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John

Further to previous correspondence, is there an intent next year to commission work iro NIRHI? In particularly around current market analysis and costs and referencing State aid approval. I know we discussed with Ofgem and stage three after the two current reviews were affordable/VFM type review would be commissioned.

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**Subject:** Annex A - FW: Research and Analytical Requirements for 2016/17

Apologies – Annex A now attached.

Thanks

Linda

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**Subject:** Research and Analytical Requirements for 2016/17

Dear all,

Please find attached note from Chris regarding Research and Analytical Requirements for 2016/17.

Many thanks

Linda

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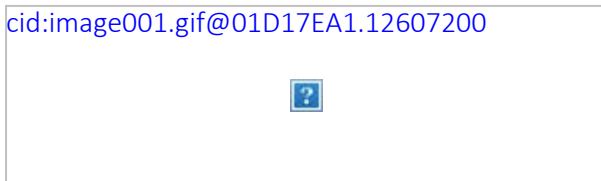
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**From:** Chris Stewart  
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**Date:** 15 March 2016

**To:** All Heads of Divisions

## RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR 2016/17

1. Analytical Services Unit (ASU) is responsible for meeting the analytical needs of all divisions within the department. ASU is now in the process of gauging needs for a 2016/17 research and analytical programme, and this provides an opportunity for DETI divisions to highlight potential work areas where analytical support and/or research is likely to be required. Our counterparts in DEL are undertaking a similar process in parallel.
2. The new Department for the Economy (DfE) will be created in May 2016 and I understand there will be many business areas facing considerable change and uncertainty during this time, which will make it quite difficult for some to plan for the year ahead. In completing this return, staff should consider upcoming analytical priorities they are currently aware of that would need completed regardless of who is in a current or similar post in DfE.
3. Attached at **Annex A** is an overview of research and statistical releases that ASU intends to deliver during 2016/17 in support of current DETI policy needs, and this is based on our existing knowledge of the likely requirements. This list will be delivered via internal ASU economists and statisticians, as well as through externally commissioned research (either from Ulster University Economic Policy Centre or a procurement process).
4. Business areas should consider whether this list captures their likely research and analytical requirements for the year ahead. Where business areas identify support needed during 2016/17 which is not listed here, they should complete a short return at **Annex B** for each individual request. ASU will still work with business areas throughout the year where new priorities emerge, but identifying them at this stage allows resources to be planned to ensure these requests are met.
5. Priority will be given to research and analysis which is “business critical” during 2016/17 whilst arrangements for the new department are still bedding in. The

parallel research agenda work in DEL and DETI will then be brought together within an interim 2016-17 DfE Research Agenda. Going forward the new DfE ASU will then engage with new DfE business areas early in 2017 to develop a full Research Agenda for 2017-20 to cover a wider range of priorities.

6. I would ask HODs to discuss with their HOBs and provide responses to [asu@detini.gov.uk](mailto:asu@detini.gov.uk) by **25 March 2016**. Any queries should be directed to Thomas Byrne (ext: 29230) or Alan McClelland (ext: 29777). ASU will be happy to facilitate a meeting to discuss proposals in advance of returns being made.

*CF Stewart*

**CHRIS STEWART**

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## DETI ASU RESEARCH PLANS 2016/17

### Complete ongoing 2015/16 projects

Title	Lead	Delivery	Timescales
Competing for FDI with Reduced Corporation Tax	Invest NI	PA Consulting	September 2016
Company Survey on Corporation Tax	DETI ASU (Econ)	Invest NI	May 2016
Attracting US FDI with Reduced Corporation Tax	DETI ASU (Econ)	DETI ASU (Econ)	May 2016
Horizon 2020 Benchmark Regions	DETI ASU (Econ)	DETI ASU (Econ)	June 2016
Analysis of Living Wage Implications	DETI ASU (Stats)	DETI ASU (Stats)	June 2016

### Start new 2016/17 projects

Title	Lead	Delivery	Timescales
Economic Impact of National Living Wage	DETI ASU (Econ)	UU Economic Policy Centre	September 2016
High Growth Firms Policy Paper	DETI ASU (Econ)	External (TBC)	September 2016
International Best Practice Update	DETI ASU (Econ)	DETI ASU (Econ)	August 2016
Science, Technology and Innovation Audit	DETI FHSU	External (TBC)	Unknown
Understanding NI's Export Base	DETI ASU (Econ)	DETI ASU (Econ / Stats)	December 2016

### Ongoing 2016/17 statistical releases

Title	Lead	Delivery	Timescales
Electricity consumption and renewable generation	DETI ASU (Stats)	DETI ASU (Stats)	June 2016
High growth firms update	DETI ASU (Stats)	DETI ASU (Stats)	December 2016

**RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS PRO-FORMA**

**1. Details on research or analysis needed**

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**2. Role required from ASU**

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**3. Likely timescales**

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**4. Urgency of proposed research (please mark one)**

Immediate business need  
Important for current policy  
Useful for policy development
