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Stuart

Earlier comm. From DFP for your info.

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As you are aware CED has been in discussion with HMT on the future scope of the RHI scheme and specifically what should be incorporated into the AME forecast currently being provided.

From our initial engagement with HMT it is clear the ongoing commitment associated with this initiative has been greater than expected – both here and across the water. The intentions for the scheme going forward, and specifically the plans for any new investment (for new installations) post 2015-16, will be determined as part of the Spending Review (to be announced on 25 November).

In view of this the AME forecast being provided **today to HMT should not include provision for any new installation beyond that currently announced** i.e. up until 31 March 2016 for both elements of the RHI. For 2016-17 and beyond the forecast should only show the ongoing commitment in relation to payments of tariffs on renewable technology already installed (i.e. up to 31 March 2016).

I would therefore be grateful if any element of the forecast currently provided which relates to new installations in 2016-17 and beyond could be removed from the forecast. This is required urgently but will hopefully not cause too much of a problem.

There are clearly broader implications of this for the RHI as implemented by DETI which we will need to discuss – however I would be grateful if the team could review the AME return as outlined above urgently and this morning.

Many thanks

Michelle