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During First Minister's questions on 23 September, you asked about the new £350 million community energy saving initiative that the UK Government announced on 12 September as part of a wider energy efficiency package.

The initiative will involve community-based schemes and will be targeted at areas of high deprivation, focusing on more energy efficient heating solutions. The UK Government estimate that around 100 communities across GB could be helped by the scheme but they are yet to be identified.

We will be working with UK Government, Ofgem and the energy industry to ensure maximum benefit for Wales and maximum complementarity between the new initiative and existing schemes and plans.

The initiative will require primary legislation and be subject to consultation. The details remain to be drawn up and we are discussing the implications for Wales with the UK Government. We are particularly interested in the potential this initiative should have to 'future proof' energy for communities by installing renewable technologies.

Yn ddipluwrant
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