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> Issues for Scotland's Energy Supply
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> I had not thought of submitting evidence, as I do not have any
special
> expertise, but the imminence of the deadline prompts me to offer
some views.
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> Although the remit is to consider energy supply and demand up to
2050, I feel
> that some consideration should be given to the future beyond that.
The main
> issue then should be the finite nature of fossil fuel supplies. I
believe
> that
> this is much more important than global warming. For example, the
"dash for
> gas"
> is totally unjustified and condemns our grandchildren and their
successors to
> shortages and political uncertainties.
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> I am sure that the group will have access to a great deal of
published
> material,
> but I should like to refer to a few items that I have found useful.
The
> Society
> had a couple of lectures last year that considered wind power,
reaching
> different conclusions. "Tilting at Windmills", by David Simpson,
Hume
> Occasional Paper No.65, offers a very fair and balanced analysis.
It makes
> use
> of the RAEng report on the Costs of Generating Electricity.
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> I firmly believe that nuclear energy should play a vital role in
the next
> several decades, and in this context I have found the NucNet web
site useful.
> This seems unbiased and highlights news items that the media
generally
> ignore.
> For example, I was surprised to learn how strongly President Bush
is
> championing
> new nuclear installations and how he points to France as an example
of a
> country
> that is making the most significant contribution to reducing CO2
emissions.
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