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Solar Energy Inquiry

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I welcome the inquiry into the feed in tariff for roof top produced solar energy.

Roof top solar energy is part of the way forward for a modern economy to provide for its energy needs. For this to happen the feed in tariff price must be substantially greater than the 5c/ KWH being paid at the moment. The cost savings, because it is produced and used locally, as well as the environmental benefits make it a valuable part of the energy mix that our state needs. The price paid for solar produced energy needs to reflect the value of these benefits. At the moment energy retailers can buy our solar energy for 5c and then sell it to our neighbour for 35c. No other company would be allowed to have such an extraordinarily high mark up on their product – and neither should the energy retailers. All I ask is that a fair price be paid for the solar energy feed in tariff.