

**SNR DENTON work request form**  
**DETI, ENERGY DIVISION (Sustainable Energy Branch)**

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**Date:** 25 March 2011

<b>Work request no:</b>	[DWS/RHI/002.] SNR Denton had previously drafted instructions to Parliamentary Council to inform an amendment to the Energy Act 2008 to extend Renewable Heat powers to Northern Ireland. At the request of DECC, further urgent revisions are required to the instructions.
<b>Issue:</b>	<p>Currently DETI has no primary legislative powers to implement a RHI. DECC has agreed to extend the enabling powers for an RHI under the Energy Act 2008 to cover NI via an amendment to the current Energy Bill that is currently going through Westminster.</p> <p>DECC has considered the draft instructions to Parliamentary Counsel and have requested revisions to be made along the following lines;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the instructions should specify that the amendment should be via a stand alone clause to the current Bill, the reason for this should be explained as it will ensure that pending amendments to Section 100 of the 2008 Act are included within the Northern Ireland amendment for sake of consistency; and</li> <li>- the instructions should set out clearly that the stand alone clause for the Northern Ireland amendment should reflect and include the pending amendments, proposed by DECC, to Section 100 of the 2008 Energy Act.</li> </ul>
<b>Action required:</b>	<p>Legal advisers required to revise the draft the instructions to Parliamentary Counsel as set out above.</p> <p>The pending amendments to Section 100 of the 2008 Energy Act are attached at <b>Annex A</b>.</p> <p>This action is required as a matter of urgency.</p>
<b>Date commissioned:</b>	25 March 2011
<b>Date return required:</b>	25 March 2011
<b>DSO comment: (if applicable)</b>	DSO will be required to confirm that the instructions meet requirements.

<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	£ [REDACTED]
<b>Estimated duration for completion of work:</b>	Revisions to be made by Monday, 28 March 2011.
<b>Signed off by:</b> <i>This must be completed by HoD in all cases, after consideration of estimates of cost and duration of completion of work.</i>	<i>Signed and approved Fiona Hepper 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011</i>
<b>Accepting fee earner:</b>	
<b>Date work returned:</b>	
<b>Actual cost:</b>	
<b>Rationale for cost variation (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Recorded by:</b>	