



with final response expected Summer 2014.

NIAUR announced launch of licence competition on 6 February (closed 6 May), with preferred bidder announcement expected Spring 2014 and formal licence award in Autumn 2014.

RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY

12% renewable electricity target by 2012 exceeded – currently approximately 19%.

Current renewable electricity generation is around 570MW – this is onshore wind and other technologies.

PfG 2015 target is 20% – on target – primarily but not solely onshore wind.

20% equates to circa 800MW of generation & 40% to circa 1600MW.

Increasing Renewables Obligation support levels for large scale ground mounted solar PV from 1 June 2014.

A review of small scale ROC levels is currently underway – intention is to consult in June 2014.

ELECTRICITY MARKET REFORM

Dedicated NI EMR project boards now established.

Further consultation with stakeholders will take place before the end of the year.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DIRECTIVE

UK wide transposition will be complete in May 2014.

Transposition date 5 June 2014 – NI Regulations to be laid by end May 2014.

ENERGY BILL

Policy work ongoing in advance of introduction of Bill to the Assembly.

RENEWABLE HEAT PREMIUM PAYMENTS

1804 1694 applications to date and support of over £2.29 million given or on offer.

£2.41

RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE

Phase 1 commenced 1 November 2012; provides long-term support for certain non-domestic renewable installations with payments based on metered output over the lifetime of the installation (up to 20 years).

At 6 May 2014, 169 142 applications received, 99 have received full accreditation.

A consultation on Phase 2 of scheme concluded in October 2013, with 50 responses received. It is proposed to include the domestic sector and additional technologies.

31st May 2014.

14 more accredited

27 submissions