

From: [Wightman, Stuart](#)
To: [Clydesdale, Alison](#)
Subject: Re: Responses to the DOF comments - Draft C AG report 15-16 AMcC
Date: 04 June 2016 18:03:52

Alison

Unfortunately I'm at an EnergyWise event at UR offices on Mon morning.

There was no consultation before tiered tariffs. Because we weren't actually changing the tariff amount (ie 6.4p) we used the 2013 consultation as our hook. This is set out in the July 2015 sub I sent to you last week. To do anything more radical would have required full consultation and delayed the changes further.

On the second point we've no evidence to suggest there is a difference in NI/GB maintenance costs.

I'm in first thing on Mon.

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Clydesdale, Alison
Sent: Friday, 3 June 2016 17:24
To: Wightman, Stuart
Subject: FW: Responses to the DOF comments - Draft C AG report 15-16 AMcC

Stuart

Couple of urgent queries in yellow below I need you to confirm before Monday meeting at 10.30 .

The key one is was there a consultation in autumn 15 ahead of bringing in the tier. ? I think it's no but no-one about to ask this afternoon .

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From: McCormick, Andrew (DFE)
Sent: 03 June 2016 16:06
To: Clydesdale, Alison
Cc: Stewart, Chris (DFE); Wightman, Stuart; Hughes, Seamus; Cousins, Heather; Woods, Michael (DETI); McMurray, Stephen; McEvoy, Colette
Subject: RE: Responses to the DOF comments - Draft C AG report 15-16 AMcC

Many thanks.

Please see redraft with some outstanding points for consideration (for simplicity I have accepted most the tracked changes and deleted most of the comments so that only a few points need further attention. We need to move this on, though I assume we need another exchange with DoF before going back to NIAO.

Re Emer's comment at paragraph 14, have we confirmed to her that there was no consultation?

Is there any impediment to the business case for procuring the additional audits (paragraph 20)?

Please see suggestion at paragraph 21 – is this appropriate?

Minor DN at paragraph 33.

I have deleted the comment at paragraph 37 as I don't think we have anything that actually takes away from the main point they are making.

On the table at paragraph 38 have we **evidence** of a difference in servicing/maintenance costs between NI and GB? I am not averse to suggesting at that something is included in both columns in the table, and that would reduce the rate of return, but not sure it'll make a big difference. Similar point applies paragraph 40.

Paragraph 47 – I have left the candid draft in and am asking the question as to whether or not it may be better to give NIAO this than let them draft their own conclusions from the April 2011 emails – which could be worse. This point needs further thought, please. Same point applies to the first bullet of paragraph 54.

Paragraph 48 – redraft to reconcile comments

Happy to discuss.

From: Clydesdale, Alison
Sent: 03 June 2016 14:52
To: McMurray, Stephen
Cc: Stewart, Chris (DFE); Wightman, Stuart; Hughes, Seamus; Cousins, Heather; McCormick, Andrew (DFE); Woods, Michael (DETI)
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Stephen

Please find attached some tracked comments in relation to the DOF comments.

Alison