

**2024 Pre-Budget Document Proposals by  
The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry on:**

## **MANUFACTURING**

1. **Increasing the funding and raising more awareness** on the cost saving potential **Incentivising energy audit courses** to increase the supply of qualified professionals<sup>1</sup>.
2. Issue of **energy bills at regular and consistent intervals** to facilitate accurate comparison, planning and forecasting.
3. Currently there is no option to purchase renewable energy from the national utility supplier, a practice which is commonplace in other European countries. **Implementing a premium tariff for renewable energy generation would incentivise investors, while those tracking their carbon footprint can purchase 'clean' energy from these third parties when they cannot generate their own, or not sufficient, renewable energy.** This accounting mechanism would provide a more accurate measure and greater accountability for Malta's progress towards Net Zero.
4. Invest in the **upgrading of the grid to allow for bi-directional energy transfer** between companies, particularly in industrial estates, to capture and put to good use energy generated by business in excess of their business' requirement.
5. **Remove rental charges for the installation of PVs on INDIS roof space.** Companies which opt not to invest in PVs on their industrial roofs should be charged. The practice can be extended to parking areas which can use space more efficiently.
6. **Revisit the night energy tariffs for industrial use** (i) to include small companies (ii) by lowering the current energy consumption threshold, and (iii) by lowering the night tariff.



---

<sup>1</sup> Having enough energy auditors will see sustainable energy projects being implemented within shorter timeframes, as a result of which companies start benefitting from energy savings at earlier date.