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COMMITTEE	DATE	AGENDA
AERA	6 January Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee received written briefings on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SL1 The Environment (2021 Act) (Commencement Order (NI) 2022 SL1 Marine Protected Areas (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) Regulations (NI) 2022 SR 346: The Direct Payments to Farmers (Review of Decisions) Regulations (NI) 2021 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order (Amendments) Clerk's Written Briefings on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for Common Frameworks Scrutiny Environment Strategy Energy Strategy Forward Work Plan Key Dates
	13 January Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PART 1 - The Committee continued its consideration of the Climate Change (No.2) Bill. DAERA Oral Briefing on Draft Environment Strategy PART 2 - Climate Change No.2 Bill - Consideration of Draft Committee Report
	20 January Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee continued its consideration of the draft report on the Climate Change (No.2) Bill and received an oral briefing from the Department on the 2021-22 Budget. The Committee also received an oral briefing from the Department on the Joint Fisheries Statement which was followed by an oral briefing from representatives from ANIFPO/NIFPO.
	27 January Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee received a briefing from the Department on the Draft Budget 2022-2025 as well as a briefing on the Impact of Trade Deals with Australia and New Zealand and the NIEA Oversight of Dalradian. Briefing from Renewable NI on Green Economy Report.
Economy	12 January Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee received a Departmental written briefing on the Energy Strategy
	19 January Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed the Small-Scale Green Energy Bill
	26 January Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee received a Ministerial Briefing on Budget, ERAP & The Energy Strategy

Infrastructure	19 January Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ministerial Briefing - January Monitoring Round• Ministerial Briefing - Departmental Update
	26 January Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee received a briefing from Translink on the budget impact, a briefing from the Department on the EV Infrastructure Task Force and a written briefing on the Scrutiny of Transport Common Frameworks.
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