

Christopher Osborne

From: Harris, Michael <Michael.Harris@detini.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 December 2014 09:38
To: Christopher Osborne
Cc: Clydesdale, Alison; Blower, Michael
Subject: RE: Incentives Post 2017

Hi Chris

You may be aware that a letter has issued to Energy Bill consultees informing them that:

'Significant further policy work is required in relation to some of the key issues proposed for inclusion in the Bill, particularly the Energy Efficiency Obligation and feed-in tariff powers. The Minister has, therefore, decided not to progress the Bill during the current Assembly mandate, to allow this additional work to be completed. The decision reflects the importance of ensuring that the impact of proposals are assessed and take account of wider EU and UK developments. In addition, the Minister is keen to develop proposals which minimise the imposition of any additional burdens on consumers in terms of energy costs.'

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In relation to the small scale FIT, we are in discussions with DECC on its planned review of the GB small scale FIT which is taking place in 2015. This review comes in the mid term of the GB FIT and will be undertaken in the context of the new Environmental Aid guidelines which issued from the EU earlier this year. At this stage, we do not know how much change will be made to the GB scheme and how NI could be integrated – incentive mechanisms are only workable if the costs are socialised across all UK consumers. Hence the need to avoid progressing with legislative powers that are no longer suitable for purpose.

I think it might be better to postpone a meeting until I have more detail on what is happening in GB, timescales and implications for NI.

Regards

Michael

From: Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]
Sent: 28 November 2014 11:55
To: Harris, Michael
Subject: Incentives Post 2017
Importance: High

Good morning Michael, I trust you are well.

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Would it be possible to arrange a meeting with you in early January to discuss the transition from ROC to Small Scale Feed in Tariff in 2017? The UFU know that the change of financial incentive for renewable energy production will affect many Northern Ireland landowners and we would appreciate a meeting to be brought up to speed on what is going to happen going forward.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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