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Stuart

Please consider suggested rewording for Energy Division replacement assurance statement input:

**Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive**

DFP approval for the Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme means that expenditure on new commitments entered into in 2015/16 and beyond requires separate approval. Energy officials are working with Finance and DFP to ensure that the appropriate approvals, and revised funding requirements to facilitate the future operation of the Scheme at an affordable level of demand, are in place as soon as possible .

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Bernie, as discussed.

Thx, St

**3) Need for Clarity around AME Budgets for RHI (2015/16 & beyond)**

During the first 18 months of the Non-domestic RHI scheme around 130 applications were processed. During 2014/15, a further 470 applications have been received. The NI scheme is currently outperforming the GB scheme with application numbers over the last few months running at 5% of the GB total. This unprecedented increase in uptake over the last 12 months has impacted on our funding requirement with over £23m now forecasted for 2015/16 against a profiled spend of £11.6m. Energy officials are now working with Finance to try and secure additional RHI funding and associated approvals from DFP/HMT going forward. Without additional funding the non-domestic scheme will need to be closed to prevent overspends.

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