fire
67	Coal fire (no back boiler)
68	PLG
69	Wood burning stove and open fire
70	Liquid gas
71	Log burner no back boiler
72	Wood burner stove
73	Wood fire with double top boiler
74	Wood stove
75	log burners
76	Woodburner
77	Pellet stove
78	Calor gas and stove with back boiler
79	Multi fuel stove
80	Gas tank
81	Wood burning stoves
82	Calor gas Bulk purchase
83	Wood stove

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84	Wood burner
85	Calorgas bottle heater
86	LNG
87	Wood burner
88	Calor gas fire
89	Coal Fire
90	Wood burner
91	Fire place (mostly branches and bits of wood)
92	Wood burner
93	Multifuel stove
94	Wood burner stove
95	firewood
96	Wood-burning stove
97	Wood burner
98	Wood burner
99	Wood burning stove
100	Multi fuel stove
101	LPG
102	Wood burning stove
103	Log burner
104	Wood-burning stove to heat one room
105	Wood burning stove
106	LPG gas
107	Wood burner
108	Open fire coal & wood
109	Wood stove, coal fire
110	LPG

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111	Emersion heater for hot water. I don't heat my home at all
112	Oil
113	Burn wood for heating
114	Coal fired without back boilers
115	Multi fuel stove
116	Coal fire with no back boiler
117	Coal fire, no back boiler
118	gas cylinder
119	coal fire but without back boiler
120	Wood burning stove
121	Glass fronted fire
122	wood fire with back boiler
123	coal fire
124	Coal open fire (no back boiler)
125	Wood stove
126	wood burning stove
127	Wood stove that heats one room
128	Wood burner
129	Multi fuel stove, no boiler.
130	Coal fire no back boiler
131	Coal& blocks
132	Wood fired cooker
133	Wood
134	Wood stove
135	Wood burner stove
136	Solid fuel stove
137	Wood burning stove

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138	Bulk gad
139	Wood Stove
140	Coal fire with no back boiler
141	Aga
142	Wood burning stove
143	Wood burner and coal fire
144	Open fire
145	Coal fire no back boiler
146	Aga heats our water &kitchen
147	Wood-fired stove
148	Wood burning stove

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QUESTION 4 – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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NIView - QUESTION 4:
What payment methods do you use for your heating and electricity?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY, or else the 'None of the above...' option.

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1	Oil: Pay in full / one-off payment	53%	
2	Oil: Part-payment / instalments (e.g. monthly or quarterly)	6%	
3	Oil: Buying Club / Fuel Stamps	2%	
4	Gas: Prepayment Meter / Pay-As-You-Go	16%	
5	Gas: Direct Debit	14%	
6	Gas: Pay bill when received / when payment is due	7%	
7	Electricity: Prepayment Meter / Keypad	21%	
8	Electricity: Direct Debit	47%	
9	Electricity: Pay bill when received / when payment is due	9%	
10	None of the above - Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	1%	
11	Other Method (please specify) - compulsory to answer, if ticked:	3.2%	56

Analysis							answered	1,729
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	5.14	Std. Deviation:	3.06		
	Maximum:	11.00	Variance:	9.39	Std. Error:	0.05		

Other Method (please specify) - compulsory to answer, if ticked: (56)

1	Cadh for logs, card for coal
2	Electricity card, payment card weekly
3	coal one off payment

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4	Logs in cash
5	Cash for coal and wood
6	Coal, peat and wood; pay in full.
7	Coal, pay when delivered
8	Coal - one-off payments
9	Drums of oil from garage
10	Saving up and not buying unless I can pay. Sometimes I cut down till I can afford
11	Bottled gas when delivered
12	bottled gas in full when delivered
13	Oil - I get help from parent paying
14	Coal: When bought.
15	Electric card
16	Firewood pay on delivery
17	Gas bottle for cooking
18	Coal & Wood payment as ordered
19	Coal, wood , turf ...one off payment
20	coal pay in full
21	Stove fuel - cash
22	Buy coal weekly
23	Smokeless coal, logs
24	Wood - Payment by debit card when ordering.
25	Save monies every month until there's enough for at least 500 litres
26	Cash for coal, logs etc
27	In full for coal and wood
28	Pay on delivery for wood blocks
29	Wood and coal for log burner as needed
30	Coal for range weekly cash

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31	Wood as and when needed
32	Pay for coal using cash when buying
33	Fireplace — I gather my own wood
34	Purchase firewood/coal one off payments
35	Biomass bulk delivery paid in full on delivery
36	Pay in full
37	coal
38	One off payment for wood
39	Solid fuel cash
40	Coal, wood bought in full when required
41	Coal pallets
42	Coal - pay as I buy
43	Coal and logs delivered
44	Solid fuel with back boiler
45	one off payment
46	Coal in full
47	purchase bottled gas for cooking
48	Pay for coal/logs in full
49	Coal and logs purchased from oil suppliers when weather very cold
50	wood pellet one off payment
51	I bring 25L drums to my local filling station, transport them home in th eboot of the car and decant them into the oil tank
52	Logs for wood burner paid in full
53	Buy firewood
54	Wood pellets paid in full upon order.
55	Buy bulk logs once a year
56	Firewood monthly through November to March

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QUESTION 4a – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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NIView - QUESTION 4a: You answered 'Gas: Prepayment Meter/Pay-As-You-Go' and/or 'Electricity: Prepayment Meter/Keypad' to the previous question - QNEA4.
As such, please indicate, have you at any time had to use the emergency credit feature?

NB This is a qualified participant question – approx. 60%-70% didn't participate in this question

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1	Yes, on one occasion	3%	
2	Yes, on more than one occasion	14%	
3	No	12%	
4	Don't Know/Not Sure/No Opinion	1%	
Analysis	Minimum: 1.00 Mean: 2.43 Std. Deviation: 0.71 Maximum: 4.00 Variance: 0.51 Std. Error: 0.04 Satisfaction Rate: 47.73	answered	412

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QUESTION 5 – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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NIView - QUESTION 5: At any point in the last 24 months have you gone without heating or electricity as a result of not being able to afford the costs of your energy (e.g. unable to top up your oil tank, unable to put credit on a keypad / pay-as-you-go meter or unable to pay a bill).

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1	NO, never		71%	
2	YES, on one occasion		14%	
3	YES, on more than one occasion		15%	
Analysis	Minimum: 1.00 Mean: 1.33 Std. Deviation: 0.68 Maximum: 3.00 Variance: 0.46 Std. Error: 0.02 Satisfaction Rate: 16.71		answered	1,729

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QUESTION 6 – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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NIView - QUESTION 6: Are you currently in, or have you at any time in the past 24 months been in, debt to your energy supplier?

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1	YES, currently in debt	3%	
2	YES, have been in debt at some time in the past 24 months	6%	
3	NO	90%	
4	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	1%	

Analysis						
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.89	Std. Deviation:	0.42
	Maximum:	4.00	Variance:	0.17	Std. Error:	0.01
	Satisfaction Rate:	63.02				

answered	1,729

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QUESTION 6a – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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NIView - QUESTION 6a: You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, - We would be grateful if you would tell us approximately the amount of debt you are in, or were in, at any time in the past 24 months to your energy supplier?

NB this is voluntary, - if you don't want to say then please just choose the 'Don't Know.../Prefer not to say' option.

NB This is a qualified participant question – approx. 90% didn't participate in this question

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1	up to £100	2%	
2	£100 to £500	5%	
3	£500 to £1000	0%	
4	More than £1000	1%	
5	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	1%	
		answered	156

Analysis						
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.12	Std. Deviation:	0.94
	Maximum:	5.00	Variance:	0.88	Std. Error:	0.08
	Satisfaction Rate:	27.88				

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QUESTION 7 – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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NIView - QUESTION 7:
Have you or a member of your household had to borrow money to pay for your energy use?

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1	YES, on one occasion	9%	
2	YES, on more than one occasion	11%	
3	NO	79%	
4	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	1%	

Analysis						
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.83	Std. Deviation:	0.51
	Maximum:	4.00	Variance:	0.26	Std. Error:	0.01
	Satisfaction Rate:	60.98				

answered	1,729

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QUESTION 7a – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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NIView - QUESTION 7a: You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, - As such, we would be grateful if you would let us know how/where you borrowed money to pay for your energy use?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY, or else the 'None of the above...' option.

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NB This is a qualified participant question – approx. 80% didn't participate in this question

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1	Used emergency credit on a prepayment meter	4%	
2	Borrowed money from family and friends	14%	
3	Taken out a loan	2%	
4	Used unregulated financial services	1%	
5	Paid for energy using credit cards	7%	
6	None of the above - Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	0%	
7	Other (please specify - compulsory to answer if ticked):	2.53%	6

Analysis						
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.91	Std. Deviation:	1.55
	Maximum:	7.00	Variance:	2.39	Std. Error:	0.08

	answered	237

Other (please specify - compulsory to answer if ticked): (5)

1	lent money to money
2	Use overdraft facility
3	Overdraft
4	Paypal pay in 3
5	Got money from a local charity

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QUESTION 8 – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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NIView - QUESTION 8: Did you or any members of your household adopt any of the following behaviours within the last 24 months, due to the rising energy prices and the cost of living?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY, or else the 'NONE - None of the above...' option.

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1	Reduced use of central heating in your home	65%	
2	Sitting in a cold home wearing coats, blankets or using a hot water bottle	31%	
3	Skipped meals or reduced the amount of food consumed	11%	
4	Reduced use of hot water, including less frequent showers/baths or washing up with cold water	28%	
5	Using emergency credit on a prepayment meter more often	10%	
6	Using credit cards to pay for heating or other essentials	15%	
7	Spending time in heated public spaces like a library or community centre or on public transport	5%	
8	Using alternative heating sources (e.g. fan heaters etc.)	26%	
9	Using alternative cooking sources (e.g. camping stove, disposable BBQ, etc.)	2%	
10	Going to bed earlier to avoid sitting in a cold home	28%	
11	Heating only one room to reduce energy use	27%	
12	NONE - None of the above - Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	24%	
13	Other - (please specify - compulsory to answer if ticked):	1.50%	26
Analysis	Minimum: 1.00 Mean: 5.99 Std. Deviation: 4.20 / Maximum: 13.00 Variance: 17.66 Std. Error: 0.06	answered	1,729

Other - (please specify - compulsory to answer if ticked): (26)

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NIView - QUESTION 8: Did you or any members of your household adopt any of the following behaviours within the last 24 months, due to the rising energy prices and the cost of living?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY, or else the 'NONE - None of the above...' option.

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1	No , but I've stared lighting the fire a little later
2	Electric over throw.
3	Going into the office rather than work from home
4	Go to work instead of wfh to use less fuel
5	Keeping doors closed to keep heat in rooms
6	Log burning stove
7	Using open fire and wood burner.
8	While I'm not short of money myself and my family have always kept the heat low and used a blanket or hot water bottle rather than heat the whole house.
9	Used the fireplace (logs & coal) much more often
10	No central heating since May to 12 Sept
11	Switching off radiators in selected rooms
12	We have two log burners and a supply free wood.
13	Using an electric blanket to heat the bed rather than the whole bedroom.
14	Reduced temperature on thermostat from 21 to 19oC
15	Wood-burning stove
16	use of log burners
17	Woodburner
18	Currently, we are not using heating at all due to spike in oil prices
19	reduced thermostat by 1-2 degrees
20	Turning down thermostats
21	gas cooker from gas canister
22	Lower thermostat temperature
23	Will opt to mainly heat the rooms that are most in use
24	I was able to afford the heating oil and electricity
25	We have always tried to minimise heating costs by only heating in use rooms
26	Considering getting the fireplace working for coal/wood

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QUESTION 9 – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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NIView - QUESTION 9: Has your health and wellbeing, or any member of your household's, been impacted by the rising energy prices and the cost of living?

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1	YES	31%	
2	NO	63%	
3	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	6%	
Analysis	Minimum: 1.00 Mean: 1.84 Std. Deviation: 0.53 Maximum: 3.00 Variance: 0.28 Std. Error: 0.01 Satisfaction Rate: 41.84	answered	1,729

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QUESTION 9a – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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NIView - QUESTION 9a: You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, - As such, please indicate how your, or a member of your household's health and wellbeing has been impacted?
PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY, or else the 'None of the above...' option.

