

From: Johnston, Chris
To: [Patton, Terence](#);
Subject: RE: AFBI
Date: 06 June 2014 08:56:00

Hi Terence,

Not excluded however it is the scale at which DETI put the incentive bands and then the technologies which fit those bands the best... pellets mainly.

It would be worth meeting up to talk through all these things.

Talk soon
Regards
Chris

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From: Patton, Terence
Sent: 05 June 2014 11:11
To: Johnston, Chris
Subject: RE: AFBI

Thanks Chris,

The planting incentive would seem to have been a good incentive. When you say the RHI is only encouraging pellets, does this mean that woodchip has been excluded?

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Hi Terence,

There will be DARD records of uptake under the establishment grant scheme. Other than that I have a fair bit of data myself from other schemes but the whole picture is a difficult one. I have an evening meeting coming up with BENI (<http://www.biomassenergyni.com/>) and will enquire to all the growers at that event. Growers who are making a good living out of SRC would plant more if they had the land however some growers who aren't making a good living (plantations which are poor and geographically isolated from processing facilities or market) have or will probably remove small areas. Now that there is a RHI (although only encouraging pellets in NI) the phase 2 has a chance of pulling some chip through the market so a planting incentive actually, in my opinion, will make more sense over the next 5 or 6 years than it has over the last 5 or 6 years. There was planting due this year but the removal of the establishment scheme finished that prospect. The Biofiltration EU project has resulted in the planting of about 100 acres however and there is a land fill also to be planted later this month.

Maybe we should arrange to meet at some stage and discuss.

Regards
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From: Patton, Terence
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Thanks Chris,

On another issue, are you aware of anywhere that holds data to show an uptake or decline in SRC being planted, used?

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From: Johnston, Chris
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Dear Helena,

Reference Terence's email below, please contact me any time and I will help where I can.

Regards
Chris

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From: Patton, Terence
Sent: 04 June 2014 16:51
To: Busby, Helena (Defra)
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Helena,

Thanks for the update this afternoon. As discussed i have cc'd Chris Johnston into this e-mail. Chris works at AFBI Hillsborough and provides me with invaluable support and research in the area of renewable energy, in particular woody Biomass. I'm sure Chris on receipt of this email will make contact with you and given you a lot more detail on his role and the work he and his colleagues do at The Environment and Renewable Energy Centre (EREC) at AFBI.

Thanks

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