

## DETI MINISTER INVITATION CASES - ADVICE PROFORMA

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<b>INVITATION NUMBER:</b>	INV/1100/2011
<b>INVITATION FROM:</b>	Dr John Gilliland OBE
<b>EVENT / MEETING:</b>	Meeting to discuss the introduction of a Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) in Northern Ireland and the barriers to deployment of renewable heat in Northern Ireland.
<b>DATE OF EVENT / MEETING (IF KNOWN)</b>	Not yet known.
<b>PROPOSED VENUE:</b>	Netherleigh/Parliament Buildings (at discretion of Private Office).
<b>REASONS TO ACCEPT / DECLINE THE INVITATION</b>	Accept – Mr Gilliland is an important stakeholder within the renewable heat industry and it might be useful to hear his views on the potential with the market and barriers to deployment. If the meeting is held after the launch of the consultation his views could be taken on the design of the scheme and a more detailed discussion on the implementation of an incentive scheme could take place.
<b>ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION</b>	Energy Division expect to shortly submit a draft consultation paper on the development of the Northern Ireland renewable heat market in advance of consultation in July 2011.
<b>FOI STATUS OF ADVICE</b>	Fully disclosable
<b>RECOMMENDATION IF MINISTER SHOULD ATTEND / MEET (YES/NO)</b>	Diary permitting, I would recommend meeting with Mr Gilliland, once the consultation on the development of the renewable heat market has been launched.
<b>PRIVATE OFFICE COMMENTS</b>	

<b>SPECIAL ADVISOR'S COMMENTS</b>	
<b>MINISTER'S DECISION</b>	