NB This is a qualified participant question – approx. 70% didn't participate in this question

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1	Mental health impacts.	22%	
2	General physical health impacts.	15%	
3	Deterioration of an existing health condition.	9%	
4	Requiring more visits to a GP or Hospital.	4%	
5	None of the above - Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	1%	
6	Other (please specify - Compulsory to answer if ticked):	2.7%	11
Analysis	Minimum: 1.00 Mean: 2.04 Std. Deviation: 1.16 Maximum: 6.00 Variance: 1.35 Std. Error: 0.04	**answered**	**406**

Other (please specify - Compulsory to answer if ticked): (10)

1	Generally giving thought to fuel costs on a regular basis
2	My general wellbeing has been negatively impacted, with worries about paying for resources.
3	Can't get a GP appointment
4	Cut spending elsewhere including gym membership
5	I ended up in hospital with pneumonia because of the cold in my home
6	My father (he died earlier this year) really suffered in the cold while he was living with me and I was caring for him. I would light the fire but it wasn't safe to leave him on his own with the fire going, because he would fall over trying to poke it or add wood.
7	Almost constant fretting about prices & my Partner works longer hours to pay for fuel which impacts health
8	Just sick of rising costs , especially costs imposed by Government under the Climate Cult agenda
9	I have osteoarthritis and it gets worse in cold conditions
10	Had a stroke. … now on blood thinners …ales me feel the cold all the time

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QUESTION 10 – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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NIView - QUESTION 10: Has your, or any member of your household's quality of life been impacted by the rising energy prices and the cost of living?

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1	YES	46%	
2	NO	49%	
3	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	5%	

Analysis						
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	1.65	Std. Deviation:	0.57
	Maximum:	3.00	Variance:	0.32	Std. Error:	0.01
	Satisfaction Rate:	32.71				

answered	1,729

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QUESTION 10a – FINAL RESULTS (NI representative to +/-2.3%)

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PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY, or else the 'None of the above...' option.

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1	Physically	17%	
2	Educationally	3%	
3	Emotionally	29%	
4	Socially	20%	
5	Financially	41%	
6	None of the above - Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	0%	
7	Other (please specify - Compulsory to answer if ticked):	0.88%	6
Analysis	Minimum: 1.00 Mean: 3.63 Std. Deviation: 1.43 / Maximum: 7.00 Variance: 2.05 Std. Error: 0.04	answered	679

Other (please specify - Compulsory to answer if ticked): (6)

1	Mentally
2	Day trips reduced to save petrol
3	Wife has Parkinson's
4	Buying poorer quality food
5	Better budgeting plan
6	Renauds

It would be useful if you could say why you answered this way? - Voluntary: (136)

1	Feels like everything is getting harder

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2	Drain on finances and a worry
3	We have had to use the heating less frequently in order to make oil last longer so I am colder and less comfortable in my own home.
4	having less cash to spend on other things anxiety being triggered by news of oil price shocks, feeling like you've no control over events
5	Rising costs means less to spend on non essential items
6	Worry , Stress of how I will cope if prices keep increasing. Don't go out to social events any more . Don't meet friends for Coffee any more . Too expensive.
7	Children can not bring friends around due to the embarrassment of so cold a house
8	Less disposable income
9	The house has not been kept as warm as previously, hence we tend to go to bed earlier and things like that
10	I have become so used to living with the cold and dark to try to save money, that I feel it has crept into other parts of my life where I deny myself comfort
11	Have to be more careful on what I spend
12	Having to prioritise fuel over everything else
13	Not going for meals or to pub as much
14	Unable to afford social events ie holidays and outings
15	Emotionally draining trying to stretch finances every single week. Socially we no longer go out as often. Financially we are constantly living on our overdrafts to make ends meet.
16	The huge rise in energy just means less money on life luxuries and hence causes emotional and financial stress
17	Have to do without other things as bills are so high
18	Higher energy costs have led to less social interactions, parties, gatherings in our home & financially having to set aside a larger % of income for rising energy costs reducing the level of available spending power on other things...
19	Don't invite guests to the house Go out to other buildings to stay on the move and active Cut spending on clothes etc to afford heat
20	Physically: we have been sick due to damp buildup in our home. Emotionally: we have had added stress with the increase cost of goods and fuel and left in a position where we are having to make tough decisions regarding heat/food. Socially:We do not attend events or invite people around as the cost of fuel/electricity has taken all our disposable income. Financially: We had to take out a loan and put fuel on credit cards that we are still paying off, and facing the prospect of another winter in the same shit,
21	Pressure on expenditure
22	Worry constantly about the price and whether I can afford it. Both gas and electricity are ridiculously expensive.

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23	Always concerned about the amount of the next energy bill. Don't socialise as much due to cost.
24	Money having to be spent on higher fuel costs means less money for other things
25	More money paid on bills less disposable income
26	It's a massive source of stress. I have a physical health condition that flares up when I get too cold, but due to the cost I usually only put my heating on for four to six hours a day in the colder months, and I find my mental health and ability to think straight are badly affected by the cold. There's no way my flat is adequately warm. It's hard to get up in the morning when the heat isn't on yet, and it makes washing myself aversive. Among other things I'm autistic so am very sensitive to temperature changes on the sensory front. It's really hard. I wear thermal clothes in my flat. The place just loses heat instantly once the central heating is turned off so then I'm reliant on blankets and hot water bottles. It's don so much harm to me financially and coping-wise having to live like this for nearly four years now, since leaving a domestic abuse situation. When I first moved here the flat was so cold that my enteral feeding pump (a medical device I rely on to run my tube feeds) didn't work because there's a sensor in it that is designed only to operate within reasonable temperature tolerances. Also, the maintenance guy my housing association (Choice) sends out is a nasty piece of work and when mould developed here - all the flats have mould due to infrastructural issues and material neglect - he tried to fabricate false evidence against me so I would be blamed, even though i'd done everything right in terms of ventilation etc. I'd just come out of a coercive control situations and it was a really harrowing experience that has meant I have not trusted Choice Housing to address the issues that make the flat impossible to heat properly in a way I can afford.
27	The pressure to ensure bills are paid and then thinking about rising prices has an effect on all aspects of life
28	Any spare money is now being used up to pay bills
29	More money spent on energy means less spent elsewhere.
30	I have a chronic condition called ulcerative Colitis and Reynauds disease with I struggle with and get no extra benefits for these conditions which I find alarming. I'm suffering financially because of this because of no support.
31	Went out to socialise less due to costs
32	Reduced shopping.
33	No money for other things a cold house if visitors call I worked all my life its embarrassing to have to scrimp like this after doing the right things required of a good citizen
34	I have underlying health problems.... (Stoma.... asthma..... severe spondylosis and joint pain)....house being cold during the winter months kicks off my asthma....plus the house is rotten with damp... Ceilings....walls and floor.... bathroom is becoming a definite no go area...
35	It's a constant worry
36	Heating oil prices have increased so much it is unaffordable. This is very stressful and is not fair. I hear on the radio that oil companies make billions in profit. The Government takes so much tax from fuel and oil. It is not fair
37	Feels cold as less mobile
38	Less disposable income
39	Feeling stressed by the current and future problems besetting the 'civilised' world
40	Money is much tighter and has to be spread thinner. Essentials get priority and there's little left for luxuries. Apart from being worrying and depressing it curtails social outings and activities adding to the gloom.

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41	Cut back on socialising at home and going out. More likely to watch Netflix than go to the cinema. Take away rather than a restaurant. Just being cognisant of cost.
42	The rising cost of energy has a knock on effect to the cost of everything. We have a lot less surplus cash and can do less as a family. Things like holidays and other events have been scaled back.
43	Fewer social ocassions and less visitors to the house due to coldness in rooms. unable to move as joints unstable in the cold.
44	Adult child wraps in a duvet in wintertime as she feels she's a burden on parents because she is currently not working and feels obliged not to put heating on whilst parents are at work
45	Elderly father, does not qualify for any assistance due to pension. But is asset rich income poor
46	Worry about cost
47	The house was less heated than optimal, so I couldn't have friends over - this made my emotional and social health worse. It also made a pre-existing condition worse. I worry about choosing between financial distress and heating.
48	Cutting back on everything and sit with coats and blankets
49	Constant worry over cost and having to use my savings
50	Less money to spend on social activity
51	Socially - not travelling by car as much due to costs Financially - increased credit card debt to pay for heating
52	It's so embarrassing not being able to top your meter up or heat your home or put fuel in your car. You are constantly watching everything you spend
53	I can't afford to go out and socialise as often as I did
54	Stress about running out of oil, feeling generally down when cold
55	Left with less money to spend on other things.
56	More money for less resources means more budgeting and stress
57	Constant worry about paying bills
58	We have had to spend all our saving and get solar imstalled- that ment spending all our rainy day money selling one car - selling goods and belongings [guitar - wedding rings ect and taking our a loan for the rest. Because the loan amount is stable for next 4 years. But now we have no room for error. No holidays- no going out.
59	Physically cold, unable to socialise due to finances leaving me emotionally closed
60	Less money to spend on other things
61	No social life as I cant afford to go out and constantly worrying about heating as I live on my own on benefits
62	Dont go out as much, trying to save but everything keeps costing more

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63	Suffer from pain, which is made worse when the house is cold. Less money for food = lower quality of food bought
64	I rarely go to social events because I can't afford to.
65	Worried that I won' t be able to afford
66	Trying to keep my house warm in can't afford to go out with friends and I can only afford to drive to work and back
67	Cut back on other things to ensure the energy bills are paid.
68	We would go out less to socialise due to cost of living
69	Rising energy costs has meant reduction in disposable income that reduces social gatherings, time with friends and family that was previously assumed 'normal', now has to be considered due to financial pressures exerted by heating costs, electricity costs that have exploded, diesel costs at the pump. Profiteering out of others misery is a disease. And make no mistake this is by design. Class divide has disappeared. There is no middle class anymore. We're all working class worker bees. Do you think politicians are worried about prices at the pump or home heating oil/gas? We all know the answer to that. And it's going to get a lot worse. Implosion incoming.
70	Can't afford to socialise. Buying cheaper goods.
71	Self isolation, due to overall situation
72	I'm conscious that many people are not as lucky as me and I've increased my contribution to the local food bank
73	Only one stable income in household and one freelance. Freelance household member sometimes struggles to pay bills depending on time of year and makes reliance on stable income provider increased.
74	Quality of life has been impacted as you are going without to pay of energy & heating the house. Also spending time away from the family as I go out to forests to cut fallen wood as it's a source of free fuel bar paying for petrol/oil for a chainsaw that I borrowed
75	Not able to enjoy things like going out with friends as often as before
76	We would much prefer to have an alternative renewable heat/energy source as home heating oil is so expensive
77	I and my husband have health issues we are both diabetic my husband is partially paralysed after stroke and I have arthritus afecting most of my joints and spinal stenosis being able to stay warm eases the pain.
78	I live in an old house with draughty windows, and because the building is listed I am not allowed to put in double glazed windows. So it's impossible to keep any room warm and quite frankly it's really miserable here in the winter.
79	Spending on food / quality of food reduced.
80	Less money to spend on other interests and activities
81	worried the cost will contiune to rise.
82	Less disposable income to spend. Fear of watching news to see the next country that USA and its genocidal partners attack for oil
83	I pay pay pay pay and it never gets any easier due to: 1. Environmental Policies being implemented by demented politicians

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84	Child with CHD, can become colder due to heart condition.
85	Reduced heating in a poorly insulated home has resulted in increased damp and mould.
86	Constant worry about price increases - not just for myself and my partner but also for my parents who are pensioners living in a different city.
87	Budget has been much tighter & I've had to cut costs in other areas to ensure funds to adequately heat my house. Has an emotional impact as it increases stress around finances
88	If you can't afford to buy oil, your home is cold and therefore I stop inviting friends over for coffee etc.
89	Really stressed about cost of living and energy. Was hoping to retire but cannot see how I can afford it.
90	Physically- Physical discomfort of sitting in a cold environment. Emotionally - Increase to low moods & anxiety from cold environment and financial worry. Financially - spending far more on heating than in the past. Impacts savings goals and causes me to cutback in other aspects in my life including social life
91	The worsening cost of living crisis is eroding everyones quality of life, those of us in the working class group
92	Less money available for the non basics
93	The ongoing cost of living is stressing me out to the point I don't know what I'll do if it gets any worse. I am surviving by the skin of my teeth and all savings are gone.
94	Not as much spare cash as used to have
95	Less money to buy fuel. Working harder to cut wood.
96	Stress, less disposable income after bills, going into my bank overdraft, worried about the future, less money to go out and meet people
97	In one instance recently we had to use credit card for oil - which I am loathe to do - and that had a financial and emotional impact
98	I have multiple complex chronic medical conditions such as psoriatic arthritis and need to maintain a steady heat.
99	Cut back on discretionary expenditure, no foreign holidays, fewer meals out with friends/family
100	Reduced standard of living despite strong income. Buying power constantly eroded - salary inflation not keeping track with cost of living
101	Have been anxious about the cost of energy and have cut back on other areas eg holidays, more expensive food in order to be sure of a warm home
102	Fuel poverty affects every facet of life.
103	Reduced cost and quality of food shop. Not attending social events

