



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development

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Dear Mr Robson,

Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme

At its meeting of the 09 February 2016, the Committee discussed the intention of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to close the renewable heat incentive scheme, announced by Minister Bell in a press release on 08 February 2016. The Committee expressed concern at the potential impact of the closure of this scheme on the local poultry industry.

The Committee agreed to write to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to ascertain the rationale for closing the renewable heat incentive scheme. The Committee also agreed to request details of any assessment of the potential impact of this closure on business carried out by DETI and what consultation with stakeholders took place prior to this decision being taken.

The Committee has written in a similar vein to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

I have copied this correspondence to the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment for its information.

Yours sincerely,

Stella McArdle
Clerk, Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development