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SUB/532/2014:ETI COMMITTEE - RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTATIVE

The Minister has seen and read your submission of 16/10/2014 and is content.

NB: David McCune will arrange for this briefing to go to the ETI Committee.

Many thanks.

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Minister: For your consideration and if content approved please

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Date: 16 October 2014

To: 1. Andrew Crawford
2. Arlene Foster MLA

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RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE – UPDATE FOR ETI COMMITTEE

- Issue:** The ETI Committee is due to receive an update on the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive.
- Timing:** The Committee is expecting this update to be tabled for their meeting on 04 November; it therefore needs to be with the Committee Clerk by 28 October.
- Need for referral to the Executive:** None.
- Presentational Issues:** None.
- Freedom of Information:** Fully discloseable.
- Financial Implications:** None.
- Statutory Equality Obligations:** There are no Section 75 implications.
- PFG/PSA implications:** None.
- Legislation Implications:** None.
- Recommendation:** That you approve the issue of the RHI update to the ETI Committee. Draft is attached at Annex A

Background

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Phase 2 proposals

2. DETI has proposed to expand the current non-domestic scheme to include new technologies and to introduce a domestic version to cover domestic installations. These proposals were subject to public consultation between July – October 2013.
3. We have been primarily focussed on finalising the policy on the domestic RHI scheme and preparing for implementation. The scheme has received all required approvals including DFP and the ETI Committee and I will seek your approval to launch once the required legislation is finalised. You previously made an announcement about the scheme on 3 October
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Update on Renewable Heat Incentive

Background

1. The Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) is a DETI scheme that provides financial support to non-domestic renewable heat generators and producers of biomethane. The primary objective for the RHI is to increase the uptake of renewable heat to 10% by 2020 (baseline position of 1.7% in 2010).

Uptake under the non-domestic Renewable Heat Incentive

2. The first phase of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) was launched on 1 November 2012. This phase provides long term financial support for non-domestic properties wishing to switch from conventional heating to renewable heating solutions, such as biomass; heat pumps and solar thermal. Payments are made quarterly, for the lifetime of the installation (maximum 20 years) and are determined by the heat output of the installation and the relevant tariff for the technology installed.
3. The scheme is administered by Ofgem (the GB Utility Regulator) and as of 15 October 2014 they have received 308 applications. Of these applications 222 have been accredited. All but one of these applications are for solid biomass boilers, the other being for a ground source heat pump, and the majority have installation capacity in the 20-99 kWh range. The total capacity of the applications to date is in the order of 31.8 MW, with 18 MW accredited.

Uptake under the domestic Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP) scheme

4. The Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP) scheme was launched in May 2012 as a forerunner to a domestic RHI in NI. This scheme provides grant support to eligible domestic installations and is managed within Energy Division, DETI. As of 15 October 2014, 2082 applications have been received and Energy Division has issued offers to