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Subject: RE: Submission: SUB/464/2014 NI RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE - DOMESTIC ASPECT OF PHASE 2 BUSINESS CASE

1. Andrew Crawford

2. Arlene Foster MLA

SUB 464/2014 - Launch of the NI Domestic RHI Scheme

I can confirm that the Domestic RHI Scheme cannot be opened to applications until the proposed Domestic RHI Regulations have been passed by affirmative resolution by the Assembly. Our draft Regulations are currently being reviewed by Departmental Solicitors Office (DSO). Subject to DSO clearance, we hope to lay the regulations before the Assembly in October. The Scheme can then go live once the Affirmative Motion has been passed on the Regulations. We anticipate this to be in late October / early November.

The Non-domestic RHI scheme has been open since November 2012. This Non-domestic Scheme is carried out under the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012. These regulations can be viewed at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2012/396/contents/made>. **Implementation of Phase 2 of the Non-domestic Scheme which includes increasing the list of eligible technologies is planned for next year. This will also require amendments to the Non-domestic Regulations.**

We plan to carry out a public awareness campaign to promote both schemes later in the year.

Please contact me on Ext29425 if you wish to discuss.

Thanks

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