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Chris/Andrew

Key issues to me are:

RHI

1. Make sure message gets out that legislation doesn't directly close. There can be all sorts of debate over the date but if we don't get the enabling power on 15 February, the earliest possible closure could be June.
2. Decide date of closure. Options are:
 - (1) close asap;
 - (2) to me, one month is a reasonable minimum from date announcement (5 February) taking us to 4 March;
 - (3) Alternative is 31 March because it is claimed that this is what people "expected". We are trying to work up some estimate of costs.
3. Decide when to announce any change from closure, "as soon as possible". Press release asap to assure those currently seeking clarity? At debate? Do we consider consulting on closure?
4. Long term – we should suggest consultation.

NIRO

5. The Committee may conclude that it received undertakings to ensure movement. The things to move (all with Minister) are:
 - response to Autumn 2015 consultation;
 - response proposal from UFU for meeting.
 - response to the committee on their previous 2 requests for update on NIRO closure – due tomorrow.

The deadline is getting legislation through before dissolution, otherwise the DECC clauses will kick in for all developers. DEL consequences arising from OFGEM administration costs are possible in the future if closure is not addressed in the short term.

Developers becoming very anxious e.g. one developer has to take a decision this week on whether or not to put a 20% deposit on a £30m worth of turbines. Recently received a number of template letters from small scale urging closure.