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104	The serious prices of energy, electricity and overall cost of living costs has an impact physically, emotionally and financial as you worry just going to get higher and no longer value for money
105	Cost of food has soared
106	Don't go out socially as often as can't afford to as have to prioritise energy costs. Affects mental health, causes anxiety and low mood
107	The cost stretched finances leading g to financial pressure and relationship breakdown
108	Have to spend less on leisure activities to afford rising cost of fuel
109	I am more worried about the rise in fuel prices and cost of living because I was unemployed for 3 months during the summer so that made me realise my family is vulnerable to unemployment and not being able to pay the bills especially as they are getting higher.
110	The cost of heating is scandalous and deliberately kept high to the detriment of the public
111	We are being taxed to oblivion by our Govt in the name of a Green agenda. Total incompetence on our Govt behalf
112	I get depressed as I am in constant pain and I physically can't move about so much in the cold
113	Husband is diabetic - his diabetes check up proved his health has deteriorated
114	My wife is disabled and it's very emotionally draining to see her suffer in the cold. The cost of living is having a serious impact on our savings
115	Greater funds having to be spent on the same quantity of home heating oil and petrol - this takes funds away from doing enjoyable activities
116	Less money left over to spend on the things you enjoy. Working simply to survive not to enjoy the pay that my hard work week by week gets me.
117	Worry about how I'll pay for heating/energy. The stress of this can be very impactful..
118	Health problems worse due to colder climate,.using more heat for health reasons has costly implications
119	Sitting in a cold home affects you physically, emotionally, socially and financially, because to keep yourself warm, you become less active, and then it's a vicious circle.
120	More home cooking. Not going out for meals as often
121	Not spending as long doing homework extra study. Socially not inviting guests around. Less desposible income, repayment of loans, tick.
122	A badly run global economy and political system causes emotional unease in everyone
123	Exasperated lung problems due to cold damp, socially not able to attend things due to financial restraints
124	The costs rises to wage inflation is way apart
125	We are budgeting more towards heating and energy in general. leaving less money to spend elsewhere.

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126	I am on blood thinners and feel the cold, all the time when the weather turns colder.
127	More money on basics= more stress, less able to afford other things like essential clothing, beyond basic food, petrol for the car to work
128	We don't have any spare cash even though we both work full time so we don't get to visit family who live abroad or go on any holidays or trips, we don't eat out or get to do many fun activities as it all costs too much after we Pay for all the essentials - there just isn't enough left and that's with us both working full time hours and making any cuts we can
129	We sometimes struggle with being cold, and with the damp in an old house. It's harder to afford nice things when the basics cost so much. It can be too embarrassing to invite people to the house, especially in the winter
130	Need more money to pay increased cost of bills… don't have any spare finance !…. I miss that
131	I can't meet friends as often because I often can't afford diesel for non-essential journeys. This has an impact on my emotional wellbeing.
132	Spending so much on fuel drains the finances, due to disability, need heat on or fire lit and electric blankets
133	More stress and not able to heat the house as much as I need for my fibromyalgia and hypothyroid pain from the cold
134	Going out less. No holiday this year.
135	The rising cost of fuel for the car and home heating oil prevents us doing more at weekends as a family. Lesser family holiday this year and only going out on a rare occasion, we're always making excuses why we can't go places - simple answer is we can't afford to
136	A cold house is depressing and unwelcoming. Previously friends would visit but I couldn't afford oil last year for a while so that changed my behaviour. No more invites. I took a credit union loan to cover the oil. First time ever but now it's a way of life.

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Has your home been affected by damp and mould at any time in the past 24 months?

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1	YES	32%	
2	NO	65%	
3	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	3%	

Analysis						
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	1.71	Std. Deviation:	0.50
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3	Financially	14%	
4	None of the above - Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	5%	
5	Other (please specify - Compulsory to answer if ticked):	2.6%	14
		answered	533

Analysis					
Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.34	Std. Deviation:	1.03
Maximum:	5.00	Variance:	1.07	Std. Error:	0.04

Other (please specify - Compulsory to answer if ticked): (14)

1	Don't know
2	Affects decor
3	Annoyed me.
4	Kitchen ceiling collapsed — see note below
5	Decorating costs
6	frustrating as black mould hard to treat
7	Cosmetically
8	Constant mold removal.
9	The damp issues is not due to lack of heating but a structural issue with an old house
10	Not a major issue solved by spraying and ventilation.

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11	Bought a dehumidifier
12	Just annoyance
13	It is just a concern that there are signs of damp.
14	Small amount of damp because damp proof course has failed in parts. Two small dehumidifiers fix the issue

It would be useful if you could say why you answered this way? - Voluntary: (115)

1	Worsening air quality, resulting in allergic reactions
2	Just a bit of standard mould , noting to server , probably due to windows not opened often enough
3	Got the bathroom renovated
4	Leaks in roof and chimney
5	Worried about mould and trying to get rid of it
6	Persistant coughs
7	Only a small amount of mould on ceiling and round windows
8	I have asthma and im anxious about taking an attack
9	I need to pay for mitigation
10	Caused physical damage to bathroom floor. Which will likely need to be replaced. The shower is leaking water.
11	worry in case it affects physical health and how to eliminate it
12	physically and mentally affected my health and wellbeing, and then i had to spend money to fix the damp in a house i rented as the landlord/estate agent blamed me when it was actually a bad building
13	Had to pay to get roof fixed where damp Was entering and causing black mould
14	It is depressing having to deal with the effects of mould, repainting etc.
15	There's mould around my bedroom window and I don't know how to get rid of it.
16	Cost of repairs Anguish over the look and the smell of mould
17	We live in an old edwardian-era house which is somewhar prone to mould.
18	I've explained that partly already in my answer to the last question, but the mould has been the single most devastating aspect of living here. I've had irreplaceable family photos and books damaged and I've had to throw out so many other books. When you come out of domestic abuse the sense of home as a safe place is very important, but for me as a person on immunosuppressant treatments to find my new home was unhealthy and unsafe due to mould, and that Choice just gaslighted

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	me and blamed me and wouldn't help has honestly been the most destructive thing for my mental health, which has in turn resulted in my struggling to manage my physical health conditions adequately. I wish I'd never come here.
19	Mould is normal on surfaces. I ventilated and scrubbed and used antimould on it. Just being responsible - mould primarily from water having no where tk escape or drying clothes in house. Unless there is a leak mould can be from respiration etc and houses need aired
20	Afraid of being ill
21	Hassle of work to be done to rectify damaged damp course.
22	Had to pay to fix it.
23	It's a bit of mould in the bathroom - not unexpected in a damp room.
24	Living room.... bedroom.... bathroom....all absolutely rotten with damp.... been waiting over 18 months on housing executive to sort out the dampness..... still waiting ...
25	Asthma triggered by mould and mentally cuz I worry that I can't get rid of the mould
26	Worry of getting worse and cost to fix
27	I need to pay for repairs and damp protection.
28	Inflamed respiratory issues.
29	old house poorly insulated and damp proofed
30	Its embarrassing
31	can't identify the source without spending a lot of money
32	It cost almost £2k to have it treated and removed.
33	More colds chesty
34	Old house. Damp in hall which meant a complete hall renovation.
35	I have asthma, mould not good!
36	Have put dehumidifier in room where damp has e found
37	Its just normal build up easily treated
38	Suffer from arthritis
39	Very frustrating trying to keep it at bay
40	It's the answer to the question we have some damp and mould in our property in a couple of rooms
41	Simply needed dealt with and more ventilation and potential for ill health to be avoided

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42	To see mould is very depressing as can't keep it away
43	I have dampness around windows at front of house and this causes paint peeling. It needs repainting every year.
44	Lack of money to get new heat sources decoration
45	I'm asthmatic and the cold/dampness causes frequent chest problems
46	Stress as the mould keeps returning despite being treated
47	I know black mould is dangerous and I know that I should get something done, but I can't.
48	I have to clean it every once in a while
49	Because I have tried to eliminate the cause without success.
50	I worry the damp is causing lung damage leaving me mentally tired thinking about and spending money on damp proof paint that I can't afford doesn't help either
51	Cleaned the mould off the wall.
52	I worry about mould
53	It is an minor issue in one room during winter.
54	Increased pain due to damp & cold
55	I have patches of mould in various places in my house
56	Mold causes major health issues
57	I don't think it's affecting me. It's only a small patch
58	Small amount of damp which required paid workmen.
59	It has not affected my health but the obvious damp and mold needs sorted, so mentally it's always there!
60	I needed to spend money to fix the damp and then for painting afterwards
61	Leaking roof that needed to be fixed.
62	Damp and mould caused major problems and I didn't have the money to get it fixed. The stress was unbelievable. I eventually borrowed the money and I'm still paying it off.
63	We had to treat some of the worst walls with mould treatment then paint and re paper. We have purchased dehumidifiers and air ventilation monitirs.
64	Damp proof needed for kitchen
65	I was very lucky. When the ceiling came down in the kitchen last November (after twenty years of growing damp), my house insurance paid for it all to be dried out and then replaced the ceiling and lights. And they repainted my kitchen, so I was very happy!

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66	I cleaned it up and ensured the room was properly ventilated
67	damp in walls, i applied damp proofing and redecoration
68	The damp is a nuisance, ruing curtains and wallpaper and is kept at bay by cleaning. A member of the household has COPD so the intention is to have some work done before their health is significantly impacted.
69	finding it difficult to control the mould have tried dehumidifier but old house keeps getting mould
70	re-pointing needed ,now done
71	The damp was a longstanding problem that the landlord eventually fixed.
72	Have to buy air purifiers and repaint walls
73	Increased coughing and headaches
74	No one likes damp in there homes. Getting it addressed can and does affect you mentally. If not addressed, or would have further health implications .
75	Its worrying as your not sure how or if this will have a long lasting effect on our health. I do have asthma and the mold worries me
76	Just to redecorate as we switched and turned down radiators in rooms not as much jnbuse
77	I worry about not being able to properly heat my home
78	Dam and Mould conditions flare up skin conditions. Mentally distressing due to worrying about causes, remediating causes & the expense of that. Financially - costs to remediate
79	Damp inside windows - streaming water
80	It was largely due to air circulation in an extension. The mould/damp was fixed by purchasing a dehumidifier
81	Have to paint over ceiling with special paint to cover damp in cold winter.
82	Can't afford to do upgrades to heating system or insulation. Not on benefits so can't avail of any scheme.
83	I suspect this is mainly condensation but it is a nuisance and has been hard to get under control
84	I spray areas with a mild bleach in the colder rooms.
85	It is gross and requires cleaning, and as I have mould allergies I suspect it is adding to health issues.
86	Our kitchen is damp which means presses are hard to keep clean so it's a lot of extra work at my age
87	Felt chesty regularly
88	My landlord has repeatedly ignored my requests to address the mould issues which is worse in my son's bedroom. He is asthmatic and has required multiple increases in medication including steroids. This has impacted his capacity to go to work and study. I have had to pay to have the mould cleaned on at least 5 occasions after doing it myself with bleach. However, I

