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Jim

Please see attached DETI reply to ETI Committee queries on Renewable Heat Incentive raised at the meeting on 07/03/13.

The reply has been cleared by the DETI Minister.

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Briefing for ETI Committee

Briefing on the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) was provided to the ETI Committee for its meeting on the 7 February 2013. In the readout of matters arising, the Committee requested some further information.

Current Position – RHI – non-domestic

Phase 1 of the RHI is for non-domestic installations only and is being managed, on behalf of DETI, by the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem). Ofgem estimates that it has received around 150 enquiries from potential NI installations (since the scheme commenced in November 2012) and these enquiries have resulted in over 40 application packs being issued. The NI RHI register went 'live' on 1 February meaning that applications are now submitted on-line rather than via 'hard-copy'.

The application process requires the applicant to submit evidence which may include technical specifications of meters and boilers, schematics, planning consents, invoices, photographs and commissioning documents. For this reason there can be a delay between beginning the application process and receipt of full accreditation from Ofgem. As at 15 March 2013, Ofgem had received 9 applications, two of which have received full accreditation. Both accredited systems are biomass installations, the first was made on 25 February for an installation in Belfast and the second accreditation was made on 14 March for a system in Enniskillen. This level of applications and accreditation is in line with projections based on the GB experience. In addition we are aware that there are other projects in the pipeline which have not yet reached the application stage.

Current Position – RHPP – domestic

Currently domestic renewable heat installations are being encouraged through the Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP) scheme which is an interim arrangement prior to the launch of the domestic RHI.

The RHPP scheme, which was launched on 24 May 2012, is managed within Energy Division. As at 13 March 2013, 700 applications have been received and Energy Division has issued offers to 650 of these. This represents support of over £1.08 million and a total investment in the sector of £3.79 million.

Of the 650 vouchers issued, 305 have made claims to date. As at 13 March 2013, 177 claims amounting to a total of £257k have been paid.

Four types of technology are supported by the RHPP; Air Source Heat Pumps, Biomass Boilers, Ground Source Heat Pumps and Solar Thermal Panels.

The breakdown of offers and installations by technology is given in the table below.

Technology*	Offers of Support	Installations Made
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Air Source Heat Pumps	11%	9%
Biomass Boilers	48%	32%
Ground Source Heat Pumps	9%	10%
Solar Thermal Panels	32%	49%

** Different technologies have different lead in times which may account for the different technology splits between offers and installations*

Energy Division, DETI
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