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To: [Cooper, Trevor](#); [Brankin, Bernie](#)
Subject: FW: ETI Committee queries: LMU 7-16 - SEF and LMU 6-16 - RHI
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To note.

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From: Murray, John (DETI)
Sent: 02 February 2016 15:02
To: Mills, John (DETI)
Cc: McCormick, Andrew (DETI); Rooney, Eugene; Stewart, Chris (DETI); Dolaghan, Paul; Hughes, Seamus; Wightman, Stuart; Briggs, Peter; Clydesdale, Alison; Harris, Michael; Gray, Orla; O'Cleary, Renee; Robson, Rod; Clarke, Rosie; Kerr, Sean; Private Office DETI; DETI Energy Mailbox; DG_DETI Press Office
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John

Please see attached queries from the ETI Committee for consideration.

The Committee has asked for a response on SEF by this Thursday for inclusion in member's packs.

Members also asked that the update in relation to early closure of the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation to Onshore Wind, which was to be tabled for today's meeting, be in members packs for next week.

Thanks

John

John Murray
Legislative Monitoring Unit
Ext: 29637

From: John Murray

cc: see below

Date: 2 February 2016

To: John Mills

Ref No: LMU 7/16

QUERY FROM THE ETI COMMITTEE

Purpose

1. The purpose of this note is to ask you to consider a request for information from the ETI Committee.

Background

2. At its meeting today the Chair reminded members that in September 2015, the Department stated that it would consult with the Committee in late Autumn 2015 in relation to the review of the SEF and that a wider public consultation would take place at that time.

Information requested by the Committee

3. The Committee asked the Department to provide an update for inclusion in papers for next week's meeting outlining progress with the review to date, the reasons for the delay and informing the Committee when public consultation is expected to take place

I attach an answer template for completion at Annex A.

Reply to the Committee Request

4. The DETI Minister has asked to clear **all** information, e.g., policy or factual information requested by the Committee.
5. The reply to this is due with the ETI Committee Clerk by **Thursday 4 February 2016 at the latest. (Note: This should be quoted at the "Timing" section of your Ministerial submission).**
6. **Please send your response to the Private Office (cc: lmu@detini.gov.uk, and rod.robson@detini.gov.uk), for Minister's consideration and clearance) on or before **Wednesday 3 February 2016**. When cleared, by the Minister, DETI LMU will arrange for this to be issued to the ETI Committee Clerk.**
7. **If you believe you will be unable to meet this deadline please discuss with me as soon as possible. I will try to negotiate a revised deadline with the Committee Clerk.**

FOI Implications

8. **Please advise the FOI Status of your response.** When considering the FOI implications of the submission to the Minister you should be aware that the Committee may also be asked, under FOI, to release any information received by it from the Department. We will advise the Committee Clerk of any exemptions you consider relevant when we submit the briefing. Please note, however, that the final decision on release of information rests with the Committee.

Queries

9. If you have any queries about this request contact me on ext 29637.

JOHN MURRAY

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE

Reply prepared by:
Date:

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3. The Committee asked the Department to clarify:
 - a. whether there has been an over spend;
 - b. what is the current funding arrangement for any overspend: and
 - c. whether there was an option to continue and if so why it was not continued.

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Reply to the Committee Request

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6. **Please send your response to the Private Office (cc: lm@detini.gov.uk, and rod.robson@detini.gov.uk), for Minister's consideration and clearance) on or before Tuesday 9 February 2016. When cleared, by the Minister, DETI LMU will arrange for this to be issued to the ETI Committee Clerk.**
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