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Public safety; as part of raising awareness of the dangers of overhead lines ENA has issued 10,000 leaflets and stickers via the Angling Trust for use during National Fishing Month, with a particular focus on younger anglers.

Employee safety; the electricity industry is reviewing its policies and procedures on work at height practices to ensure any changes in environment, techniques and equipment are incorporated within existing company practices.

The other comment I wanted to make was to endorse the proposal on raising health and safety awareness amongst apprentices as part of the future work of the group. The electricity industry has a strong focus on recruiting and training apprentices, which has increased in recent years with the predicted shortfall in skills and as part of the collaborative work being carried out in the National Skills Academy for Power, which brings together asset owners, contractors and skills providers. The points made in relation to political climate, Government support and the availability of funding are correct and we are finding this makes it easier to incorporate health and safety issues within this overall agenda.