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Please find attached correspondence from Minister Arlene Foster MLA regarding Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme, for the attention of The Rt Hon Gregory Barker MP.

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Dear Gregory

EXTENSION TO THE RENEWABLE HEAT PREMIUM PAYMENT SCHEME

Thank you for your letter of 26 March 2013 advising on the progress of Phase 2 of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) in Great Britain and the proposed delay in the introduction of a domestic RHI scheme until Spring 2014.

I appreciate the complexities of designing the domestic RHI and the necessity of setting appropriate incentive levels to generate investment whilst remaining within the set budget. My Department is currently carrying out analysis work with the view to designing a domestic RHI scheme specific to Northern Ireland as well as expanding our commercial scheme to include more innovative technologies. This work will be informed by a public consultation process, currently scheduled for Summer 2013.

Whilst the Northern Ireland and Great Britain RHI schemes are separate, I think it would be of great benefit if our respective officials kept in close contact over the next few months as our respective development work continues. I note your intention to publish tariff levels in the summer and look forward to hearing more about your proposals.

Yours sincerely

ARLENE FOSTER MLA

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