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Question:
To ask the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what steps InvestNI is taking to drive energy efficiency in local businesses.

Answer:
Invest NI offers a range of support to drive business energy efficiency and assist the management of energy costs including technical advice, energy efficiency audits, and project management support to help implement effective cost saving opportunities.
Invest NI can also provide financial assistance to Large Energy Users that bring forward proposals for capital expenditure on equipment that will make a significant impact on energy efficiency. In terms of smaller companies, Invest NI funds council initiatives to assist small businesses to undertake a variety of energy efficient projects.
Invest NI provides the funding for the Energy Efficiency Loan Fund which is delivered on its behalf by the Carbon Trust and offers interest-free loans of up to £400,000 to enable businesses to install more energy efficient equipment. It has along with Manufacturing Northern Ireland and Carbon Trust also recently launched 'Energy Independence', aimed at helping companies improve energy efficiency and consider adopting renewable energy technologies.