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Dear Roisin,

**INQUIRY INTO SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT**

Given the Energy Saving Trust's interest in sustainable transport, we would welcome the opportunity to give oral evidence to the committee. We appreciate that the deadline has passed, nevertheless we feel that the Energy Saving Trust has an important contribution to the inquiry.

Going forward, the aim of the Energy Saving Trust is to help encourage Government to increase funding for consumer transport advice and information; help encourage car forecourts and manufacturers to clearly sell the benefits of more efficient cars; and to sign-post drivers to the Energy Saving Trust advice centre.

Choosing the lowest carbon car in the class could save CO<sub>2</sub> by 25%. Driving more efficiently can save up to 16% of CO<sub>2</sub>, and car sharing at least 50%. Policies that reduce the need to travel will reduce energy use and reduce the demand for all fuel sources and therefore should be prioritised.

In this context it is essential that independent, authoritative advice about reducing emissions from transport use is widely available to fleet operators and individual consumers.

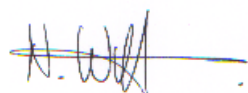
That's where the Energy Saving Trust comes in. As the leading non-profit organisation set up to address the damaging effects of climate change, the Energy Saving Trust provides advice on the efficient use of energy for the transport sector, as well as energy efficiency and renewables.

The recent paper published by the Department for Regional Development (July 2009), on reducing greenhouse gases from road transport, acknowledged that transport is one of the largest sources of carbon dioxide emissions, and likely to increase.

I hope this inquiry will be able to find a slot for the Energy Saving Trust to provide oral evidence.

I look forward to a positive response from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Williams', with a horizontal line drawn through it.

Noel Williams  
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