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Dear Lord Roborough,

I am writing to you pursuant to the response that Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, Minister of State at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, provided to your Written Parliamentary Question HL4769 on 19<sup>th</sup> February.

In your question to the Department, you asked what consultation had been carried out with renewable energy project developers to assess the impact of the National Energy System Operator's (NESO) Strategic Capability Review.

I should first make clear that the Strategic Capability Review was carried out before NESO became a publicly-owned, independent corporation on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024. We were then the Electricity System Operator (ESO), a private company owned by National Grid.

The Strategic Capability Review was conducted in 2022 to review the systems used to support our balancing capability. The aim was to ensure that our plans: met our RIIO-2 strategic objectives; minimised balancing costs; delivered consumer benefits; and created a foundation for future market changes and reform.

In terms of engagement, we held several open workshops with industry, as well as engagement through other fora, to agree an approach with renewable developers and the rest of the energy sector. Renewable developers with whom we engaged included Orsted, RWE, SSE and EDF, amongst others. Full details of our engagement as part of the Review are available here: <https://www.neso.energy/what-we-do/systems-operations/strategic-capability-review>.

I hope this response is helpful but please do get in touch if I can be of any further assistance. A copy of this letter will be placed in the Libraries of the House.

Yours sincerely,

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