

	NIROC - CURRENT	NIROC - DETI PROPOSAL	GB (pence per kWh)	Actual announced figures 1/2/10
Wind				
up to 250 kW	2	4	18-30.5	18.8-34.5
250kW to 5MW	2	1	4.5-16	4.5-18.8
Hydro				
up to 20kW	2	4	12-17	17.8-19.9
20kW to 250kW	2	3	12	11-17.8
250kW to 1MW	2	2	8.5	11
1MW to 5MW	2	1	4.5	4.5
PV				
up to 50 kW	2	4	28-31	31.4-36.1
50 k/W to 5MW	2	2	26-28	29.3-31.4
Biomass				
Up to 50kW	2	2	9	Not eligible for FIT
50k/W to 5MW	2	1.5	4.5	
AD				
Up to 50kW	2	2 NIROCs	9	11.5
50kW to 5MW	2	2 NIROCs	9	9-11.5

Overview – all 3 of the people spoken to commented on the fact that DETI in their introduction stated that “we received 92 responses, including 41 of which were identical in content from a variety of resources” and they all believed that this has influenced DETI’s responses, namely changed nothing because so few replied. Other shared concerns;

- Value of ROCs – in the document it states in a footnote that “NIROCs are currently trading at around £45 equivalent to 4.5p per kWh”. The UFU would contest this figure. The actual market value of a ROC in NI is 4.3p per kWh and if you take into account the figure paid by NIE it’s closer to 4.1p per kWh.
- DECC published its revised FIT levels on 1/2/10. Since DETI had already submitted its proposed NIROCs to the European Commission for State Aid approval, its “not been possible to reflect the increased GB in the NI levels”. As far as AD is concerned, there is a big difference between 8.6p per kWh and 11.8p per kWh. **THIS IS ALL DESPITE THE UFU MENTIONING IN THEIR RESPONSE THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN!**

John McLenaghan – disappointed by the refusal to apply new incentives retrospectively to wind micro generation projects. Concerned about the impact of AD incentives, NI does not match GB. Will create drain on participants with many going to GB to take advantage of the preferable options. Especially when AD is of great benefit to NI, use of existing resources and the added benefits in light of existing and pending legislation on slurry spreading, water framework and nitrates directives.

David McElrea – Disappointed that NI is not matching GB on AD. Mentioned the added benefits associated with AD.

As a wind generator, he welcomed the proposals as he would be better off.

Michael Harnett – said that the proposals bolstered the offshore and onshore wind industries, at a time when the infrastructure and capacity in NI is incapable of handling it.

Very disappointed about AD, a technology which has many benefits to NI, in particular the added benefits.

Questioned the attention paid to PV, which MH described as “novel”

Questions for AC – what will be done to bridge the gap between DECCs consultation figures and actual figures announced on 1/2/10.