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Stuart

As discussed see info being sought by DFP ref commitments.

Trevor

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**From:** Scott, Michelle  
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**To:** Cooper, Trevor  
**Cc:** Morelli, Emer; Brankin, Bernie; Millar, Angela (DFP)  
**Subject:** RHI

Trevor

As we have discussed, DFP have been engaging with HMT to understand the implications for NI's RHI funding of last week's SR announcement.

As you are aware, while the SR reported that funding for the scheme will continue to rise, a cap was also announced which will provide a 'backstop on expenditure'. This mechanism would allow the Secretary of State to take action to suspend the scheme to new applications should forecasts reach the budget levels set out within the SR document.

To inform our discussions with HMT on the implications of a cap on the funding made available to us, I would be grateful if you could provide the latest cost forecasts for the RHI scheme (domestic and non-domestic) under the current arrangements by year (including 2015-16), split by existing commitments and projected new commitments.

I would also be grateful if you could indicate, in the event that any cap on expenditure for NI was lower than the existing commitments, how quickly the scheme could be suspended/closed to new applications. As highlighted above, this is simply scenario planning to inform a wider discussion with HMT.

When we spoke recently about this scheme, you indicated there was a considerable spike in applications as a result of the announcement of the tariff reduction. I would therefore also be grateful if you could provide an update on that spike, in particular how many of these additional applications have been, or are likely to be, approved. It would also be helpful if you could explain where these have been factored into your cost projections (i.e are they in existing or new commitments).

I assume much of this information will be updated in real time by OFGEM and therefore should be readily available to Energy branch? I would be grateful if this information could be provided as quickly as possible to inform discussions on Monday.

Many thanks

Michelle