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Private Office

Please see attached briefing from Fiona Hepper for the attention of the Minister.

Regards,

Laura McCoy

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DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT

URGENT - CORRESPONDENCE

Reference: COR/250/2012
Raised By: Paul Girvan

Subject: GRANTS FOR WOOD BURNERS

Referred To: HEPPEL FIONA (MRS) (Energy Branch)

Date Referred: 01/05/2012

ACTION REQUIRED

Please provide advice and a draft reply for signature by the Minister.

To be with Private Office not later than 09/05/2012 before Close of Play

For further information etc. contact :

Christine McLaughlin (Private Office)
Netherleigh House Tel : Ext 29222

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From: Fiona Hepper
Energy Division

Copy Distribution List Below

Date: 10 May 2012

To: 1. Andrew Crawford
2. Arlene Foster MLA

COR/250/2012: GRANTS FOR WOOD BURNERS

Issue: Alderman Paul Givan MLA's office has written to you, on behalf of a constituent, asking if the Department currently has, or has any intention to introduce, grants for wood burning stoves which use wood pellets.

Timing: Routine

Need for referral to the Executive: Not applicable

Presentational issues: None

FOI implications: None

Financial Implications: N/A

Legislation Implications: N/A

PSA/PFG Implications: A target for renewable heat is in the Programme for Government.

Statutory Equality Obligations: None

Recommendation: That you approve the draft response to Mr Givan which is attached at Annex B.

Background

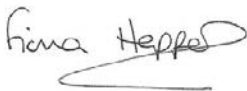
Alderman Paul Givan MLA's office has written to you regarding grants for wood burning stoves which use wood pellets. The letter is attached at **Annex A** for your information.

Current Position

2. DETI does not currently offer any grants towards wood burning stoves. The Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Premium Payments (RHPP) scheme and the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) will only cover wood burning technologies if they include boilers.
3. The Renewable Heat Premium Payment scheme will be launched shortly and will allow domestic consumers to obtain financial support towards installing biomass boilers, heat pumps and thermal solar panels. The Renewable Heat Incentive will be launched in two phases. The first phase which will include non domestic consumers will be launched as soon as State Aid approval is received. The second phase will include domestic consumers and possibly some additional technologies. Further preparatory work is required before the launch of this phase and we will need to liaise with DECC regarding timing. DECC has indicated that it will not be in a position to introduce the second phase before Summer 2013.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that you reply to Paul Givan and a draft letter is attached at **Annex B** for your consideration.



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E-mail from Paul Givan's office

Dear Sir or Madam

We have recently been contacted by a constituent regarding alternative forms of stoves/burners.

As a result of this I would be grateful if you could advise me if the Department has any intention to or currently has any grants open which relate to the use of wood burning stoves which use wood pellets.

Your assistance regarding this matter is greatly appreciated and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Scott Carson

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Draft letter to Alderman Paul Givan MLA

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Dear

RE: Availability of Grants for Wood Burners

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 May 2012 seeking information on the availability of grants for wood burning stoves for your constituent.

You may be aware that my Department recently held a public consultation on a Renewable Heat Incentive, details of the proposals are available on the DETI website. The purpose of the Renewable Heat Incentive is to encourage greater uptake of **renewable heating systems** in Northern Ireland. In light of responses to the consultation, some further analysis has been undertaken to inform the final policy position. I hope to make an announcement shortly regarding the final scheme and this will include details of eligible technologies and the levels of support.

I hope that you find this response helpful.

ARLENE FOSTER MLA**Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**