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SUB/272/2012:ETI COMMITTEE REPORT ON RENEWABLE ENERGY INQUIRY /
SEF IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Minister has seen and read your submission of 23/05/2012 and is content.

NB: David McCune will arrange for this briefing to go to the ETI Committee

Many thanks.

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DETI SUB 272/2012

UPDATES ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED IN THE ETI COMMITTEE REPORT ON THEIR INQUIRY INTO RENEWABLE ENERGY & THE STRATEGIC ENERGY FRAMEWORK (SEF) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Issue: The Department agreed to provide biannual updates to the ETI Committee on progress towards the implementation of recommendations included in the report on their inquiry into renewable energy; and progress on the objectives in the SEF Implementation Plan.

Timing: The update is due with the Committee by the end of May.

Need for referral to the Executive: Not applicable.

Presentational Issues: None at this stage.

Freedom of Information: Some parts of this submission may be exempt under section 35 of the FOI Act relating to the formulation of government policy.

Programme for Government/ PSA Implications: None.

Financial Implications: None at present.

Legislation Implications: None at present.

Statutory Equality Obligations: None.

- Recommendation:** That you agree the issue of the following to the ETI Committee:
- (i) a letter to the Committee Clerk (**Annex A**);
 - (ii) the proposed updates under each of the relevant recommendations in the ETI Committee's report (**Annex B**); and.
 - (iii) the update on the SEF Implementation Plan (**Annex C**).

ETI Committee Report on their Inquiry into Renewable Energy

2. The ETI Committee published the report on their Inquiry into 'Barriers to the Development of Renewable Energy Production and its Associated Contribution to the Northern Ireland Economy' in February 2011. The report includes 25 recommendations which focus on a number of Departments and bodies as well as the Executive. Ten are for DETI to take forward, two are Executive matters and the remainder are spread across Invest NI, DOE, DFP, DSD, DRD, DARD and NIAUR.
3. In your initial response on 27 June, 20 of the 25 recommendations were either accepted or partially accepted and one was under consideration – pending the conclusions of the Organisational Review. Four were rejected and are not therefore included in this update.
4. The Committee requested additional information on 6 July following consideration of the initial response. Most of the information was provided through DETI on 11 August and a further update was provided on 21 November.
5. We agreed to provide updates biannually and this update, which reflects developments since November 2011, should be forwarded to the Committee by the end of May. The current position, including input from other departments, is detailed in the table at **Annex B** and should be read in conjunction with the November 2011 update. Another update will be provided at the end of November 2012.

Key Issues

6. The areas of significant progress since the Committee was last updated are detailed below:
 - Recommendation 1 – on 20 January 2012 the Sustainable Development Champions' Group (SDCG) considered the SEIDWG recommendation to bring together energy vires within an existing department. They agreed that the case should be

reviewed at a later date and that the consolidation of energy efficiency functions should be kept under continuous review. It is intended that the Executive will consider the SDCG recommendations before the end of May (OFMDFM officials are in the lead on this).

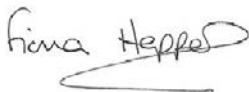
- Recommendation 2 – the Sustainable Energy Action Plan was approved by the Executive on 5 April 2012 and was published on 4 May.
- Recommendation 4 - interim targets for the percentage of renewable electricity consumption and percentage of renewable heat for each of the years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 have been included in the Programme for Government and have been incorporated into the SEF Implementation Plan.
- Recommendation 11 – the work on analysing the impact of the EMR proposals on Northern Ireland was forwarded to the Committee in December 2011. It is intended that the forthcoming DETI Energy Bill will take the enabling powers for a small scale FIT.
- Recommendation 12 - the consultation on the Development of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive closed in October 2011 and a summary of responses was provided to the Committee in November 2011. The policy has been agreed internally and we await approval from the EU Commission before implementation of the scheme.
- Recommendation 17 – DFP has considered an economic appraisal of the options for increasing domestic energy and thermal efficiency, including the Green New Deal. The preferred option, approved by DFP on 18 May 2012, is the boiler replacement scheme proposed by the Housing Executive.

Strategic Energy Framework (SEF) Implementation Plan

7. It was also agreed that Energy Division would provide progress updates on the Strategic Energy Framework (SEF) Implementation Plan, to you on a quarterly basis and to the ETI Committee on a six monthly basis. The last update to the Committee detailed progress to the end of September 2011 and another update is now due.
8. An updated SEF Implementation Plan reflecting progress until the end of March 2012 is attached at **Annex C**. The Committee should be made aware that the further milestones for 2012/13 and for the period 2013 and beyond will be shown in the next update of the implementation plan.

Recommendation

9. I recommend that you consider the following and agree to issue to the ETI Committee:
- (i) draft response to the Clerk of the ETI Committee (**Annex A**);
 - (ii) the proposed updated comments to the relevant recommendations (**Annex B**); and
 - (iii) the update on the SEF Implementation Plan (**Annex C**).



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Annex A

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Dear Jim

**UPDATES ON THE REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO RENEWABLE
ENERGY & THE STRATEGIC ENERGY FRAMEWORK (SEF)
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

The Department responded to the Committee on the “Report on the Committee’s Inquiry into Barriers to the Development of Renewable Energy Production and its Associated Contribution to the Northern Ireland Economy” on 27 June, and supplied additional information following Committee consideration on 11 August. An update on progress towards implementation of the recommendations was provided on 21 November 2011 and we agreed that future updates should be provided biannually. I am now writing to advise you of progress since November.

The current position is attached and includes input from other departments with responsibility for a number of the recommendations. The information provided should be considered in conjunction with the update provided in November. Departmental officials will be happy to provide further clarification on the recommendations for which this Department is responsible.

It was also agreed that updates on the SEF Implementation Plan would be provided every six months and the attached version reflects progress up to the end of March 2012. The Committee should be made aware that further milestones for 2012/13 and for the period 2013 and beyond will be shown in the next update of the implementation plan.

Yours sincerely

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