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**Energy and Natural Resources Public policy or programme 1 Jan, 2023 to 30 Apr, 2023**

*Specific Details*

*Results you intend to secure*

**Meetings to provide information on potential biomethane industry in Ireland. Progress on development of renewable gas strategy.**

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

**Jennifer Harte**

*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?*

*What is the directive you gave to the grassroots campaigners?*

**No**

*Was this lobbying done on behalf of a client?*

**No**

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**Meeting (2-5) Constituency Office, Leinster House , Dublin 2.**

**Gas Networks Ireland's insight into potential AD Producers in Ireland, potential for achieving CAP Biomethane targets. The need to deliver positive biomethane strategy to send correct signals to industry.**

*Designated public officials lobbied*

**Tim Lombard**

*Senator*

*Seanad*

**Claire Kerrane**

*TD*

*Dáil Éireann, the Oireachtas*

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**Gas Networks Ireland's position on the proposed amendments to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.**

**To inform MEP's Billy Kelleher, Seán Kelly and Barry Andrews of Gas Networks Ireland position and seek their support in the vote on the amendments to the Energy Performance Buildings Directive on 14th March 2023.**

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

**Con O'Donnell, Gráinne Greehy, Kieran O'Sullivan**

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**Email (2-5)**

**Emails sent by Con O'Donnell on 27th February 2023 to MEP's Kelleher and Kelly seeking their support for the GNI position on the proposed amendments to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).**

**Email (1)**

**Email sent by Gráinne Greehy on 7th March 2023 to MEP Andrews to outline Gas Networks Ireland's opinion on the proposed amendments to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive being tabled by two other MEPs, Jerzy Buzek, EPP and Andreas Gluck, Renew Europe Group.**

**Email (2-5)**

**Emails sent by Kieran O'Sullivan on 13th March 2023 to MEP's Kelleher and Andrews with Gas Networks Ireland's recommendation for voting on the proposed amendments to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) on the 14th March 2023.**

**Virtual Meeting (1)**

**Online meeting between Con O'Donnell, Gráinne Greehy and Kieran O'Sullivan of Gas Networks Ireland and MEP Kelleher on 7th March 2023 to inform him of Gas Networks Ireland's opinion on the proposed amendments to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive being tabled by two other MEPs, Jerzy Buzek, EPP and Andreas Gluck, Renew Europe Group.**

**Phone call (1)**

**Phone call from MEP Kelleher's assistant, Donnacha Maguire, to Kieran O'Sullivan on 13th March 2023 seeking clarification on email with Gas Networks Ireland's recommendation for voting on the proposed amendments to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) Regulation on the 14th March 2023.**

*Designated public officials lobbied*

**Billy Kelleher**

*MEP*

*European Parliament*

**Barry Andrews**

*MEP*

*European Parliament*

**Sean Kelly**

*MEP*

*European Parliament*

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**Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Simon Coveney visited Gas Networks Ireland's offices in Gasworks Road, Cork on May 8th, 2023. In attendance from Gas Networks Ireland were Cathal Marley, Brian Mullins, David Kelly, Bobby Gleeson and Jennifer Harte and an advisor to Minister Coveney (Laura McGonigle) was in attendance.**

**Bring awareness of the role the national gas network and renewable gas can play to support decarbonisation ambitions of large energy users.**

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**Jennifer Harte**

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**Yes**

Current or Former Designated Public Official(s)

**Joanne Lonergan**

**Special Adviser**

**Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science**

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**No**

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**Meeting (1)**

**Gas Network Ireland offices, Gasworks Road, Cork. Role national network can play to support decarbonisation for large energy users via renewable gas. Preparing for the future of hydrogen. Challenges of security of supply and decarbonisation.**

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**Simon Coveney**

**Laura McGonigle**

Minister

Special Adviser

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**On the 14th June 2023, Cathal Marley attended a meeting with the Minister for the Environment, Climate, Communications and Transport Enterprise, Eamon Ryan, Paul Kenny and Noel Regan at Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Cathal was accompanied to this meeting by Kevin Toland, Chairman, Gas Networks Ireland.**

**Bring awareness for the potential of renewable gases on the network.**

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

**Cathal Marley**

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**No**

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**Meeting (1)**

**This meeting was held in Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. The main purpose of this meeting was the formal introduction of the Chairman to the Minister. There was a high-level discussion with the Minister on the importance of the gas network to Ireland's energy system and an outline of the potential for the development of renewable gases on the network.**

*Designated public officials lobbied*

**Eamon Ryan**

**Paul Kenny**

*Minister*

*Special Adviser*

*Department of Environment, Climate and Communications*

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**Meeting with Billy Kelleher MEP as part of a Chambers Ireland delegation to the European Parliament on 28th June 2023.**

**To inform Mr. Kelleher that Gas Networks Ireland had made submissions to the National Security of Supply review to propose the requirement for a strategic storage solution to support Ireland's energy security of supply.**

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

**Sean Kinsella**

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**Meeting (1)**

**Meeting was held at the EU Parliament, Brussels aiming to inform Mr. Kelleher that Gas Networks Ireland had made submissions to the National Security of Supply review to propose the requirement for a strategic storage solution to support Ireland's energy security of supply.**

*Designated public officials lobbied*

**Billy Kelleher**

*MEP*

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**Meeting with Deirdre Clune MEP and Colm Markey MEP as part of a Chambers Ireland delegation to the European Parliament on 28th June.** **To make Ms. Clune and Mr. Markey aware of the work Gas Networks Ireland is currently doing in relation to renewable gases and the role they can play in decarbonisation.**

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**Sean Kinsella**

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**Meeting (1) Bringing awareness of the work Gas Network Ireland is currently doing in relation to renewable gases and the role they can play in decarbonisation.**

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**Deirdre Clune**

**Colm Markey**

*MEP*

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**Meeting with Minister and the Ervia/GNI Board. The meeting centered around issues relating to the implementation of the hydrogen strategy; security of gas supply; publishing and implementing the biomethane strategy; data centres; progress on Price Control 5; semi-state pay and the De Buitelir report on senior public service pay; progress on providing sites to the Land Development Authority for housing purposes; progress on integration, the Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023 and Board appointments.**

**To make the Minister aware of the issues relating to the implementation of the hydrogen strategy; security of gas supply; publishing and implementing the biomethane strategy; data centres; progress on Price Control 5; semi-state pay and the De Buitelir report on senior public service pay; progress on providing sites to the Land Development Authority for housing purposes; progress on integration, the Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023 and Board appointments.**

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**Kevin Toland and Cathal Marley,**

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**Meeting (1) 15th November 2023  
Herbert Park Hotel  
Ballsbridge  
Dublin**

Designated public officials lobbied

**Darragh O'Brien**

Minister

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage