

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS WRITTEN (AQW)

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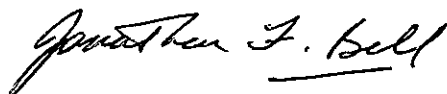
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Question:

To ask the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to outline the impact of his decision to close the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive.

Answer:

Following approval by the Assembly of The Renewable Heat Incentive Schemes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016, I intend to issue a notice closing the Renewable Heat Incentive from 29 February. The impact of this will be to close both Renewable Heat Incentive schemes to new applications from that date and prevent any further pressures arising on the Executive's budget from 2016/17. Any renewable heating systems installed, commissioned and applied for on or before 29 February will be eligible for Renewable Heat Incentive payments.



Jonathan Bell MLA
Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

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