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Dear Andrew,

Jenny suggested I run the attached past you.

You will recall that we consulted the Minister as to whether NI should be included in BERR's heat strategy which was due to be launched in mid-November. The Minister concurred with our recommendation that NI should not be included. We stated that we would provide a paragraph on the position in NI on heat. Since that time UK Ministers have decided to include Energy Savings (their new name for Energy Efficiency) in the consultation. We had originally been asked for a paragraph on NI's position by the end of 17th October but publication has been pushed back by a few weeks and is now due for mid-December, though wording must be finalised this week.

Energy Efficiency

Alison Clydesdale has advised that the document is heavily slanted towards the household sector and in particular GB initiatives such as CERT and EEC. However the work the Energy Saving Trust and Carbon Trust are highlighted and it seems going forward these organisations will remain as the vehicle for the Governments policy drivers – this is important as both organisations have a presence in Northern Ireland, but with a very limited DETI input to their workstreams. Interestingly the document refers to delivery options of a mixed market model versus a single delivery agency – akin to our AD Little report. The report also includes fuel poverty, building regulations and energy performance certificates.

Heat

It is hard at this time to say something very proactive on heat as work in this area is just starting and new legislative powers and resources are needed to kickstart it (as per SEF consultation), so it is not mentioned specifically in what is drafted in the attachment, but states that we will build on what DECC is doing, by implication on both energy efficiency and heat.

Scotland

Scotland is not going to take part in the energy efficiency policies in the document, but is currently considering their position on heat. In any case DECC wants to include a similar paragraph to the one for NI.

The attachment must be finalised soon for DECC's publication schedule. Let me know if you have concerns/want amendments.