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Subject: FW: Questions on RHI
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Michelle's answer to whether the 2015-16 RHI budget has any current risk and treasury engagement below.

The answer references their knowledge of spike - the forecast provided to dfp in October with assumption of closure at end march was £30m.

Trevor

From: Scott, Michelle
Sent: 04 February 2016 16:28
To: Cooper, Trevor
Cc: Brennan, Mike; Morelli, Emer; Brankin, Bernie
Subject: Questions on RHI

Trevor

You asked two questions about RHI – please see responses below.

Kind regards

Michelle

1. What is the risk on RDEL in the current financial year

We have not been notified of an AME control total in 2015-16 for RHI, the control totals as set out within the CST letter apply from 2016-17. Therefore all RHI expenditure in this financial year can be classified as AME.

2. When DFP first engaged with HMT

Following DETI and DECC's engagement over the Summer, DFP engaged with HMT at the beginning of October. The message from HMT at that stage was that AME forecasts for RHI should not include provision for any new installations beyond 31 March 2016 as the future of the RHI scheme would be determined as part of the November Spending Review (as per email to DETI 9 October 2015). At that time, while DFP was aware there had been increased uptake of the scheme, we did not have knowledge of the significant spike in applications which was reported to DFP in December 2015.

From: Scott, Michelle
Sent: 09 October 2015 11:16
To: Cooper, Trevor; Crockford, Francis; McFarlane, Iain; Ferris, Paul; Martinos, Aideen
Cc: Morelli, Emer; Millar, Angela (DFP); Benton, Sarah
Subject: URGENT - RHI AME requirements

Trevor

As you are aware CED has been in discussion with HMT on the future scope of the RHI scheme and specifically what should be incorporated into the AME forecast currently being provided.

From our initial engagement with HMT it is clear the ongoing commitment associated with this initiative has been greater than expected – both here and across the water. The intentions for the scheme going forward, and specifically the plans for any new investment (for new installations) post 2015-16, will be determined as part of the Spending Review (to be announced on 25 November).

In view of this the AME forecast being provided **today to HMT should not include provision for any new installation beyond that currently announced** i.e. up until 31 March 2016 for both elements of the RHI. For 2016-17 and beyond the forecast should only show the ongoing commitment in relation to payments of tariffs on renewable technology already installed (i.e. up to 31 March 2016).

I would therefore be grateful if any element of the forecast currently provided which relates to new installations in 2016-17 and beyond could be removed from the forecast. This is required urgently but will hopefully not cause too much of a problem.

There are clearly broader implications of this for the RHI as implemented by DETI which we will need to discuss – however I would be grateful if the team could review the AME return as outlined above urgently and this morning.

Many thanks

Michelle