

# Statement

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David Russ, Managing Director of South Wales Chamber of Commerce, said:  
“When the private sector is expected to pick up the slack for the huge public deficit, any increased tax on business is not a sensible decision. We are therefore urging WAG not to implement the ‘green stealth tax’ – a levy on firms’ energy consumption, because either way businesses will lose out.

“Not only is there is an initial cost involved in reducing energy consumption, if implemented, there will be a cost implication for those who use too much energy. Rather than the tax on too much energy going into those who have reduced, it will go straight to the government. Where is the incentive to reduce energy?

“Increasing cost implications to business could ultimately result in a lack of job creation which would aid in stimulating economic growth.”

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## Notes for editors

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