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Mark,

Please see attached the DETI return for the above exercise.

Regards

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Annex A – Explanations of Material Changes since your AME Budget 2015 Return

Invest NI – Reallocation of £7m in 2016/17 and £6m in 2017/18 in relation to a further devaluation of assets charge and lease.

Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme – An unprecedented increase in uptake of the NI Non-Domestic RHI Scheme over the past 6-12 months has seen monthly application numbers double from June 14 to May 15 with over 600 applications now on the scheme. This increase has seen committed average monthly payments rise from £430k to £1.5m over the same period.

The majority of applications have been from the Poultry Industry for Biomass Boilers as the industry moves from LPG systems and builds new poultry houses. It is expected that a further 3-400 applications will come from the industry over the next 12-18 months. The forecast reflected incorporates the introduction of a tiered (reduced) tariff for the most popular biomass tariff which will see average annual payments to new applicants reduce from just under £31k to £14k. It is expected that this increase in renewable heating technologies will help NI achieve its 4% target before the end of 2015. Over the past few months NI RHI applications are running at 5% of the GB numbers, however, NI RHI funding is based on 2.98% of the DECC budget. Officials are therefore exploring if NI RHI allocation can be increased (above 2.98% allocation) to reflect the contribution it makes to overall GB Renewable Heating targets.