

DETI MINISTER INVITATION CASES - ADVICE PROFORMA

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INVITATION NUMBER:	INV 139 /2014
INVITATION FROM:	Future Renewables
EVENT / MEETING:	Benefits of commercial biomass event
DATE OF EVENT / MEETING (IF KNOWN)	TBC but likely to be March/April
PROPOSED VENUE:	Westville Hotel, Enniskillen
REASONS TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION	<p>Reason to accept</p> <p>This would be a good opportunity to promote the Renewable Heat Incentive, (RHI), and the uptake of the commercial RHI.</p> <p>Reason to decline</p> <p>It would be inappropriate to attend and be seen to promote/favour the activities of one particular renewable heating company at an event which may be focused on sales rather than opening or completion of a project. There are other events coming up which might provide better opportunities to promote renewable heat.</p>
ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Renewables is only one of a significant number similar companies operating in the renewable heating sector.
FOI STATUS OF ADVICE	Fully disclosable.
RECOMMENDATION IF MINISTER SHOULD ATTEND / MEET (Yes / No)	<p>Decline</p> <p>A draft letter is attached at Annex B</p>
PRIVATE OFFICE COMMENTS	
SPECIAL ADVISOR'S COMMENTS	
MINISTER'S DECISION	

From: Shauna Williams [<mailto:shauna@future renewables.eu>]
Sent: 19 February 2015 16:03
To: Private Office DETI
Subject: Request for Minister to attend Benefits of Commercial Biomass Event

Good Afternoon,

Future Renewables are a Fermanagh based company offering Renewable Energy Consultancy, Design, Supply & Installation, founded in 2009 by Neil Elliott.

In the last year we have seen the demand for applying renewable heating technologies in commercial situations increase rapidly and have recently completed biomass installations in the following:

- Westville Hotel, Enniskillen
- Belmore Court & Motel, Enniskillen
- Willowbank Guest House, Enniskillen
- Value Tiles, Dungannon
- Unicorn Containers Ltd, Lisburn
- Acheson & Glover Precast Ltd, Ballygawley
- The Jethro Centre, Lurgan

As installers we see the benefits of applying biomass and would like to hold an information afternoon for businesses in the Fermanagh & Tyrone area to educate and advise them on the options available for their business.

We plan to have our event in The Westville Hotel, Enniskillen on a Friday afternoon (dates are flexible for March / April time) with a buffet style luncheon. We have invited a number of speakers to attend the event including representatives from Brites, Action Renewables and local hoteliers Greg Williamson from the Valley Hotel, Nicky Cassidy from the Westville Hotel & Terry McCartney from The Belmore Court & Motel.

We would greatly appreciate the Minister's support and attendance at our event.

Should you have any queries or if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Greatly looking forward to your response, kind regards

Shauna Williams

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Draft Response – Decline

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Dear

Thank you for your invitation of 19 February 2015 to the Future Renewables “benefits of commercial biomass” event at the Westville Hotel, Enniskillen.

Unfortunately I will be unable to attend on this occasion.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success for the event.

ARLENE FOSTER MLA

MINISTER OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT