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

Regards,

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Fiona

Please see attached requests from David McCune in respect of queries raised by the Environment and Education Committees.

Thanks

John

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From: Fiona Hepper  
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Date: 16 July 2013

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**LMUOC 5/13            QUERY FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION IN  
RELATION TO THE RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE**

**Issue:**                            The Committee for Education has written to the Department seeking information on how schools might be able to avail of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

**Timing:**                            Routine

**Need for referral to the Executive:**    N/A

**Presentational issues:**            None

**FOI implications:**            This submission is fully disclosable.

**Financial Implications:**            None

**Legislation Implications:**        N/A

**PSA/PFG Implications:**            None

**Statutory Equality Obligations:**    None.

**Recommendation:**            That you approve the letter attached at **Annex A** from the Departmental Assembly Liaison Officer, David McCune, to the Clerk for the Education Committee.

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Dear Peter

### **Renewable Heat Incentive**

Thank you for your letter of 28 June 2013 regarding the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) and the potential for schools to avail of this mechanism.

The RHI supports the installation of renewable heating technologies such as biomass, solar thermal and ground source heat pumps, by providing ongoing incentive payments for the lifetime of the technology (up to a maximum of 20 years). The level of payment varies depending on the size and type of technology, and the amount of heat used by the building. Further information on the scheme can be found at [www.nidirect.gov.uk/rhi](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/rhi).

The basic process for availing of this support is as follows:

- Potential applicants consider the various eligibility standards of the scheme.
- Once content that the proposed installation would meet these standards the technology would be installed and the applicant would then apply to the scheme's administrators, Ofgem, for accreditation.
- Ofgem consider the relevant information to determine whether the installation meets all eligibility standards. Once content, Ofgem award accreditation.
- On a quarterly basis the applicant would supply Ofgem with data on heat usage that would be used to calculate the appropriate RHI payment.

School buildings would be eligible to apply for support under the RHI, as would further education colleges and university buildings. The RHI is for all non-domestic buildings and therefore schools could apply providing they meet the standard eligibility criteria. DETI is aware of a number of schools that have installed renewable heating technologies and would encourage schools to consider the benefits of renewable heating and the potential support available under the RHI.

Any questions relating to eligibility or the application process should be directed to the Ofgem ([RHI.Enquiry@Ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:RHI.Enquiry@Ofgem.gov.uk) or 0845 200 2122).

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28 June 2013

**Our Ref: PMcC/CMcN/785**

Dear David

**Renewable Heating Incentive**

At its meeting on 26 June 2013, the Committee for Education considered the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment's Renewable Heat Incentive.

The Committee agreed to write to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to seek information as to how schools can get involved and avail of the benefits of the Renewable Heat Incentive.

A response by 11 July would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter McCallion'.

**Peter McCallion**  
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