

From: [McCutcheon, Joanne](#)
To: [McBriar, Trevor](#)
Cc: [Hutchinson, Peter](#)
Subject: FW: ETI Committee queries: LMU 112-13 - SEIDGW and LMU 114-13 Renewable Generation
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- 2015/16: To oversee and manage the delivery of sustainable energy messages under the Executive endorsed “EnergyWise” branding. The existing contract with Navigator Blue will lapse in 2015/16 and therefore this group will be required to consider how sustainable energy messages should be delivered in the future, building on lessons learned and research from the various campaigns led by Navigator Blue. In addition, the group would continue to be responsible for www.nidirect.gov.uk/energywise, ensuring the information held on these pages was accurate and appropriate and considering alternative methods of promoting sustainable energy messages.

Renewable Heat Sub Group

- 2013/14: To consider cross-cutting issues relating to the renewable heat sector (such as

financial incentives, supply chain, opportunities for business, air quality etc) and work to produce a cross-departmental Renewable Heat Strategy outlining how the 10% target for renewable heat might be supported and the potential benefits of renewable heat exploited through the actions of the various Departments / Agencies involved. This group is also responsible for reporting progress against the targets set out on the BioEnergy Action Plan 2011-15.

- 2014/15: To finalise and publish to Renewable Heat Strategy and begin work on the achieving the various actions included. The group will also monitor progress of financial incentives under the NI Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) and consider how the benefits of renewable heating and RHI could be utilised in the various sectors they represent (business sector, agri sector, social housing, public estate etc.). The group will continue to report progress against the targets set out on the BioEnergy Action Plan 2011-15.
- 2015/16: Continue to monitor and report progress against the targets/actions within the Renewable Heat Strategy and identify policy linkages relating to renewable heating policy. The group will also be kept informed of the performance of the RHI and work collaboratively to identify where the RHI and renewable heating could be used within their own areas of responsibility (business sector, agri sector, social housing, public estate etc.)

From: McBriar, Trevor
Sent: 01 October 2013 13:06
To: Hutchinson, Peter
Subject: FW: ETI Committee queries: LMU 112-13 - SEIDGW and LMU 114-13 Renewable Generation

Peter,

Further to my email yesterday. Olivia has provided information regarding the Energy Efficiency sub-group - see TRIM link above. As you can see, she has grouped activity by year without including a more specific date within each year. Grateful if you could apply a similar rationale to your reply.

Would it be possible to get back to me by close tomorrow please?

Trevor

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-----Original Message-----

From: McBriar, Trevor
Sent: 30 September 2013 11:12
To: Hutchinson, Peter
Cc: McCutcheon, Joanne; Martin, Olivia
Subject: FW: ETI Committee queries: LMU 112-13 - SEIDGW and LMU 114-13 Renewable Generation

Peter,

As discussed earlier, the ETI Committee considered written briefing in respect of SEIDWG last Thursday and has now requested a work programme for the next 3 years. You contributed to the briefing, attached above.

Although the main group has not met since September 2012, significant work has been progressed through the sub-groups and this will continue to be the case. Could you please provide details of planned work for the Communications and Renewable Heat sub-groups to include timescales as appropriate.

We hope to carry out a review of the main SEIDWG Group and any views on how the group could contribute to your work areas would be welcome.

Our response is due with Private Office by Friday 4 October and I would ask you to get back to me as soon as possible.

Trevor

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-----Original Message-----

From: Martin, Olivia
Sent: 30 September 2013 08:30
To: McBriar, Trevor
Subject: FW: ETI Committee queries: LMU 112-13 - SEIDGW and LMU 114-13 Renewable Generation

We should discuss!

Thanks

Olivia

-----Original Message-----

From: Hepper, Fiona
Sent: 27 September 2013 16:08
To: Clydesdale, Alison; Harris, Michael; Martin, Olivia; McBriar, Trevor
Subject: FW: ETI Committee queries: LMU 112-13 - SEIDGW and LMU 114-13 Renewable Generation

Alison
Olivia
And so it continues

Olivia - on seidwg - we could keep the group informed ion the cost of renewables study if that helps!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Murray, John (DETI)

Sent: 27 September 2013 15:34

To: Hepper, Fiona

Cc: Sterling, David; Thomson, David; Crawford, Andrew; Ross, Alastair; McCune, David; Dolaghan, Paul;

Robson, Rod; Clarke, Rosie; Private Office DETI; DG_DETI Press Office; Neth_Energy

Subject: ETI Committee queries: LMU 112-13 - SEIDGW and LMU 114-13 Renewable Generation

Fiona

Please see attached requests from David McCune covering queries from the ETI Committee.

