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Tim,
Please find attached submission re Closure of RHI.
Many thanks
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CLOSURE OF RHI – URGENT PROCEDURES

Issue: Closure of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive schemes (RHI).

Timing: **DESK IMMEDIATE:** Clearance immediately to enable letter to OFMDFM to issue tomorrow – Thursday 4 February 2016.

Executive Committee Referral: Urgent Procedures are necessary to secure Executive approval before announcing decision to close RHI Schemes

PFG Implications: The PfG targets for renewable heat are 4% by 2015 and 10% by 2020.

Presentational Issues: Not publicly consulting will attract criticism.

FOI Implications: FOIA exempt under sections 35 (formulation or development of government policy)

Financial Implications: Potential impact on DEL of £95m over 5 years.

Legislation Implications: Legislative changes to the RHI require draft affirmative resolution Regulations. Not consulting may provide grounds for subsequent legal challenge on decision to close schemes.

Statutory Equality Obligations: Screened out.

Recommendation: That you issue:

- the attached letter to OFMDFM seeking urgent Executive approval (**Annex A**); and
- subject to OFMDFM approval, issue the attached letter to the Chair of the ETI Committee (**Annex B**) and a press release (**Annex C**).