

**From:** [Mills, John \(DETI\)](#)  
**To:** [Wightman, Stuart](#)  
**Cc:** [Stewart, Chris \(DFE\)](#); [Dolaghan, Paul](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Energy - Oral Questions 1, 3, 9 & 11  
**Date:** 04 February 2016 08:00:18

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S, yeah, that's good, couple minor changes to below, think u right, highlighted bit may over top so leave it out.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Wightman, Stuart  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 February 2016 00:08  
**To:** Mills, John (DETI)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Chris (DETI); Dolaghan, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: Energy - Oral Questions 1, 3, 9 & 11

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Sorry John

I've just realised that the word document you received didn't include my tracked changes. I attach correct version and tried to incorporate your suggestions. Included below for blackberry purposes. Not sure about highlighted text.

Stuart

*The Renewable Heat Incentive, (RHI), introduced in November 2012 to the non-domestic sector and in December 2014 to the domestic sector has been taken up very successfully.*

*With over 3,500 renewable heating installations incentivised to date, uptake has been higher than GB. We've exceeded the Executive's 2015 target of 4% with around 6% of Northern Ireland's heating needs now provided through renewable heating technologies.*

*It is fair to say that NI has taken full advantage of the support on offer.*

*Over the last 18 months the number of non-domestic RHI applications has grown from around 200 to over 1,800. Over 900 of these applications were received in the run up to the scheme change I introduced on 18 November 2015. However, this, together with reductions in UK funding means we now face significant budgetary pressures.*

*In the circumstances I have no choice but to propose immediate closure of the scheme to prevent further overspend. The urgent need to manage the financial risk means that I must bring forward the legislation at the earliest possible juncture.*

*I have today laid the draft regulations and tabled the motion for debate, and I will be asking the Business Committee to schedule the debate for 15 February.*

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**From:** Mills, John (DETI)  
**Sent:** 03 February 2016 22:29  
**To:** Wightman, Stuart; Dolaghan, Paul  
**Cc:** Stewart, Chris (DETI)  
**Subject:** Re: Energy - Oral Questions 1, 3, 9 & 11  
 Stuart,

Ta. I think there's an important point here. There's actually been massive Investment, over-

investment, we might say. Yet those with an interest in the continuance of the scheme will present it as a loss. "You've mucked this up, now NI's lost all these opportunities ". Whereas the real answer is certain sectors have taken full advantage and (more than) used up all the money.

So the answer after the first sentence needs to be something like. "The scheme gives support for 20 years and we are ahead of our target and the UK so in no way could this be considered lost Investment. " needs better words than that but preferable to rest of first para.

Also the stuff about HMT later will surely be too much for Andrew? Sorry difficult to draft over BlackBerry.

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**From:** Wightman, Stuart  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 3 February 2016 22:34  
**To:** Dolaghan, Paul  
**Cc:** Stewart, Chris (DETI); Mills, John (DETI)  
**Subject:** RE: Energy - Oral Questions 1, 3, 9 & 11  
Paul

I've made tracked changes to the draft response to AQO 9 on RHI.

We'll discuss in morning.

Thx, Stuart

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**From:** Dolaghan, Paul  
**Sent:** 02 February 2016 11:46  
**To:** Assembly Liaison Unit; Robson, Rod; McCrum, Janet  
**Cc:** Mills, John (DETI); Clydesdale, Alison; Wightman, Stuart; DETI Energy Mailbox  
**Subject:** Energy - Oral Questions 1, 3, 9 & 11

Rod, Janet,

Please see attached Energy Division Orals which have been approved by John Mills. As requested, we have grouped questions 1, 3 & 11 together.

Kindly note both issues being addressed (NIRO/RHI) remain very fluent and the draft responses/supplementaries may well require updating/amendment in advance of next Tuesday's Orals session.

Thanks

Paul.

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**From:** McCrum, Janet  
**Sent:** 29 January 2016 10:41  
**To:** Mills, John (DETI)  
**Cc:** Kerr, Sean; Cairns, Timothy; McCrea, Ian; Private Office DETI; DG\_DETI Press Office; Assembly Liaison Unit; Dolaghan, Paul; DETI Energy Mailbox; Robson, Rod  
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### **Energy**

Please see attached Oral Question allocated to you, including guidance provided by Senior Management below:

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Where an external part-input is required, please advise [alu@detini.gov.uk](mailto:alu@detini.gov.uk) asap.

Please note: If Divisions/NDPB's are awaiting responses to part inputs, responses should

still be issued to ALU by the deadline shown. A page should be inserted to explain the part input is outstanding.

**Deadline and Templates**

**Energy** - Please send your final response, using the template below, to [alu@detini.gov.uk](mailto:alu@detini.gov.uk) by **2.00pm Tuesday 2 February 2016**.

**Timings Chart**

Many thanks

Janet