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	am registered disabled with a number of chronic conditions and this has caused me huge flare ups with depleted energy and increased physical pain. Financially I'm in a cycle of borrowing money to try to keep the house warm and ensure gas cooking facilities are operational. This is having a dire impact on my mental health and times I've felt so overwhelmed that life feels pointless. Socially, I'm embarrassed to invite friends to my home because it's so cold and because of the damage of the mould and leaks when it rains
89	Made allergies worse
90	It's just a worry and difficult to remedy.
91	Also had a leak that did not discover which has caused mold, but now correct and repaired.
92	I worry that other members of my home will get sick from the damp and mould
93	Worry on how to fix it
94	Asthmatic and have mould in my bedroom
95	Having to climb to clean , pay to have it treated and worry about it returning
96	Paying to eliminate it
97	Had to carry put minor mould treatment in some rooms. Extra unwanted expense incurred obviously.
98	Paid for damp treatment
99	Again, worrying about what to do, having to spend time & money trying to rid myself of it.
100	It was a water leak that went on undetected and caused me a lot of problems.
101	Consistent coughs and chest issues
102	I rarely get mould, but my home is damp, and it makes you more prone to colds, coughs and flus. The damp smell also affects you mentally. Your home does not feel very comfortable - you cannot relax.
103	It was tough, and affected us as we tried to find the source of the issue, and then paying for remedial works
104	Chest infections Worry about health and cost of repairs.
105	Repairs required
106	Mould in bathroom because MVHR not set sufficiently to aerate bathroom shower
107	It's an old listed building and is prone to damp spots despite heated rooms
108	It just makes you feel like your home is dirty and it makes you aware of the quality of air you're breathing in, especially when it's in the bedroom
109	They tell me it's not damp but condensation. It's a sight especially when visitor's come in
110	It is horrible to look at, depressing that we can't sort it out, and it affects family members with asthma

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111	Private rented home. Rooms in house which are minimally or not heated has seen dsmp/mould increase despite using anti-dampand mod paint on walls. COPD has worsened over this past 24months.
112	Physically - irritated a skin condition Mentally - it makes home look untidy even though issue is more longstanding / structural
113	Worried about affects on kids.
114	The damp is in three rooms on one side of the house but not the bedroom
115	It's embarrassing and frustrating as it keeps coming back. Washing walls and ventilation hasn't cured the problem. I'm sure it's bad for the family's health but so far breathing/asthma hasn't got worse.

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NIView - QUESTION 12: Are you worried about paying for your energy costs?

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1	YES, I am worried about paying for energy at present	27%	
2	YES, I am worried about paying for energy in the coming winter	51%	
3	NO - None of the above or Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	34%	
Analysis	Minimum: 1.00 Mean: 2.16 Std. Deviation: 0.73 / Maximum: 3.00 Variance: 0.53 Std. Error: 0.02	answered	1,729

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NIView - QUESTION 13: Which of the following energy market support services are you aware of?

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1	Direct Support from an Energy Supplier - this may include debt advice, an emergency payment or referral to another agency	13%	
2	NIE Networks Medical Customer Care Register – Offers extra support during power cuts for customers who rely on electricity for healthcare needs	22%	
3	Consumer Energy Charter – A commitment from electricity and gas suppliers to provide enhanced support for domestic consumers	5%	
4	Energy Supplier Customer Care Register – A register maintained by gas and electricity suppliers for customers who may require special assistance due to age, disability, or chronic illness	13%	
5	Consumer Council for Northern Ireland – The statutory consumer body providing advice, handling complaints, and advocating on behalf of consumers	58%	
6	Utility Regulator – Regulates the electricity, gas, water, and sewerage industries in Northern Ireland, promoting and protecting the interests of consumers both now and in the future	49%	
7	Northern Ireland Oil Saving Network - As a NI Oil Savings Network member, customers can order oil at a negotiated discount	11%	
8	NONE - None of the above	27%	
		answered	1,729

Analysis						
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	5.04	Std. Deviation:	1.96
	Maximum:	8.00	Variance:	3.83	Std. Error:	0.03

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1	Fully deliver and adequately fund the Executive's fuel poverty strategy (Warm Healthy Homes Strategy (2026-2036)	37%	654
2	Set legally binding targets to reduce fuel poverty and hold the Executive accountable for progress	28%	466
3	Significantly increase investment in schemes to make homes more energy efficient, particularly for low-income and vulnerable households	47%	897
4	Introduce mandatory minimum energy efficiency standards for rented homes	18%	357
5	Provide greater financial support with energy bills for low-income and vulnerable households	31%	494
6	Introduce regulatory oversight of the home heating oil market to improve protections for consumers	49%	784
7	Work with relevant organisations to extend the provision of energy efficiency advice and training	11%	232
8	NONE - None of the above	5%	93
9	Other - Please specify (Compulsory to answer if ticked):	9.3%	160
Analysis	Minimum: 1.00 Mean: 4.03 Std. Deviation: 2.19 / Maximum: 9.00 Variance: 4.80 Std. Error: 0.03	answered	1,729

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Other - Please specify (Compulsory to answer if ticked): (160)

1	The UK should utilise its own oil fields
2	pressure the UK govt to ditch the net zero nonsense and allow more north sea drilling and nuclear power
3	Transition away from fossil fuels
4	Heat pump grants like england
5	I don't expect the NI authorities to do anything of significance
6	Get rid of SONI and link more with GB
7	Interest free loans for insulation upgrades for people who are outside the threshold but still can't afford it
8	Energy efficiency measures for all
9	Provide support for heat pumps as in England
10	introduce better incentives for renewables, even middle income people can't afford a £15k heat pump or solar installation that would make us more resilient in the long term
11	Deliver for all families increasingly working families are struggling to support the rest of society. work poor is a real concern and a thankless task to support others when no help given.
12	Heavily subsidise solar panels and battery storage.
13	Cap the energy providers and their profits.
14	Both work in the house hold and qualify for nothing
15	Renewables
16	Ensure that log fires are still allowed to be used
17	Everyone, especially those working and contributing to society, face oil prices/electricity prices/gas prices rising. Those who contribute to society especially suffer from fuel price rises yet are discriminated against on any scheme. About time the playing field is levelled and everyone treated the same
18	1) Assist households to move away from oil and gas towards electricity; and 2) assist houses to adopt renewable energy - solar panels, air pumps; ground source heat pumps; etc.
19	Generate private sector jobs
20	Pursue a united Ireland and rejoin the EU. The uk is corrupt and in debt.
21	expedite green energy
22	Support packages to encourage home owners to fit greener energy eg solar panrls/ground source heat pumps. All new builds should have these installed by the builder to a satisfactory standard that new homes can be energy efficient and cheap to run.

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23	No of the above would be worth the paper and time they would take to implement. We jyst need to stop messing about with all the waste of time nonsense that has got us into this position and start producing our own oil and gas resources and build a nuclear grid
24	useless waste of space = NI Assembly
25	Allow the sale of plug in solar panels like has been done in the rest of the uk
26	Grants for Heat Pumps and Solar Panels as in rest of UK
27	decouple gas and electricity from oil. Remove monopoly airtricity has in both market.
28	I am not on a low income and frankly given the amount of tax I pay I am sick sore and tired of being overlooked for the sin of obtaining an education and a decent job!
29	Support for renewables
30	Getting more use of renewables and then getting a lower overal price for electric that isn't related to the global energy market
31	Control the oil prices
32	Pointless ticking any of these boxes as they won't do anything
33	Reduce gas prices
34	Grants just not for low income families. Regulations for all new builds properties to have solar installed
35	Grants for low and medium income families for solar panels etc. I dont think hammering landlords to make their rental properties more efficient than the ones they live in themselves will do anything other than drive rents up and landlords from the market. Its also shifting responsibility from the state to the private sector- i am not a landlord myself nor would ever wish to be
36	None of those actually deal with the reasons why energy is getting more expensive
37	Regulate profits made by energy companies
38	Assist home to become more carbon neutral such as providing loans that homes can use to install solar panels or heat pumps and pay back to Stormont
39	Remove tax on fossil fuels
40	Ukraine/Iran wars are major cause of current energy costs - there is little local government can do o change thinks.
41	Promoting Energy independence through Renewable Energy Schemes such as: Grants for Solar Panels, Biomass Boilers etc.
42	Speed up switch to wind and solar
43	Reduce VAT - not just for households on £30,000 or less
44	Provide help with installing pay as you go meters to help customers budget better for energy costs
45	Programs and grants to encourage renewable energies.

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46	Reduce fuel prices
47	License fracking and oil drilling without punitive taxes plus subsidise consumers with profits / taxes, end green levies and VAT on consumers.
48	Increase the threshold so that working families can avail of support but are left out of supports available because they are above the income threshold
49	Reduce vat on fuel. Tackle fuel suppliers and stop price fixing and ripping off customers.
50	Something for the working poor
51	Solar heating incentives; help for working families also
52	Speed up installation of Smart meters
53	Price caps on fuel like England.
54	it is not fair that working people do not get any financial support. This just incentivises spongers and financial scammers. What support is there for the working poor?
55	Free heating in winter for all.
56	Tackle price gouging for energy companies are making such eye watering profits when ordinary people are struggling to pay for fuel
57	Lobby Govt to stop Net Zero, open up North Sea oil & gas Fields, reduce Energy Taxation.
58	Give the Uk governments payment received to help with energry costs to all households. Gas has increased by almost 20%, it is not just oil customers who have had an increase in their bills, but only oil customers can apply for money. This is not fair.
59	Remove tax!
60	regulate the energy industry, particularly gas. I have seen commercial gas salesmen get circa 4k bonuses per quarter and leased vehicles
61	Drop climate change nonsense
62	This is affecting everyone not just low income households.
63	Hold oil reserves to buffer against shortages and/or price increases
64	Deliver help and support for working families not just those in receipt of benefits. We earn decent enough money so not qualify for benefits but still struggle
65	Energy companies are making a fortune for shareholders. This should be shared to customers
66	Stop energy companies raising prices whilst at the same time making huge profits.
67	Reduce cost of electricity and oil

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68	Introduce and maintain policies which support private businesses to grow and stimulate the economy generally to provide more employment and higher salaries to enable people to better afford their energy bills.
69	Provide better help for retired pensioners.
70	Stop the companies being greedy and making record profits
71	Reduce the price of all fuel so that everyone benefits not just those on low income or deemed vulnerable. Workers and retired people also need a reduction in costs to give them a better quality of life not just those on benefits
72	There is so much to be done as this whole area is significantly neglected and just gets lip service. Energy efficiency advice is somewhat obvious, however some priority measures would be heating oil regulation. The profiteering with heating oil is blatant and visible, spokespersons denials are just propoganda. Same applies to the electricity sector - shocking that the department trumpets 50 % generation from renewables but we all pay the dearest gas price due to marginal pricing. Plus the wind farms who provide that 50% get the that same dearest dispatch price but the wind is still the same price. Need windfall taxes to fund support for low income / vulnerable households
73	Funding for solar etc
74	Work together like adults
75	Just implement what rest of uk does
76	Work to eliminate price volatility by removing any reliance on fossil fuels, getting the expensive gas out of the price equation for electricity, then with stable cost effective renewables and domestic and grid scale storage, cheaper electricity prices can make it economical for homes to switch to heat pumps away from oil and gas
77	Lobby national government to increase domestic energy production, gas oil and nuclear
78	Get uk gvt to sort out how electricity costs are based on gas!
79	Legislate against energy providers who are making record profits from charging extortionate tariffs for their products
80	get the prices from big profit aking companies down for the homeownerner
81	Help those working on the minimum wage of £12.71 . Currently I'm looking at the price of 500litres of home heating oil and crying at the price quoted around £555 which I have no hope of buying. I work pay my taxes, national insurance and contribute to the government pension scheme and realise that I will not be buying heating oil for my home which consists of four adults. Where is the help for those like myself who get up at 0600hrs every day to go to work for a minimum wage which is inadequate for my home needs which has no luxeries . Im seeing a freezing home this winter with some visiting shops to get heat. The honest worker is the one as usual who suffers along with their families. When will we be taken into consideration please.
82	Provide support for those who dont meet benefit thresholds, those who go out to work. Base support on income after deductions/take home pay.
83	Support the roll out of micro renewables for homes to offset electricity costs
84	Increase support for green schemes
85	Govt can't plan for unplanned disasters
86	Domestic Solar panel grants

