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Briefing papers for the Moy Park visit and their presentation attached.

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Please find attached submission for Minister McIlveen's visit to Moy Park.

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**ISSUE: CLOSURE OF THE RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE (RHI)****Background**

1. The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI) Minister wrote to the First and Deputy first Ministers on the 5 February 2016 asking for their agreement, in accordance with paragraph 2.14 of the Ministerial Code, to take an urgent decision to agree to the closure of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), subject to assembly approval.
2. In light of unprecedented numbers of applications for the Non-domestic Scheme and the outcome of the Government's Spending review, DETI has proposed that an urgent decision was needed on the future of NI RHI schemes.
3. Minister Bell has announced that the domestic and non domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) schemes will remain open until 29 February, after initially indicating they would close on the 16 February.
4. The non-domestic RHI scheme was introduced in November 2012 and the domestic RHI in December 2014. Both schemes provide payments for people moving from conventional heating (mainly oil) to sustainable heating such as wood pellets (biomass).
5. An increase in applications has meant that over 6% of the total heating needs in the North are estimated to be provided by renewable technologies. The PfG target of 4% renewable heat by 2015 has been exceeded and is on track to reach 10% by 2020.
6. However, these figures have meant that total expenditure for both RHI schemes in 2015/16 is forecast to exceed £30m. Even if no new applications are received in 2016/17 the forecasted expenditure will be around £45million. DETI has indicated that this will create significant budgetary pressures. DFP officials have also confirmed that the HMT position will be for the north to cover the full costs of any overspend.
7. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (OFGEM) data for the RHI scheme over the period 1 August to 17 November 2015 indicates 451 applications from the Northern Ireland agriculture sector and 83 applications from the Forestry sector (1,034 applications in total) - comprising 51.6% of total applications.
8. A motion in the Assembly was carried by 60 votes to 34 to end the RHI on the 29 February.
9. The administration of the RHI is currently subject to a PAC review.

**Lines to Take:**

- **It will be a major disappointment to some in the Agriculture industry that the RHI closed on 29 February.**

- **I am aware that the Agriculture Industry has benefited from the RHI since its introduction in 2012 and the closure of the scheme may affect those in the industry currently in the process of constructing buildings to incorporate biomass heating or who plan to construct buildings in the future and whose business plan includes an income from the RHI scheme.**
- **However, the RHI falls under the remit of the Department of the Economy Minister, my department had no input into the policy decision made by the minister to close the scheme.**