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**Edwina Nyhan and David Kelly met with Deputy Darren O'Rourke and Muireann Speed of Sinn Fein on the 6/3/2024.**

**Support in relation to calling for the publication of the Biomethane Strategy and that the strategy would include operational supports for biomethane.**

*Name of person primarily responsible for lobbying on this activity*

**Edwina Nyhan, Director of Strategy & Regulation, GNI.**

*Is or was there any Designated Public Officials or former Designated Public Officials who carried out lobbying activities related to this return on your behalf?*

**No**

*Are you managing or directing a grass roots campaign?*

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**No**

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**No**

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**Meeting (1)**

**Edwina Nyhan and David Kelly met with Deputy Darren O'Rourke and Muireann Speed of Sinn Fein on the 6/3/2024.**

*Designated public officials lobbied*

**Darren O'Rourke**

*TD*

*Dáil Éireann, the Oireachtas*

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**Email correspondence to share GNI's policy priorities 2024 which included policy recommendations for Biomethane, Hydrogen and Security of Supply. Support for policy recommendations in relation to Biomethane, Hydrogen and Security of Supply.**

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**Edwina Nyhan, Director of Strategy & Regulation, GNI.**

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**Email (1) Emails sent on 22/4/2024 to Peter Harper, Policy Officer FG. Joanne Lonergan, Taoiseach's Joint Chief of Staff, Louise O'Reilly T.D., Cathal McCann, Political Director, Labour. Also issue to Matthew Lynch and Jack O'Donnell, Special Advisors to An Taoiseach. Support for policy recommendations in relation to Biomethane, Hydrogen and Security of Supply.**

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**Joanne Lonergan**

*Joint Chief of Staff*

*Department of the Taoiseach*

**Louise O'Reilly**

*TD*

*Dáil Éireann, the Oireachtas*

**Matthew Lynch**

*Special Adviser*

*Department of the Taoiseach*

**Jack O'Donnell**

*Special Adviser*

*Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*

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**Emails to share GNI's Policy Priorities 2024. Support for policy recommendations in relation to Biomethane, Hydrogen and Security of Supply.**

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**David Kelly, Director of Customer and Business Development, GNI.**

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**Email (1) Emails sent on the 22/4/2024 to share GNI's Policy Priorities 2024.**

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**Deirdre Gillane**

*Chief of Staff*

*Department of the Taoiseach*

**Peadar Tóibín**

*TD*

*Dáil Éireann, the Oireachtas*

**Diarmuid Lynch**

*Special Adviser*

*Department of the Taoiseach*

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**Microsoft teams meeting on the 15/3/2024. Edwina Nyhan and David Kelly of GNI met with Senator Rebecca Moynihan of the Labour Party.**

**Support in relation to calling for the publication of the Biomethane Strategy and that the strategy would include operational supports for biomethane.**

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**Edwina Nyhan, Director of Strategy & Regulation, GNI.**

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**Virtual Meeting (1) Microsoft teams meeting on the 15/3/2024. Edwina Nyhan and David Kelly of GNI met with Senator Rebecca Moynihan of the Labour Party.**

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**Rebecca Moynihan**

Senator

Seanad

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**Teams meeting with Chris McManus, Sinn Fein MEP & Louis O'Hara, SF candidate**

**Increase understanding of GNI's Connection Policy and Renewable gas plans. Seek support for Biomethane in Galway and countrywide**

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**Avian Egan**

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**Virtual Meeting (1) Microsoft Teams meeting with Chris McManus, Sinn Fein MEP & Louis O'Hara, SF candidate on the 6/2/2024.**

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**Chris MacManus**

*MEP*

*European Parliament*

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**Summary proposal sent to Oonagh Buckley, DECC around the requirement for each member state to designate a HNO and the rationale for a single, national HNO.**

**Recommendation that GNI be considered as best placed to take on this role.**

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**Cathal Marley, CEO, GNI**

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**Submission (1) Summary proposal sent to Oonagh Buckley, DECC, on the 26/4/2024, around the requirement for each member state to designate a HNO and the rationale for a single, national HNO.**

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**Oonagh Buckley**

*Deputy Secretary General*

*Department of Justice*

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**Follow up emails issued to Deputy Darren O'Rourke and Senator Rebecca Moynihan and Muireann Meehan Speed on 22/4/2024. Support for policy recommendations in relation to Biomethane, Hydrogen and Security of Supply.**

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