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87	Extension to mains gas network
88	Major real action is needed. NOW
89	plug in solar panels
90	Change on law on listed buildings (mine is a Grade 2 listed traditional farmhouse) so that we are allowed to put in proper windows that don't leak out the heat. It's ridiculous that I have to keep my house with rattly loose wooden frames and 18th century single pane glass!
91	Demand special powers from Westminster to introduce a fuel price cap, and/or to seize exorbitant profits of energy companies for the public purse. Nationalise these industries.
92	Introduce a minimum income, not hourly rate, to ensure that no-one falls into poverty. Stop categorising poverty and accept that if someone hasn't got enough money for heating it is because they haven't got enough money.
93	solar panels on homes
94	Reduce the cost of oil
95	Don’t know
96	Remove vat / green tax on energy
97	Grants for insulation
98	extend financial support to all homes not just those on benefits - as usual teh middl eearners forgotten about
99	Caps on energy prices
100	Actually provide support to those who work and raise families, not just to pensioners and those on benefits.
101	If the politicians become involved it will get worse because they’re incompetent. Bin environmentalism and return to a free market
102	alot of energy cost is set up by companies outside the power of the Assembly - all the above actions are just enabling the problem, not solving it. We need to think differently - and look at not centralising energy in too few hands and that includes reducing wood burning and open fires to hit the green quota when all it does is force people to pay more for on electricity.
103	we need to expand our energy infrastructure - more wind, hydrogen etc. We are on an island so more work with the republic too!
104	Regulate lpg gas which seems to have to no price capping
105	Outside their control and SF cannot make practical choices
106	what about the working poor who aren't on benefits, have to pay for everything and get no support. we ran out of oil the day before the Iran war. our cost doubled in 24 hours and we got no help. we're supposed to magic it out of thin air.
107	Abolish carbon tax
108	Take back full public control of the energy market. Re-nationalise

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109	Invest in energy efficient homes. Not particularly for low income or vulnerable homes. These already have provisions to improve.
110	Get UK Govt to start extracting our OWN oil in the North sea
111	Nationalise energy supply to deliver at marginal cost; plan and invest in sources and improvements e.g. like China
112	Invest in renewable energy immediately
113	Windfall taxes
114	Ask the UK government to trigger article 16, in order to bring in tax brakes and financial aid to customers in Northern Ireland. Reduce the avoidable environmental taxes and levies.
115	Boiler replacement scheme. Mine is done.
116	Introduce grants to change to a greener energy like other parts of the UK
117	Introduce a windfall tax on extraordinary profits by energy and fuel companies
118	Mandatory solar on all new builds; Financial support to install heat pumps
119	Reduce domestic rates to allow families to manage their own money.
120	Grants for insulation, solar panels etc
121	It isn't the low income not in work population that are affected, they'll get help. It's those out grinding a living that need help. Work doesn't pay anymore. Tax and corporate greed are killing people.
122	How about we increase investment for energy efficieny and green options for ALL people, not just the unproductive.
123	Push for increase in energy supplier, develop nuclear power to cover all of Ireland.
124	Extend solar panels to households
125	develop more renewable energy supply.
126	Pay As You Go system for oil
127	Invest in solar and target investment to areas of fuel poverty. Solar eddi technology to heat hot water as well as generate electricity
128	Place the energy tax burden of payment on the big Corporations and data centres which are consuming vast amounts of energy in comparison to Residential holders on
129	National Government intervention
130	Reduce tax/charges paid on fuel or reduce tax on income
131	Reduce reliance on oil and gas by providing grants for homeowners to switch to renewables like solar and heat pumps

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132	Balance environmental / air quality policy with energy costs. Proposing to ban coal fires or wood burning stoves will plunge many rural households into fuel poverty many of whom currently have own source of wood/fuel rather than buying oil.
133	Reduce tariffs and other loaded costs that keep bills artificially high
134	Cut all Green / Climate Cult taxes and restart the sourcing and supply of our oun onshore and offshore energy resources
135	Actively pursue an all-Ireland energy efficiency and anti fuel poverty strategy
136	There I'd no money in executive to do most of these
137	Provide a non means test energy efficiency upgrade to all homes particularly the elderly and vulnerable due to health conditions
138	Working families that are not classes as low income if they sit just above the threshold have mortgageschilcare etc but don't qualify for any benefits
139	decouple electricity prices from gas, more renewable generation
140	Enable the NIHE to build new modern energy efficient homes, and invest in its current houses
141	Windfall tax on energy suppliers
142	Just insulate houses. All houses. Pay the doe to insulate houses.
143	Lobby Westminster to investigate energy companies and their extortionate profits
144	We all know that there were oil suppliers who were 'scalping' the consumer by the unnecessary prices they were charging for oil.. Doing such things as cancelling prepaid orders then reordering at a high rate. Any company should be prosecuted for dishonest practices like this.
145	More investment in renewable energy and make it state owned to keep prices down
146	Teach budget discipline to fifth formersnin school, and that most things other than shelter and basic food are luxuries.
147	Provide the legal framework for the Utility Regulator to have powers to manage the home heating oil market
148	Grants for solar power
149	Grants for solar panel installation
150	Beyond the Assembly but stop the grotesque profiteering by the fossil fuel industry - profiteering used to be illegal
151	Work on reducing the amount people have to pay for fuel i.e. reduce tax. Also invest more in cheap energy sources, even if it is non renewable to help drive the prices down. Abandon Net Zero.
152	do something, anything, even ASDA can do soup and a roll for pensioners !!!
153	Cut regulations and improve incomes
154	Lower tax in energy

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155	Increase funding for the working poor family to install renewable schemes
156	Significantly cut tax on all fuel. Cancel all net zero taxes and mad rush to.net zero
157	Help the middle income earners for a change. Constantly being squeezed. Lower income get support. Higher incomes don't need support. Middle income earners constantly get squeezed - no support but don't earn enough to not worry about it.
158	Grants for solar panels
159	Look at the working poor and not just the low income families
160	Nationalise energy companies

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TYPE OF HOME - What type of Home do you reside in? – BASE RAW DATA

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Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	House - owned by you (mortgaged or otherwise)	84%	
2	Sheltered Accommodation	0%	
3	Housing Association tenant	2%	
4	Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) tenant	5%	
5	Private Rented Sector	8%	
6	Residential or Nursing Home	0.00%	
7	Other (please specify):	0.98%	17

Analysis						
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	1.42	Std. Deviation:	1.20
	Maximum:	7.00	Variance:	1.45	Std. Error:	0.03
	Satisfaction Rate:	6.93				

	answered	1,729

Other (please specify): (17)

1	Owned by employer
2	Living with patents
3	Park home
4	owned by my parents
5	flat (rather than house) owned by us
6	Apartment owned by myself not mortgaged
7	Apartment owned by us
8	Apartment owned by me.

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9	Flat, mortgaged
10	Annex of relative
11	Owner Occupier of Apartment
12	Apartment owned by me
13	Living with parents
14	Privately owned apartment
15	House - owned by family member
16	Live with elderly parent who owns home
17	Apartment owned by me

TYPE OF HEATING SYSTEM
What is the MAIN source of heating in your home? – BASE RAW DATA

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Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Oil	60%	
2	Gas	36%	
3	Coal	1%	
4	Electric	2%	
5	Other (please specify):	2%	31

Analysis							
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	1.56	Std. Deviation:	0.81	answered 1,729
	Maximum:	5.00	Variance:	0.66	Std. Error:	0.02	skipped 0
	Satisfaction Rate:	14.10					

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Other (please specify): (31)

1	Air to water heatpump
2	We use BOTH oil and electricity.
3	Multi-fuel....coal and wood
4	Bottled gas
5	Both oil and coal
6	Calor gas
7	Plus woodburner
8	air source heat pump
9	I have an oil boiler but the wood burning stove is the main source of heat.
10	Ground source heat pump
11	We use gas and electric oil filled radiators
12	Solar for hot water
13	Log Burner
14	PLG
15	Gas- wood- solar
16	Air source heat pump
17	Biomass, coal fire
18	It's both oil & coal/wood fire with a boiler that heats radiators & water
19	Biomass
20	combination of oil and coal
21	None
22	Wood burning
23	geothermal
24	Pellets
25	Coal and wood
26	Air source heat pump
27	Biomass

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28	wood pellet biomass
29	Wood
30	Wood pellet boiler
31	Wood

CHILDREN IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD
Do any children (under the age of 18) currently live in your household? – BASE RAW DATA

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1	YES	27%	
2	NO	72%	
3	Prefer not to say	1%	
Analysis		answered	1,729

Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	1.78	Std. Deviation:	0.43
Maximum:	3.00	Variance:	0.19	Std. Error:	0.01
Satisfaction Rate:	38.90				

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DISABILITY

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, a disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

In this context, do you, or any members of your household, have a recognised disability? – BASE RAW DATA

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1	YES	35%	
2	NO	63%	
3	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	2%	

Analysis							answered	1,729
	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	1.69	Std. Deviation:	0.50		
	Maximum:	3.00	Variance:	0.25	Std. Error:	0.01		
	Satisfaction Rate:	34.64						

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QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS – FINAL COMMENTS SECTION

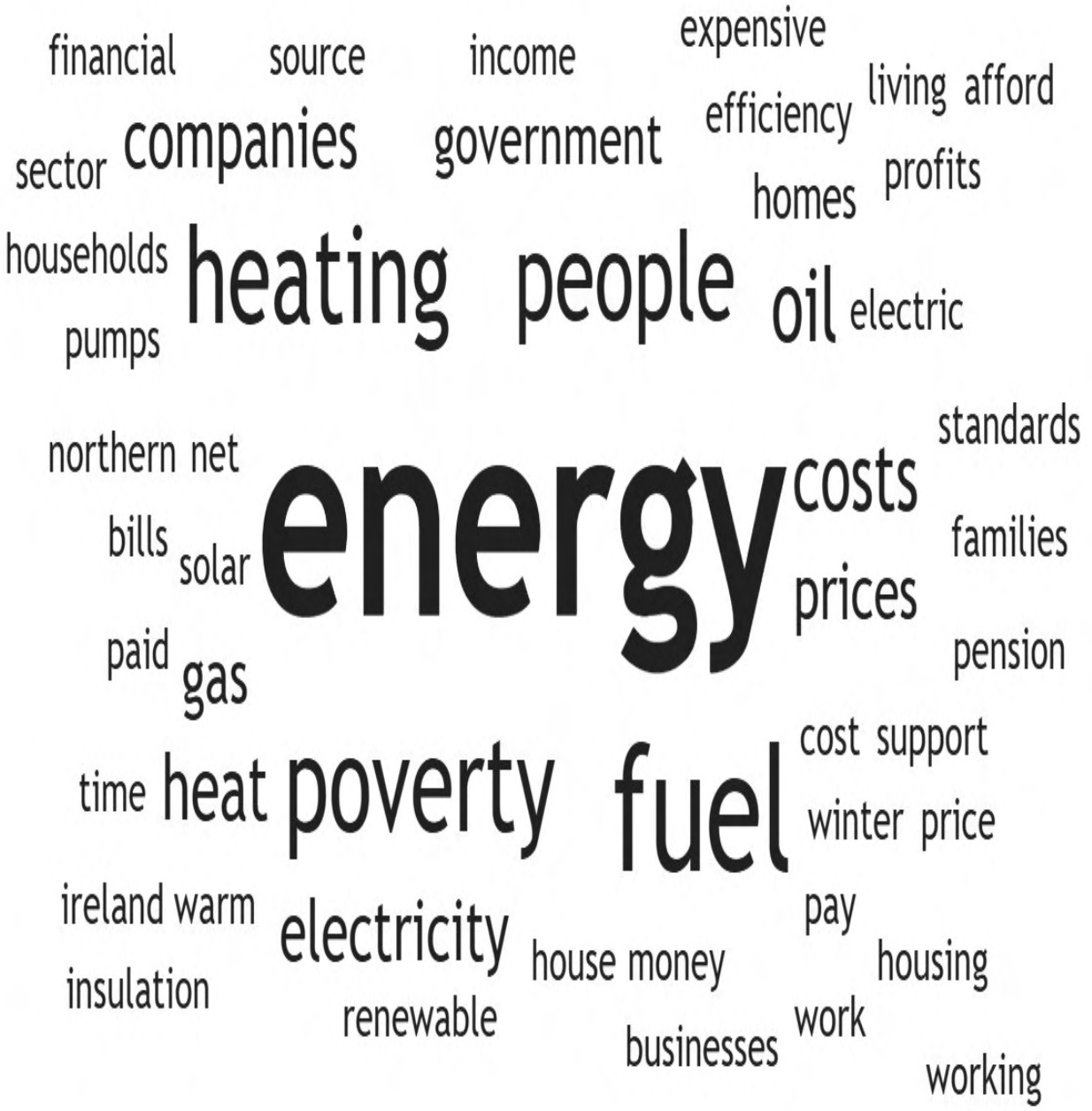
Word Cloud Analysis: The actual number of Word occurrences in all of the comments listed in the 'Final Comments' section is calculated. Then the higher the No. of occurrences, and the relative importance, and specific context, of where the word occurs, is reflected in the 'Word Cloud' by that Word being bigger and bolder compared to other words in the Word Cloud. Words related to the poll-survey itself obviously occur very frequently e.g. Energy, heating, oil, gas, electric, fuel, poverty, cost, afford, pension, etc., and this should be considered when reviewing the Word Cloud.

