

Response from an individual consumer - Allocation of voluntary redress payments in the context of enforcement cases consultation

My view is that energy production and consumption (and ultimately the environmental and fiscal cost of both) is one of the big problems our country and the world will face in the near future. As such it is my belief that any money generated from fines to energy companies should go towards helping reduce energy consumption, improve flexibility of the grid to increase micro generation capacity and to boost the industries involved in micro generation technology.

This money needs to continue going to improving the energy performance of our existing building stock and should also go towards improving the countries energy infrastructure. It should fund sustainable renewables generation and improvements to the grid to allow for continuation of diverse energy generation.

By channelling the fines into the renewables industry this will both act as a major benefit to the future of the country's energy mix, and should also be more of an incentive to the energy companies being fined as they are essentially funding their direct competition.

The idea that the energy companies can circulate their fines back into their own companies, or subsidiaries is not acceptable and while I understand that setting up an independent charity to regulate this may prove challenging and potentially costly, it probably needs to happen to ensure that the fines genuinely affect the companies being fined and cause them to reform.