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## **CHPA comment on launch of the Government's Energy Review 2006**

### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY MUST BE CENTRAL TO ENERGY REVIEW**

With heightened concerns about climate change, a future UK electricity generation gap and security over energy supplies, the Prime Minister has today announced a new review of the country's energy policy.

The Association strongly welcomes the Prime Minister's renewed priority on energy and climate issues and will be urging the Government to create a fully co-ordinated review of energy policy across all Government departments and, most of all, to ensure that exploiting the significant potential for energy efficiency savings across the economy is central to the review.

Combined Heat and Power (CHP) is a key energy efficiency technology helping ensure that fuels are used in the most efficient way; the Government recently reported that current use of CHP, on over 1500 sites around the country, helps save over 4 million tonnes of carbon annually

CHPA Director Phil Piddington states:

*"The Prime Minister correctly identified in his speech today the UK's move from being self-sufficient in gas supply to being an importer as a key issue. Gas will play an increasing role in supplying the UK's electricity generating sector: however, over 50% of the energy within this expensive, imported gas is effectively thrown away by conventional power stations as waste heat and transmission losses.*

*"The Review must recognise that energy efficiency and the greater use of decentralised energy systems, such as CHP, supplying heat and power onsite, are fundamental to moving the UK to a lower-carbon economy and strengthening the country's security of supply concerns."*

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