Word Cloud: NEA NI POLL-PROJECT – FINAL COMMENTS (Voluntary) September 2026:



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COMMENT – Re. differences between 2026 Word Cloud and 2025 Word Cloud
Note that words like 'Oil', 'Prices', and 'Costs', are more prominent in the 2026 Word Cloud compared to the 2025 Word Cloud. This suggests that the fluctuation in the price of heating oil is having a big impact on people's budgeting for heating.

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1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	222

1	Any help with heating is always for low income households. Middle income families like ours never receive any help. It's time all of us received help in some way!
2	From my previous experience as an nihe tennantthe problem isn't damp, the problem is fuel poverty which leads to the house not getting sufficient air which then causes the damp
3	People would rather pay for a new phone, TV Netflix etc than heat or feed their families.
4	I just wish the government would work together. I dont care for orange and green politics. Please Stormont, help your people.
5	Why no help from Executive for people who have gas, only oil, and it's going up by 19%
6	something needs to be done, we are in a multi income household, we own our property and thus we are the definition of the working poor. we are struggling to heat and eat and this is only going to get so much worse in the winter. we are normally outside remit for help as we are a working household, meaning we get NO additional help
7	People need to take more responsibility in what they do with their income Too many on PIP yet visit Benidorm two or three times a year.
8	The government need to increase investment in green energy. They should also tax the fossil fuel providers much more heavily as they are making billions in profits while polluting and denying many people warm homes.
9	There's no support for the installation of heat pumps in Northern Ireland. The scheme in place is useless and excludes any one who could use gas and most of the population
10	Working families are struggling with the cost of living worth 50 hour weeks to have a few pound left at the end of the week, it's shocking that we live in a society that punishes people families that work and give pittance pensions for contributing all your life . Well done governments 👏 as long as they get there pay rises and keep there jobs to tell the public lie after lie ...
11	I was surprised that I hadn't heard of any of the support organisations apart from the Consumer Council.
12	We're heading to a tipping point re affordable energy and petrol/diesel prices I fear for the future of younger working families, probably weighing up " What's the point in working " they'd be much better off on full time benefits, shocking indictment on the times we're all living in
13	Mone
14	Working people get no help ever. The governments own benefits calculator shows that our house hold would be better of if both of us didn't work. The system is broken.
15	We depend on our wood burning stove in the winter and firewood from fallen trees.

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16	We need to be more UK home energy dependent like gas and oil so that we are not susceptible to world market prices and their fluctuations
17	The executive should put extra money towards people in low income towards energy costs
18	I have an old solid walled house that relies on heating oil and electricity for showers. If I lived in the UK I would've getting support for energy efficiency but in NI I am not able to do this. This is a direct failure of civil servants spads and DUP politicians cocking up the last energy efficiency programme. I am doing what I can to improve the energy efficiency of my house but it is very expensive and will take years to complete. Oil and electric prices in NI are shocking
19	Very little opportunity to move suppliers in n.I. Govt too busy squabbling over nonsense to address proper concerns.
20	If stormount could put together a future proofing fund , so homeowners can make there home more efficient. I'm thinking solar, heat exchanger, airpump etc , that can be paid back at a rate that is similar to what heat and electricity is costing at the moment. It would need to be flexible as there's not really a one size fits all homes
21	There are thousands on benefits with either nothing or very little wrong with them who have been coached to get higher rate benefits/PIP etc. The Civil Servants rubber stamp most claimants paperwork with giving it a second glance. Far to many people are content to sit back and get everything paid for them including in this case £100 to apparently help with rising fuel costs An example of being coached would be the activities at Shantellow community centre where anyone can get forms filled correctly and basically be guaranteed free money
22	Life is about priorities, I live within my budget. Vaping, smoking, gambling and take away meals are more important to many people rather than heating their homes.
23	No mention of wood burners
24	I do not consider our family to be in "fuel poverty," but that us because we are careful with budgeting and how we spend our money. We do not smoke or drink alcohol or buy takeaway meals every day etc etc. We live within our means and only heat the living room (not the bedrooms or kitchen or bathroom).
25	We recently had solar panels installed at our home in an effort to offset the seemingly ever-rising costs of electricity to the Northern Ireland market.
26	Increase green energy production in NI. Grants for domestic solar. More wind turbines. Decoupling of electricity and gas prices
27	Fuel poverty cant only be spent on the usual unemployed...people who work full time are worse off.
28	We use our hearting sparingly. We can afford to pay our bills, but worry about unforseen hikes on energy costs to the customer. I don't believe Government subsidy is necessary helpful.
29	Stop messing about. Drill for oil and gas in the north sea. Build a nuclear grid.
30	unlrss the international situation and how energy is priced on the global market is radically changed, people will continue to be the victims of greedy big business and over taxing governments
31	Energy costs are kept artificially high by high taxation charges .... all home heating fuels gas, electricity & oil should be "0 rated"
32	Heat has become a luxury in todays world, the cost of fuel is a scandal
33	Help for households who do not receive any benefits to make the house more energy efficient. All the help is currently for low income households but those like our household who cannot afford to install energy efficient things eg insulation in older house get no assistance
34	Lacked options around more renewable energy production methods

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35	The N I executive doesn't have enough politicians with the qualifications or knowledge to sort this. Make minimum required educational standards to be allowed to stand for election to run the country. Or much as I dislike it let central government in London run and sort these matters. Stormont can't work as people use up their time protecting us from the idiots in government . No real work is done. Terrorists and terrorist sympathisers should not be near the place.
36	Tackling the markets is the only chance to reduce or eradicate fuel poverty. Decouple energy sectors from oil. And pas on reductions in prices. Check the prices of gas from before the pandemic and see the rise. When was the last reduction. Also ask why do the prices get increased every October (Winter) at the point when we are about to spend the most amount money on them. Profiteering.
37	There needs to be increased investment in green and renewable energy sources with adequate funding for ALL households.
38	We need practical,affordable advice to help with wastage,of all kinds,including energy. We need government to tackle the energy barons, who are making enormous, vulgar profits, at our expense.
39	The Executive seems to be behind the curve on encouraging and subsidising the adoption of new heating/cooling technologies which leaves NI more exposed when gas and oil prices increase.
40	Northern Ireland is small enough to have its own renewables-based energy generation that isn't tied to global oil and gas products. Also, looking at the French system of small nuclear reactors would generally give us more reliable low energy costs. Why waste money on grants to people which don't get at the heart of the issue? Invest in the longer term with cheaper, more sustainable forms of energy generation that mean grants aren't needed.
41	Yes. Why are we seeing all these billion pound profits with gas, oil and electric providers yet they claim come winter they have no choice to put up electric and gas by 20% 1st October. Yet they are making billions in profits. We are already struggling now, then come winter months they are putting the prices up again by 20%
42	While I am fortunate enough to be financially comfortable and can afford to heat my home, I am very aware of how expensive it has become. Two years ago the ROC and feed in payments from my 6.5kw solar array covered my full annual electricity bill. Now it doesn't even cover half of it. The way electricity is priced based on the most expensive generating fuel available is both exploitative and dishonest. While the reluctance to fully exploit the renewable energy available to us is motivated by the obscene profits that Power NI and the privatised electricity suppliers are extracting.
43	Home Heating oil needs regulated quickly
44	Need control over energy providers to use current stock whicg was purchased at a cheaper rate rather than stick prices up to todays rates jyst git told my gas is increasing by 20%
45	Apparently the UK is the most expensive place for heating homes. I'd like to know why?
46	Oil distributors should be forced to hold prices for existing stock and not impose increases immediately. They are also very slow at cutting their prices when their intake oil is reduced in price.
47	I haven't been able to pay for home heating oil regularly for the last number of years and it's a situation that is only getting worse. I don't expect to buy any this winter.
48	I know we are very fortunate to not worry about using energy. My heart goes out to vulnerable & low income households who have to choose between heat or food. We are a rich country & no one should face such choices. I'd be willing to pay more tax if it helped those in need
49	A couple of years ago I looked up the energy performance certificate for my housing association flat and it was complete nonsense. There was no way it could merit the rating it had been given, considering the trouble I had heating it. So I looked into how energy performance inspections are done, and I discovered that different inspectors use different methods, and that they rely very heavily on the homeowner answering questions honestly. So it was very clear to me that Choice Housing had been dishonest as usual and that my flat's EPC effectively amounted to Choice marking their own homework. THAT system needs to be overhauled for EPCs to be meaningful or useful.
50	I think fuel poverty effects low income working families the most as they bave other bills to prioritise and often dont get benefits so they suffer most as do their kids.

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51	Although by the definition of spending more than 10% of your income on heating costs, I would be deemed to be in fuel poverty, as I own my home outright and so have no mortgage or rental costs I can afford to cover my costs but that is largely because I never eat out (I don't even buy a coffee outside my home), I don't travel or take holidays and I drive only 5,000 miles per year, but these are mostly lifestyle choices. As I get older I do seem to need to have my heating on more frequently, so perhaps it may become more of an issue for me in the future. Certainly my costs have increases this year; my home heating oil is averaging £50pm more this year than in 2025, but hopefully the £100 voucher will help with my next fill of oil and I will also qualify for the winter fuel allowance this year for the first time which I will definitely be spending on heating costs.
52	I work full time and I struggle to pay bills, it isn't just low income or people on benefits that are struggling
53	More energy efficient homes is the most effective way to reduce bills.
54	More opportunity for all homes to be able to afford energy saving schemes and not just those families on low income
55	Certain politicians have a lot to answer for in their role with RHI. It has set NI back years. We should find a new incentive for renewables to prevail.
56	There should be a scheme to assist in fitting the likes of solar panels in homes
57	Grants for energy independence could solve any issues with regards to the cost of fuelling homes. If I had the opportunity to use a grant for solar panels to reduce the bill for electricity, I would jump at the opportunity. As well as this, if there was a scheme for domestic use of heat pumps alongside said solar panels I would take it too. Renewal sources of energy are not merely "good for the environment." They provide energy independence not only on a national level, but also to the individual.
58	When international oil prices go up the cost to consumers rises very quickly. When costs fall, consumer costs are slow to drop.
59	Despite increasing fuel prices, oil company profits are increasing year on year. Surely there must be some way of regulating those profits and ensuring that fuel prices remain stable?!
60	Our politicians couldn't run a tiddlywink convention. I don't trust any of them to sort out our energy issues. Wrap up and buckle up for a cold winter where the leeches in government stay warm while the elderly and vulnerable remain cold.
61	The Republic of Ireland give €35 per month to those over 70 for energy bills - NOT means tested. Plus a free television licence. The heating allowance is being clawed back for those with an income of £35,000 gross in the UK - TV licence withdrawn from over 80 year olds if not on benefit. The comparison is stark.
62	education on how best to cope
63	Scrap oversea aid, deport illegal migrants, close HMOs and invest the cash in reducing energy costs
64	I am increasingly worried about heating my home this winter even with above average income.
65	Very worried about the price of oil at this moment as it just seems to be going up.Put off putting the heating on at night at the moment when it gets cold I dread when the winter sets in.
66	I am fed up supporting the feckless. My wife and I made a conscious and reasoned decision to have children, making sure we could afford to. Nobody wants to see kids cold, or suffering in any way but something needs to be done to prevent these career welfare recipients breeding.
67	Take vat off electric and gas
68	Help for working families, home with dependents, homes that require modernisation, renewable energy schemes for all (not just low income) - incentives should include working families also

