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[DFP Supply Division Business Case Proforma - RHI.docx](#)
[Final Synopsis for Casework.DOC](#)
[BUSINESS CASE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DOMESTIC RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE - V3.DOCX](#)
[Annex A NI RHI Phase 2 - final report.PDF](#)
[Annex B - RHI Risk Register.PPT](#)
Importance: High

Iain,

Find attached papers for submission to DFP iro Phase 2 of the Renewable Heat Incentive:

- DFP Cover note – **for your review;**
- DFP Proforma – **for your signature;**
- Synopsis for Casework Committee;
- Business case (including Annex A and Annex B).

If you have any queries let me know.

Thanks,

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DETI HQ – PHASE 2 OF RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE (DOMESTIC RHI)

1. I attach the following papers relating to the business case for the second phase of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), primarily relating to the domestic market:
 - DFP Proforma;
 - Synopsis for Casework Committee;
 - Business case;
 - NI RHI Phase 2 final report; and
 - RHI Risk Register.

Background and Funding

2. Phase 1 of the RHI scheme was launched in November 2012 as a measure to support the government's target of 10% of energy used for heating to come from renewable sources (from a 2010 baseline of 1.7%) in line with EU obligations and targets set in the Programme for Government and Strategic Energy Framework.
3. Phase 1 of the scheme was limited to the non-domestic sector and for well established technologies (biomass, ground source heat pumps and solar thermal). Phase 2 of the scheme is therefore intended to extend the scheme to the domestic sector and expand the list of technologies / applications incentivised in the non-domestic sector.
4. Approval is being sought for areas relating to the domestic RHI only (the introduction of support for new technologies under the expansion of the non-domestic scheme will be dealt with separately in due course). There are two main areas;

- The introduction of a domestic RHI for domestic properties in Northern Ireland;
 - The administration arrangements for this domestic scheme.
5. Funding of £25M is available to 2015/16 for this scheme. HMT have already indicated that any spending commitments made via the initial NI RHI (i.e. through the £25m) will be met by ongoing RHI payments from HMT.
 6. DECC has secured £430m for the GB RHI for 2015/16. The DECC Minister has indicated to Minister Foster that the Barnett consequential of this funding should be forthcoming to Northern Ireland.
 7. DETI Finance Branch has indicated that AME budgets are formulated using the information provided in AME forecasting exercises, and there is no separate bidding process. Therefore, for RHI the current profile is £6.35M 2014/15, £9.5M 2015/16, £13.5M 2016/17, £18.5M 2017/18, £24.5M 2018/19 and £31.0M 2019/20 (Total £103.35M).
 8. It is proposed that the scheme will be administered in-house, using existing resource. Therefore no additional resource is required for the first year. The total staff costs for the first 6 years of the scheme are estimated to be £1.4M which includes additional staff resources of £600k on top of the existing staff resources (£800k).

Affordability

9. DETI is content that the scheme is affordable under the current funding profile.

Process

10. The RHI project was considered by the DETI Casework Committee on 9 June and a number of points of clarification were requested by members of the Casework Committee. Clarification was subsequently provided and the DETI Casework Committee was content to approve the proposal.

Value for Money Conclusion

11. The Department is content that the project has the potential to offer value for money and is content to recommend this case formally to DFP for its consideration.
12. I am happy to discuss.

IAIN McFARLANE