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Chris,

The LCM on Renewable Heat powers was passed in the Assembly on Monday, 14 March (<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/record/reports2010/110314.htm#7>), this should allow DECC to amend the current GB Energy Bill to extend renewable heating powers to Northern Ireland before the Bill reaches Royal Assent in July 2011. The progress of the DECC Energy Bill can be found here <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/energyhl.html>.

We are working with colleagues in DECC to have the relevant amendment tabled at the appropriate time. By taking primary powers in this way DETI should be able to introduce a RHI in Northern Ireland, in due course, via subordinate legislation.

Hope this is helpful.

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Also, thank you for your memo on the GB RHI and the potential NI scheme which I received last week. I will take a look at your comments and then give you a call to discuss and update you on our current progress.

Thanks,

Peter

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Good afternoon Michael and Peter,

We are currently reading the DETI Legislative consent motion on Renewable Heat Incentive, which is to go before the Assembly.

I have a couple of questions i hope you can answer for me.

With the announcement on 10 March that DECC are introducing their own RHI, the UFU are aware that in the absence of an Energy Act here in NI, these powers cannot be extended to ourselves.

Therefore, there are two alternatives;

1. The Energy Bill 2011 could used to amend the relevant sections of the Energy Act 2008, to allow the extension of the powers to NI.

My question is what is the latest position of Energy Bill 2011 in the legislative timetable, when is it likely to come into effect? From what i can find on the DETI website, the latest is the RIA in November 2010.

2. Include provision in the Energy Bill 2011 to replicate provisions in the 2008 Energy Act, which allow the introduction of a RHI in the 2008 Energy Bill.

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It is our understanding that both alternative would grant DETI primary powers for renewable heat and thereby the introduction of a NI-specific RHI.

For either of these alternatives to be introduced. The LCM needs to be passed through the Assembly? My question is when is this scheduled? (in light of the NI Assembly already being dissolved?)

I would be grateful if you let me know what the latest is as we about to comment on the RHI being introduced in GB.

Many thanks

Chris

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