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Lucy - Please see Ministers comments attached.

Can you please make any necessary amendments and return.

Thank you

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Mr Lyttle has asked:

To ask the Minister for the Economy to outline the wider reluctance to which Andrew McCormick refers as delaying the amendment of the original approach to the Renewable Heat Initiative Scheme.

ANSWER

Following a period of internal discussion, the then Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Development agreed to the recommended way forward regarding introducing tiered tariffs and a cap on 3 September 2015. This was followed by a public announcement on 8 September.

The timescale for securing agreement meant that the target date for introducing the controls slipped from 1 October 2015 to 1 November 2015.

WHY WOULD I BE ABLE TO
SAY THIS?

There was further slippage to the planned date of 1 November 2015 due to the passage of the legislation through the Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee and the Assembly. This meant that the legislation was not passed until 17 November, coming into force the next day.

Simon Hamilton MLA