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69	I was brought up in a home with a range in the kitchen and an open fire in the living room as the only heat. In winter the condensation on my bedroom window froze and during cold spells became an inch thick layer of ice. Currently, many people expect to sit in teeshirts in winter and consider themselves in fuel poverty if that is not possible. I am not happy that my taxes are helping to keep people in warmth that I found to be unnecessary, and can be unhealthy.
70	In our household we have a 'pot' for home heating oil/ fuel / electricity which we contribute to each month . We had built up a good balance and were confident we would have adequate funds for this winter .....however at the moment if we top up our oil tank our fund will be eradicated.
71	Glad you are doing this survey I just got solar panels installed & drive a PEHV CAR& use EV tarriff
72	Too much geared towards those on benefits whilst those just above benefit threshold also struggle and get nothing. Price caps and more competition in ni is needed.
73	As usual no help for working people the benefits crew clear up again it's shocking
74	I've been working with a Debt charity for over 10 years and the most concerning and depressing part is working with those on benefits who have more income than those who are working to help them get out of debt and manage their finances. They're more interested in how we can help them claim, than learning to manage their finances. Employees are entitled to very few of the government schemes but they arrange for those on benefits to claim. Unfortunately more people are becoming more reliant on benefits and no incentive to work! Major review of benefits is required but unfortunately most elected politicians aren't really and help to ensure that benefits are claimed.
75	I struggle every winter to pay for heating. I live alone and have significant outgoings but because I make a decent salary I don't qualify for most of the help available. My home heating system is in desperate need of an upgrade but it will just never happen because I can't afford it and part of the reason I can't afford it is the rising cost of home heating.
76	It's clear that energy companies are using global events and the dependence of people in Northern Ireland to increase profit margins. The executive and government need to do more to tackle this
77	Stop wasting money on Net Zero, open up North Sea Oil & Gas fields plus Coal Mines. Stop importing energy when we could produce our own. Reduce taxation on Energy.
78	The situation regarding
79	Provide more support to install solar in your home.
80	Government need 1 help insulate and 2 provider greener and cheaper energy. 3 stop oil companies lobying polititains
81	Westminster needs to do better when it comes to NI
82	Trump should be removed from office as he is incompetent, stop attacking Iran, oil price drops and fuel poverty in the north will reduce as a consequence
83	All payments should be audited for compliance and avoidance of theft / fraud
84	Everyone is feeling the pain with higher fuel costs. Because I am married and just above the £100 threshold I do not qualify. I have always been prudent, worked long hours and did without holidays and luxuries but again have been penalised.
85	I have claimed the hundred pound voucher but am unable to use it as i dont have enough money to add to it in order to buy oil for heating, so i am currently without any oil again and will manage with heated blankets until such a time that i can save up for oil. The price is so high the hope is that it will come down at some point in the future. A hundred pound would maybe last about ten days if that. The less oil you buy the more expensive it becomes.
86	Big company should not be allowed to make higher profits than usual at people expence at a time like this

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87	Fuel poverty exists within working families that do not receive benefits as well, it's unfair to just provide support to families that are in receipt of benefits
88	There is no mention of tackling the "for profit" nature of the energy market.
89	I feel lucky not to be affected by by energy costs but do worry that my circumstances could change and I worry for others who are making food v heat choices.
90	The current increases in hone heating oil and increased fuel prices will cost me approx £40 extra per week. We live in a rural area so need car . The government should be reducing the fuel duties
91	I know a lot is prices are defined by world disputes, but feel uk should be reopening it's own resources
92	Re question 14. I would like n.i. assembly to dissolve itsself and let ordainary citizens in to manage affairs. People divorced from reality of everyday life should not make important decisions for everyday people. Rant over.
93	Before using money for weapons, the government should upgrade home insulation across the board.
94	I believe technology is giving people the opportunity to reduce the electricity they buy and depend on. You can now buy a plug in solar panel that can sit anywhere. I believe the government should invest in this type of eco friendly tech until it's optimising the generation of electricity and the government should provide these to every household and bring in more eco friendly house building legislation.
95	Reduce the cost of all fuel. Remove all taxes including VAT...
96	Oil prices are an international issue and cannot be remedied by local governments
97	Government should reinstate grant schemes for adoption of energy efficiency measures and installation of renewable energy sources on all properties in Northern Ireland.
98	An interesting and topical poll especially with planned increases in gas and electricity later this year.
99	No
100	Why are there no questions about increased provision of renewable energy?
101	Design warn homes and community waste for energy hearing plants for new developments. Set higher standards for home insulation for new builds and ENFORCE standards. Create more local renewable energy sources.
102	More efforts must be made to develop alternative energy sources and houses must be built with proper insulation and ventilation. More support and advice needed for people to know how to save energy.
103	Government's need to regulate fuel companies. The profits they are making is ridiculous
104	It's about time energy companies paid a wealth tax instead of squirrelling billions away in tax havens.
105	I would support making everyone life better through a reduction in costs. You may have enough to live on comfortably but you may also be struggling through debit and or the general cost of living
106	I consider myself relatively well-off. I am retired and live on my state pension, a small private pension and savings. I am careful about heating and often change into my night attire early in the evening to keep warm. I also have an electrically-heated blanket that I use in the evenings and a wood-burning stove. I turn off radiators in every room in the house that I don't regularly use and maintain heat only in the kitchen, a small snug and my office.
107	see earlier comments on heating oil profiteering and need for regulation. didnt know there would be a comment option at the end. Is shocking that the supply chain and local storage can increase prices overnight but takes three months for prices to lower.. And somebody in authority needs to address the lack of transparency in the SEM electricity market where marginal pricing means we all pay the maximum gas price even though there is over 50% renewable generation content. The

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	regulatory authorities , north and south , need to be held to account on this. Plus the scandalous excess profits from the renewable generators who benefit from the warped pricing structure based on most expensive gas unit when the windfarm generation costs are near enough same as twenty years ago. Politicians are not interested, no votes from fuel poverty, more in some orange / green distraction, themmuns etc. The topic needs more profile so that the families suffering recognise they have to get out and vote to imrove their situation. The comfortable and well - off have differnt outlook they are all alright jack.
108	More pressure to be put on suppliers and bonuses from profit
109	I make sure the house is warm when my kids are with me . Otherwise I tend to try and keep energy costs down.
110	Its a disgrace that the uk gvt let big business continue to screw uk citizens and smes
111	Extortionate prices for oil, electricity, petrol,diesel affect EVERYONE. help is only provided to a few. I hate to say it but inevitably those with DLA cars and a raft of social security benefits that give them a MUCH higher standard of living than people like my family. We worked all our lives in not well paid jobs and get very little help from anywhere. yet so many of my family members and relations have DLA cars they really aren't entitled to and get thousands of pounds of state benefits so it's not an option for them to consider work. Is this fair? Of course the MLA's are all on the pig's back and regardless of their their politics all are stuck with their noses in the trough of the British exchequer... meanwhile I'll be sleeping in three layers of clothes again this winter just to try and keep warm...it's alright for some.
112	Im working on the minimum wage of £12.71 per hour with no prospect of buying home heating oil for my family. I pay my taxes, national insurance and contribute to the government pension scheme . I am one of the honest working people who are mugs as we are the people in poverty with no additional support from the government. Im seriously thinking of ditching work as I can't deal with this much longer , no luxuries and just existing in difficult circumstances. When are the government going to recognise this and help us.
113	The gas companies force people into having top up meters in our apartment block as they can't access the meter without people letting them in. Can we not have top up meters like electric that can be done online so I don't have to keep running up and down to the shop. It always runs out when the shops are closed
114	The government should reduce taxes and fuel levies to help bring costs down.
115	The increase of fuel / energy prices means an increase in revenue from VAT. This money should be used to help all households and not just low income
116	Nothing will ever change until government regulates Energy companies. Price capping is viable but doesn't address the mechanisms of price gouging. Recent reports as of 14/09/26 show absurd profits by leading energy providers in UK and Ireland. Where is the accountability? The average family are being buried by these pariah companies who have society by the short and curly. Squeezing the common man for every drop of earnings just to keep children in a heated home(Solution is Star Jumps apparently) actually afford to drive the kids to school, sports clubs, day trips without having to stare at the gauge every 20 miles. And what is the result of that? Less people socialising, spending money, buying local goods. Local business suffer due to lack of spending power. It's brain dead. And don't get me started with providing assistance: but only to those unemployed or low income, as is currently rolled out in NI. A £100 payment to help with oil. Don't get me wrong, it's better than nothing, but scant regard for those middle income families that after actually paying their OWN housing, cars, tax, insurance, school meals etc has little to no disposable income. But hey, they can Feck Off. You know, the same people funding the very scheme they are disqualified from through taxes. It's all a cabal. How could you ever trust any government to actually serve the people instead of expecting people to serve them?
117	My household does not qualify for energy support at present but find it increasingly difficult to pay energy bills especially now coming up into winter. It would be appreciated if support applied to all families in NI and not just those receiving universal credit.
118	Wood stoves in the living room would be used quite a bit but I didn't see options for replying about a solid fuel method that isn't coal. A lot of home son the ritual areas have stoves and would use them on the winter
119	Yes. The Energy Regulator need to have more power to hold utility companies to account, issue fines for wrong doing, enforce price caps.

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120	ONeill and Little Pengally will be warm. Dulce et Decorum est .....
121	Stop giving the handouts to people on benefits £100 heating Oil support should have gone to everyone, as usual us tax payers supporting the work shy
122	I think there should be an organisation like the SEAI in RoI which advise individuals (and businesses) on what they need to do to improve the energy efficiency of their houses and point them towards available grants - and increase the level of grants
123	Oil prices rise like a rocket and fall like a feather. There should be effective oversight of the domestic oil supply market to prevent very obvious profiteering. Retail price movements seem to take no account of inventory levels when global oil prices move.
124	Fuel poverty is impacting all families. I've worked all my life and yet in my old age I'm having to count every penny in my old age
125	the assembly is a shambles able to deliver fexk all , what is the bloody point of stormont they dont produce anything , great at spending tax payers money make nothing better and just do photo shoots to tell everybody we are doing great shambles ,shambles and we have no one not even a reporter to hold them to account , and if they do do wrong sorry when they are caught doing wrong we cant get rid of them and to add insult to injury they have to walk off with a feck OFF pension rigged system get rid of it
126	Many 'middle' income, which means not eligible for any benefits, are stuck with oil and or gas. We need heavily invested renewable, affordable energy for those outside the benefit system but not classed as having any disposable income at the end of a month.
127	A successful border poll would increase state payments for poor people.
128	Things not looking good for future energy costd
129	A register of all homes and what heating needs to be available to the executvive.
130	I have applied 3 times for an energy care scheme for gas so that I can pay direct debit as I can't reach the pre paid card machine. The 1st & 2nd time I applied, I had no response. When I contacted them, they said I needed to provide more evidence of my physical disabilities. I gathered as much documentation as I could, sent it in with the care scheme application and got no response. When I contacted them, they said my application was lost. I will struggle to get the medical documents again. I rely on someone else topping up my card and putting it in the meter.
131	The UK has among the highest energy prices in Europe. Mainly because the price of electricity is linked to the market price of gas. De-linking, to allow electricity prices to more accurately reflect actual cost of production and transmission, would help reduce the cost to consumers. I realise this is not within the powers of the NI Executive.
132	No
133	First question re income was vague, as it didn't make clear whether all sources of income included benefits, pensions and whether it was including tax or excluding tax
134	move to renewable energy and reduce fuel shocks ditch stormont
135	We need as a matter of priority regulation of the price of home heating oil.
136	make energy savings grants available to all not only the unemployed
137	The home heating oil suppliers need regulation, when oil goes up it goes up immediately and when it goes down it takes ages or never. They can't claim it is pre-purchased when oil goes down or can't put oil down but when goes up it goes up immediately!