Thanks

John

John Murray

Legislative Monitoring Unit

Ext: 29637

From: David McCune
DETI Assembly Liaison Officer

cc: see below

Date: 27 September 2013

To: Fiona Hepper

Ref No: LMU 112/13

ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REQUEST

ISSUE: QUERY FROM THE ETI COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO SEIDWG

Purpose

1. The purpose of this note is to ask you to consider a request for information from the ETI Committee.

Background

2. At its meeting on 26 September the ETI Committee considered written briefing from the Department in respect of SEIDWG.

Information Sought by the ETI Committee

3. Members asked to receive the planned work programme for the SEIDWG for the next 3 years.

I attach an answer template for completion at Annex A.

Reply to the Committee Request

4. As per my guidance note of 23 June 2008, the DETI Minister, Arlene Foster, has asked to see and clear **all** information, e.g., policy or factual information requested by the Committee.
5. The reply to this is due with the ETI Committee Clerk by **Friday 11 October 2013 at the latest. (Note: This should be quoted at the "Timing" section of your Ministerial submission).**
6. **Please send your response to the Private Office (cc: lm@detini.gov.uk, and david.mccune@detini.gov.uk), for Minister's consideration and clearance) on or before COP Friday 4 October 2013. When cleared by the Minister DETI LMU will arrange for this to be issued to the ETI Committee.**
7. **If you believe you will be unable to meet this deadline please discuss with me as soon as possible. I will try to negotiate a revised deadline with the Committee Clerk.**

FOI Implications

8. **Please advise the FOI Status of your response.** When considering the FOI implications of the submission to the Minister you should be aware that the Committee may also be asked, under FOI, to release any information received by it from the Department. We will advise the Committee Clerk of any exemptions you consider relevant when we submit the briefing. Please note, however, that the final decision on release of information rests with the Committee.

Queries

9. If you have any queries about this request contact me or John Murray (ext: 29637).

David McCune
(Ext: 29422)

cc: PS/DETI Minister
Alastair Ross
Andrew Crawford
David Sterling
David Thomson
Paul Dolaghan
Rod Robson
DETI LMU
Private Office
Press Office
Neth Energy

ANNEX A

REQUEST TO DETI FROM THE ETI COMMITTEE

At its meeting on 26 September the ETI Committee considered written briefing from the Department in respect of SEIDWG.

Members asked to receive the planned work programme for the SEIDWG for the next 3 years.

DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE

Reply prepared by:

Division/ NDPB

Date

From: [Martin, Olivia](#)
To: [McBriar, Trevor](#)
Cc: [O'Neill, Eilish](#); [Brady, Sarah](#); [McCreesh, Jim](#); [Black, Billy](#); [McCrystal, Seamus](#); [Wilkinson, Ian \(InvestNI\)](#)
Subject: SEIDWG - EED sub-group
Date: 30 September 2013 15:54:56

Trevor,

The ETI Committee has asked for the work programme of the SE IDWG group for the next three years. This information must be provided to our ALU by Friday, having been cleared by our head of division. We will give a response based on the main group, but also on the four sub-groups to SEIDWG where the majority of the work is done.

You will be aware that the energy efficiency sub-group does not have a formal work programme, but if we wanted to put our work in that format then I would propose:

“2013/14 – work to co-ordinate and address issues of common concern arising from the transposition and implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive; co-ordinate NI contribution to National Energy Efficiency Action Plan for March 2014; exchange information of interest on issues of energy efficiency.

2014/15 – continue to work to co-ordinate and address issues of common concern arising from the transposition and implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive, including any requirements with a transposition date later than 5 June 2014; ensure implementation of transposed requirements of the Energy Efficiency Directive.

2015/16 – work programme to be assessed closer to time of implementation.”

Energy Efficiency Colleagues – if you have any objections to what I have suggested, or have further suggestions, please let me and Trevor know **before close on Thursday 3 October**.

Happy to discuss and many thanks,

Olivia

12 September 2013

Mr Jim McManus
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Dear Jim

**ETI COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR BRIEFING ON THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP**

The ETI Committee has asked to receive details on the work of the Sustainable Energy Inter Departmental Working Group. A paper is attached for consideration.

