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Peter,

A couple of quick questions.

Does the legislative position outlined in the background section mean that Ofgem **has** to administer the scheme for NI i.e. should we be paying for the feasibility study or would they be obliged to undertake the work "free of charge"? Furthermore, did Ofgem charge DECC for a similar feasibility study? Is there any evidence on what this cost?

£100k seems very expensive - what is the rationale for these costs? Do we know if Ofgem are 100% funded from licence fees i.e. do NI citizens contribute towards their costs?

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Sam,

Please see attached a draft business case for the appointment of Ofgem to carry out a feasibility study into the administration of the NI RHI. (This is intended to be a single tender action).

Grateful if you would take a look and provide me with any comments.

Ideally want to get this to Fiona by close today so it can go on to Perm Sec and Minister asap.

Thanks,

Peter

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