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Subject: FW: URGENT AQ No. AQW 28127/11-15 : To ask the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment whether the Carbon Trust Loan Scheme is compatible with the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive.
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Please find attached response to AQW28127 – this has been cleared by Fiona Hepper.

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Please see AQW below. Due on 19th November.

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Cc: Sterling, David; Thomson, David; Rooney, Eugene; McCune, David; Aiken, Glynis; Private Office DETI; DG_DET1 Press Office; Assembly Liaison Unit; Dolaghan, Paul; Neth_Energy

Subject: URGENT AQ No. AQW 28127/11-15 : To ask the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment whether the Carbon Trust Loan Scheme is compatible with the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive.

DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT
ASSEMBLY QUESTION - NUMBER: AQW 28127/11-15

For Written Answer on 27/11/2013

Tabled By: Danny Kinahan

Constituency: South Antrim

Political Party: UUP

QUESTION IN FULL: To ask the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment whether the Carbon Trust Loan

Scheme is compatible with the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive.

Referred To: HEPPER FIONA (MRS) on 13/11/2013

Please provide draft reply and background note to alu@detini.gov.uk by 17:00 on 19/11/2013.

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ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS WRITTEN (AQW)

Due for answer on: Wednesday 27th November 2013

AQW No: 28127/11-15

Put Down By: Danny Kinahan

Political Party: UUP

Constituency: South Antrim

Question:

To ask the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment whether the Carbon Trust Loan Scheme is compatible with the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive.

Answer:

The issue of whether the Carbon Trust Loan Scheme is compatible with the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive is currently being considered by my department under the RHI dispute resolution procedures. The outcome of the review will be published on the DETI website in due course.

Arlene Foster MLA
Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

Date: _____

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS WRITTEN (AQW)

AQW No: 28127 /11-15

Background

1. The RHI scheme is administered by Ofgem and is underpinned by the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012. It is the responsibility of Ofgem to interpret and enact these Regulations in its role as scheme administrator.
2. On 1 November 2013, DETI received a formal request, under the dispute resolution process for the above scheme, to review a decision taken by Ofgem not to accredit an installation. The issue in question is whether an installation that has availed of a Carbon Trust 0% finance loan is eligible to receive the Northern Ireland RHI under the current Regulations which state that an installation must not be accredited unless the applicant confirms that

'no grant from public funds has been paid or will be paid or other public support has been provided or will be provided in respect of any of the costs of purchasing or installing the eligible installation'

3. Under the Review process, DETI has 30 working days to reach a decision or if that is not possible to provide an update. In seeking to resolve the situation we not only need to take into account the Agency Services Agreement with Ofgem and the views of Ofgem's legal advisors and the Departmental Solicitor's Office; we also need to consider the matter from the perspective of State Aid regulations
4. The decision or update will be published on the DETI website.

Reply prepared by: Fiona Hepper, Head of Energy Division x 29215
Further information available from: Joanne McCutcheon, Energy Division, x29425

SPECIAL ADVISER CLEARANCE:

Signed: _____

Date: _____