If you require any further information please contact either myself, Olivia Martin or Trevor McBriar on 028 9052 9381 / 9052 9515.

Yours sincerely

**FIONA HEPPER
HEAD OF ENERGY DIVISION
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SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP (SEIDWG): UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE GROUP

Background

The Executive agreed the Terms of Reference for the Sustainable Energy Inter-departmental Working Group (SEIDWG) in December 2008. Membership is made up of senior representatives from all NI government departments, including the non-ministerial NIAUR, with the exception of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL).

The aim of SEIDWG is primarily to ensure a co-ordinated approach across Government to the promotion of sustainable energy. The outputs of the Group include the development of a report of recommendations in respect of co-ordinated sustainable energy activity in Northern Ireland, which was approved by the Executive on 10 February 2011.

Progress

The recommendations approved by the Executive have been progressed in the following way:

- the Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP), which includes a statement of leadership for the Executive on sustainable energy, was approved by the Executive on 5 April 2012.
- on acceptance of the Committee's recommendation in the report on their inquiry into renewable energy, the SEAP included a commitment that DETI would undertake work to establish a long term vision, to 2050, for energy in Northern Ireland. [**The Minister recently wrote to the Chair of the Committee to advise that the report is complete.**]
- work on the consolidation of energy efficiency vires has been put on hold pending the outcome of wider work being undertaken to consider restructuring of Departments.

Sub-Groups

The SEIDWG has five sub-groups:

- Planning and Renewable Energy;
- Grid Development and Renewable Energy;
- Energy Efficiency;
- Sustainable Communications and
- Renewable Heat Strategy.

The recent activities of each sub-group are detailed below.

Planning and Renewable Energy

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) dealing primarily with administrative arrangements between DETI and DOE was signed in June this year. The MoU aims to ensure that energy infrastructure and energy installations requiring a consent under Article 39 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (as amended) are prioritised and that information on progress through the energy consent, marine licensing and planning processes is communicated efficiently between DETI and DOE;
- A study on the relationship between communities and the development of renewable energy, and how communities can engage with developers and participate and/or benefit from renewable energy developments. The report is complete and is under consideration
- Consideration of the implications of the Planning Act 2011 and, in particular, the threshold proposed for Regionally Significant Developments is ongoing.

Grid Development and Renewable Energy

- NIAUR set-up the Renewables Grid Liaison Group in 2012 to discuss and facilitate progress in the development of Northern Ireland's electricity grid and renewable connections in order to achieve the 40% electricity target.
- The group includes representatives from the Utility Regulator, SONI, NIE and the renewable generation sector; a representative from DETI attends meetings as an observer to ensure that the policy position is fully considered. The membership and remit of the NIAUR led group mirrors the SEIDWG Grid Development & Renewable Energy sub-group, which, to avoid duplication, will now be stood down.

Energy Efficiency

- The group is working on the Energy Efficiency Directive which was published last autumn and must be transposed by the end of June 2014.
- Work on the consolidation of energy efficiency vires has been put on hold pending the outcome of wider work being undertaken to consider restructuring of Departments.

Sustainable Energy Communications

- Appointed Navigator Blue in August 2011 to assist with the development of a common brand to be used across Government for all sustainable energy messaging.
- The 'Energy Wise' brand was first used by DETI for a campaign, which included television adverts, to promote energy efficiency in October 2011.
- Since then the 'Energy Wise' brand has been used in all departmental sustainable energy campaigns. However, NI Executive restrictions on advertising expenditure have resulted in much less activity than was previously envisaged.
- Two Renewable Heat Incentive campaigns were organised for autumn 2012 and spring 2013.

- Identified the need for high quality sustainable messaging to be available on the web and, working with NI Direct, created an 'Energy Wise' section on the website.

Renewable Heat Strategy

- Provide an ongoing monitoring and advice function to ensure that the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) (and any other policy initiatives) is supporting the delivery of the 10% renewable heat target.
- Identify key aspects of an overarching renewable heat strategy/road map and assist in the development of the strategy.
- Monitor and report on progress against previously agreed actions within the Bioenergy Action Plan.
- Main focus at present is the introduction of the second phase of the RHI scheduled for end 2013.

**Energy Division
DETI**

12 September 2013