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On Friday I spoke with

Stuart Wightman

Head of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency – DETI

No changes are envisaged until October 2015

He thinks that the boiler size will increase from 99kwh to 199kwh (as in England) – this would be helpful however in most cases the 99kwh is adequate so just a minor benefit

A new category of District Heating will be introduced with large boilers supporting a number of units the RHI at £0.07 per kWh (our scheme £0.063) however it will require a third party so limited application for our group.

The new October legislation will allow for a mechanism to reduce the RHI payment from the current £0.063 depending on overall uptake. The target for NI is 10% renewable heat currently it is under 3% so some way to go in the target.

Budget is the other consideration and how the General Election effects things is a variable but I took from him not an immediate worry.

In summary I think we have a firm basis for RHI investment going forward until at least October 2015 with a positive look forward after that.

David