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138	terrible that the impact of geopolitics largely impacts energy prices - need to change the way renewables are utilised in auction
139	I I cut down on use of heating to cut use of fossil fuels for the sake of the planet, not just because of the cost of oil; people nowadays seem to heat their houses so much that they wear T-shirts indoors when it is winter outside. Publicity needed to encourage people to wear sweaters indoors! More emphasis needed on making houses more heat efficient.
140	Interdiction of Grants to help people change their systems to be more efficient and cost effective.solar panels or heat pumps.
141	Improved grants for heating system upgrades would be helpful.
142	Executive needs to increase renewable energy usage and the infrastructure to support that within NI. With the volatility in the oil market this is a priority and with electricity prices increasing constantly with wages not keeping pace.
143	We have invested in attic and cavity wall insulation, as well as switched to an induction hob for cooking. We're now in our seventies and anticipate spending more to keep some rooms in house warmer in future. Home energy retrofits would seem to be the best thing to encourage in light of coming energy supply challenges. Also encourage people to dress warmly, an old-fashioned response to cold that seems to been forgotten.
144	This crisis is caused mostly by slavishly following environmental policies that are wholly wrong and are only being implemented so that middle class lefties can feel Virtuous! The wars don't help, but they have shown environmentalism as government policy is bankrupting the people and the country
145	N Ireland need to modernise home heating and electrical supply.
146	In general in all polls I'd like to see a separation of the "don't know"/"not sure"/"prefer not to say" response options.... I feel that the grouping of these options can be misleading
147	Spending on vanity projects and overseas junkets should stop immediately and funds diverted to subsidising home energy. Further, a full review of NI's obligations to so-called asylum seekers in terms of provision of shelter, clothing and food needs to be undertaken against a backdrop of fairness and equity insofar as the indigenous population is concerned; money released should, again, be applied to home heating subsidies.
148	N/A
149	More needs to be do one on fuel regulation, and protections for households on increasing costs. Fuel for heating, and food for eating.
150	I believe that oil prices and electricity need more regulation as as soon as something happens in Middle East and indeed the fuel top up allowance announced by Stormont oil prices immediately rose that day in West of province that should not be allowed consumers are been ripped off and exploited.An elderly person needs the 100 pounds announced and will not help their usual order of oil as the price went up immediately.It needs regulating now.
151	LPG gas has gone under the radar , I live on a development that lpg comes from one large shared tank. There appears to be no regulation with no price capping and frequent price rises forcing me to cut way back on using my heating
152	Help to insulate and change old heating systems for something more efficient and environmentally friendly is needed across the board.
153	Encourage more green energy investment and waken up planners re permission for farmers to crack on with solar and wind farms plus biomass
154	Someone should be in a position to hold the energy companies to account as they make huge profits by overcharging the customers.

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155	Action from our elected officials has been poor. But they congratulate themselves on action. The Consumer Council is offing useless. And expensive to us all.
156	Highest energy costs in the world due to net zero bollocks
157	Surely the obvious move is to have a levy on energy producers and give that to those who actually pay for it.
158	Improved building regulations for new and existing properties, especially those rented. Relieve fuel poverty and housing pressure by building more affordable and fuel efficient property.
159	I don't understand why we can't trade with China or Venezuela etc. USA has a lot to answer for and we should ignore their sanctions to help our citizens.
160	I have solar panels which provide savings in electricity cost & provide a substantial subsidy
161	I believe in capitalism,but big oil and gas companies shouldn't be announcing record profits during a time when working people and pensioners are struggling with energy costs. The companies should be taxed more on these record profits and it should go directly to reducing energy costs.
162	The UK should open it's own oil fields and gas fields (if found). Government in pose cap on the profits oil and gas company can earn.
163	Can't afford to have energy efficiency improvements. Insulation boiler upgrade and other schemes only for those not working or on benefits. Unfortunately we work
164	Fuel poverty could be greatly relieved in the long term by investment in renewable energy
165	I need to replace my boiler but none of the schemes can offer help. I need to borrow £2500 to have it replaced.
166	Heating oil needs to be regulated.
167	Stop bombing the areas where fuel comes from.
168	I think it's unfair that people on low incomes in rented accommodation have to pay for metered electricity and gas which I believe is more expensive than paying monthly.
169	Electricity and heating oil prices are brutal. It is estimated that in February, the cost of electric is going to increase by 18.5%. I've taken out a bank loan of £1000 to protect my current pre payment rate until August of 2027. The bank thinks it's for car repairs. I cannot survive without this bank loan. We are desperate.
170	I believe that the government should not have privatised the electricity board or here in Northern Ireland got rid of the gas board.
171	For me the real issue is overall inflation and wages not keeping pace. There is also not really anything in the way of support for a single earner household where the other parent is full time at home with children. If personal allowance for tax was fully transferable between spouses this would help a lot!
172	I live in the North West and our natural gas costs more than it does in the Greater Belfast area. It's hard to believe that this regional discrimination is allowed and it's a double whammy for families here - wages are lower and costs higher.
173	Investment in retro fitting schemes for energy efficiency should be available to all
174	Heating oil should be regulated
175	Make fuel poverty history for all, not just the work shy

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176	We need a lot more renewable energy - to increase energy security and to reduce bills. Off shore wind, and importantly exploit the huge tidal flow power resource off the east Antrim coast.
177	Why are we wasting wind energy when people need heat?
178	Since gas, electicity and oil suppliers appear to be making substantial profits, it seems to me that prices could be lowered and that government overseers could ensure that this happens.
179	Energy companies are exploiting customers. They have a monopoly a d they know it. Green sources are not the solution either because we have more wind farms today than ever. Yet energy costs are as high as ever.
180	Ten years ago I was in fuel Poverty. I got some further education and worked my butt off to earn enough to pay today. I sat in houses with zero heat, going to bed early as it was warmer, looking forward to seeing my kids (during my time to have them in custody) so I could turn the heat on. People need to realise government won't help them, you need to help yourself no one is coming to save you.
181	The causes of the increased fuel costs seem to be driven by wars and therefore outside our control. I support more investment in renewables. Surprised this did not feature in the survey.
182	As usual , this survey is intended to self promote the credibility of the sponsoring charity. It further promotes the agenda of a Benifits Society to increase payments to those who dont work.
183	Get Sinn Feinn torelease necessary Fund instead of funding pet projects
184	Why no help for gas heating homes
185	Many low income households go beyond Maslow basics of food , clothing shelter and transport (for work. sports and social activities). They spend resources they have not got on tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, gambling, expensive holidays and the latest I phone. It gets even worse at Christmas. If only they would follow Martin Lewis money advice perhaps they might not be in fuel poverty. They should join their local credit union and save small amounts that will help them balance their family finances. Perhaps use small CU loans but only where necessary. They should also abstain from following fads and fashions and make do and mend items and equipment they already own that are still serviceable. This includes cars. TVs. Kitchens. bathrooms and interior decoration. They should also use their gardens to grow fruit and veg and flowers for the home instead of buying them.
186	I believe we are being robbed by big oil companies
187	Put solar panels on all schools and public buildings, reducing direct costs but in terms of fuel poverty, producing excess electricity for the grid, contributing to renewable generation which could reduce prices for the public. I appreciate this would probabaly requre a significant grid upgrade.
188	Couldn't answer it as other options were needed but on oil companies being regulated
189	An absolute disgrace that stormont elected reps and civil servants within depts continue to quite happily take their pay while genuine working class people become poorer. All they do is fight over pointless arguments that are 100s of years old instead of actually just getting on with their real job and showing a bit of care for those who vote for them. The oil market must be regulated fairly so that people get value for their money for heating, a swing in price of oil of 33% to 60% extra is an absolute joke. People's health will suffer because our politicians refuse to genuinely address the issue and stand up to the oil providers or somehow level the playing field so oil is cheaper and in a volatile world is buffered from these atrocious increases in price. Too much focus is given to heat pump this, electrify that etc Our home is perfectly warm and efficient when we can actually afford to buy oil - we dont need fancy new incentives we simply need Stormont to do their job.
190	I agree some people need help, pensioners but a lot of people just have the wrong priorities.
191	Very few like own supply of wood for fuel for heating and cooking

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192	So many people are dreading this winter. I am certainly not looking forward to spending another year in a cold home. Having access to a warm home should be a minimum living standard, because it affects so many aspects of your life. It's not right that in this century, so many people are living in fuel poverty.
193	Claire White should be investigated
194	I would like those who are concerned with 'poverty' realise that people make bad choices in life as well, financially. So first check how they're spending their income before assuming they can't afford fuel and food.
195	Anxious about future oil prices and no one seems to talk about this
196	I'm in the fortunate position where I've been able to use logs from trees on our property that have fallen during recent storms, but that won't last. We are managing ok currently but who know how far prices will rise in the future.
197	Grant assistance for energy efficient homes need to align or match with ROI allowances asap.
198	Too dependent on home heating oil in NI and poor levels of insulation in many homes
199	NI Executive not delivering on renewable energy or electricity system. Decarbonisation of heat and transport too slow. No mention of heat networks in survey
200	Geo political events are causing a sharp increase in the cost of fuel & unfortunately NI statutory bodies will not be able to influence these rises or be able to mitigate the cost of fuel this winter.
201	I would love to get a heat pump but they are just too expensive
202	I think the best way to deal with this by some sort of voucher scheme and also that small nuclear power stations being build in other parts of the UK should be build here to secure our energy supply and growing demand as there's a great chance data centre will be build here at some point this will support the local economy and build the infrastructure required.
203	Oil price shiuld be more closely monitored to ensure price rises were necessary or companies just profiteeting
204	Every home, under £350,000 should be given a £6k grant towards installing renewable energy infrastructure. Ensuring it goes to locally owned businesses, whilst preventing similar profiteering that's happening in private care and healthcare
205	In the good all days people put a coat on . The government can't sort it out for everyone
206	It seems if you are over the Financial boundary for help don't get any. Only oil getting help. More interested in daft things like flags conversation therapy. None of these help. We need serious politics not amateurs playing politics
207	Any financial help/support for those on pension and low income would be greatly appreciated THANK YOU
208	North Sea oil ??? Why is the electric getting dearer when a lot, most of it is produced by wind and solar, with battery storage places going up everywhere ?
209	We need to invest in local clean energy production. That's the only way we will be able to be independent and reduce energy costs.
210	Government must nationalise the energy sector, make it all affordable, invest in home energy efficiency and tightly regulate private rented sector to e sure homes are damp free and energy efficiency compliant
211	My answers may be misleading because I have a second home, which pushes me to 12% on fuel

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Any further final comments, regarding this poll-survey, 'Fuel Poverty' in NI, and/or current NI Energy issues and topics....? If no comments - please leave blank

212	put solar power in everyhome that wants it or make it cheaper to install
213	The government policy on energy and environmental management is failing driving up costs.
214	We need a better system of securing oil and gas reserves so prices can be held. N.I. needs a better strategy for sustaining levels of fuel efficiency in homes. A small grant to encourage better insulation.
215	Many families above the threshold are not entitled to support these are the families that struggle
216	Current Utility Regulator appears to be ineffective as companies continue to increase their profits at the expense of users . Proper oversight of Utility suppliers is essential by a regulatory body. Those in the current positions have no idea what its like to have to "think " about turning the heat on or going to bed early so as not to incur charges for heating their homes
217	As mentioned I am now looking at getting the open fireplace working again which has aback boiler fit the water and radiators. Currently looking at £350 for 300 litres which will last me about a month in the winter. And electric bill is looking like £200 this month (tumble dryer will have to go but that's going to lead to damp, trying to dry clothes indoors during the wet weather)
218	Although my income is good, fuel cost rises are very much on my mind
219	A very good survey about a very important topic. The home heating Oil suppliers need regulation as there is far too much manipulation of the pricing of Home heating oil.
220	Nothing to add If the politicians in stormount started working together instead of point scoring Things could be a lot better for everyone
221	Heating oil prices need to be capped. Government needs to engage in large scale replacement of heating oil with solar panels and heat pumps across the North
222	If fuel & interest rate price rises are predominantly dictated by current Iran war. Is it not time for UK government & EU to break with US & Isreal. Seek accommodation with Tehran that eases logistics thru SoH. Plus immediately review the nonsensical policy of throwing money at Kyiv. Given Russia has obviously won the war. That the only effect of prolonging the conflict will be to increase large scale death & resentment on both sides. Plus the complete collapse of infrastructure amongst remaining Ukrainian provinces - hundreds of miles west of conflict zone. Zelenskyy regime is extremely corrupt, Germany or rather certain sections of German society & elite are looking war with Russia. Can't see Merz placing his millions of personal Blackrock options on the Ukraine donation roulette wheel. Nor sending his own sons & daughters to the Eastern Front. EU has wheelbarrowed some €300 Billion into Ukraine for minimal effect. That money could have been far better utilised in Green New Deal - insulating homes & provided solar panels to EU citizens. Then maybe the results of your survey - might have had to ask and generated somewhat different results.

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