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**Subject:** Assembly Research Query re Renewable Heat Study  
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[100304 - NI Renewable Heat Report FINAL - V06a - issued.PDF](#)  
**Importance:** High

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**AR 9/11**                      **ASSEMBLY RESEARCHER REQUEST – RENEWABLE  
HEAT STUDY**

**Issue:**                      DETI Assembly Liaison Unit has received a request from NI Assembly Research Office for a full copy of the report into the potential development of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat market (June 2009).

**Timing:**                      Routine

**Need for referral to the Executive:**                      Not applicable.

**Presentational Issues:**                      None.

**Freedom of Information:**                      This submission is fully disclosable.

**Financial Implications:**                      None.

**Legislation Implications:**                      None at present.

**PSA/PFG Implications:**                      None at present.

**Statutory Equality Obligations:**                      Not applicable.

**Recommendation:**                      That you agree to the attached report (**Appendix I**) to be issued to the Assembly Research Office.

**Background**

In January 2010, DETI Energy Division commissioned a piece of research into the potential development of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat market. This work was carried out by AECOM Ltd and Pöyry Energy Consulting and part-financed through the European Regional Development Fund.

**AECOM and Pöyry Study into the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Market**

2. The research was commissioned to inform decisions on the future development and potential incentivisation of the renewable heat market. Primarily the work covered the following;
  - Provided up to date and accurate statistics on the current heat and renewable heat usage in Northern Ireland.
  - Produced a base heat map for Northern Ireland in a Geographic Information Systems format that identified high-level heat users and their location and highlighted heat demand and resource in NI.
  - Benchmarked Northern Ireland's renewable heat potential against Renewable Heat markets in GB, RoI and European Regions.
  - Considered and presented high level options on how the Renewable Heat market in Northern Ireland could be encouraged.
  - Assessed the need for an interim measure in Northern Ireland to stimulate the Renewable Heat market.
  - Made projections for an evidence-based target for renewable heat to 2020 for Northern Ireland.
3. The report is detailed, lengthy and technical in nature, therefore an Executive Summary, highlighting the findings and recommendations, was published on the DETI website when complete in July 2010. The full report was never published.
4. Under Freedom of Information the report would be disclosable and therefore I am content for this report to be issued to the Assembly Researcher's Office.

**Recommendation**

5. I recommend that you agree to the report (attached separately at Appendix I) being issued under a covering letter from the Departmental Assembly Liaison Officer.

(signed)  
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**Date: xx November 2011**

**To: NI Assembly Research Office**

**2010 RENEWABLE HEAT STUDY**

1. You had previously requested a copy of the 2010 study into the potential development of the Northern Ireland renewable heat market.
2. This report is attached at Appendix I for your information.

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**Appendix I (Attached Separately)**