

ENERGY EFFICIENCY BRANCH (STUART)**RHI Phase 1**

- Carbon Trust loan issue ongoing – Letter issued to Ofgem on interim arrangements for dealing with RHI applicants with CT loans and on using reasonable operating hours to project tariff payments (until Regulations are amended) – await response.
- Longer term plan is to amend Regulations to allow repayment of CT loan.
- Data sharing issue ongoing – Information Management investigating new service for data transfer and will report back to Energy Division shortly.
- Uptake under the scheme remains positive in comparison to GB figures.

RHI Phase 2

- Accountability & Casework confirmed DFP approval required in respect of domestic scheme although same pot of money (£25m) as original approval.
- Business Case revised to address Casework Committee comments/concerns. Clearance received by Finance Branch 23 July and papers submitted to DFP.
- Minister has approved policy. Response provided to ETI Committee on SL1 queries – awaiting clearance by ETI Committee Chair
- Anticipated dates – subject to SL1/Business Case clearance, Minister to announce scheme in August, migration of existing RHPP installations to commence shortly, open to new applicants in late Autumn.
- First draft of legislation has been prepared by Arthur Cox – currently being considered with view to writing to DSO in August.
- Terms and Conditions / Guidance documents for scheme being finalised prior to drawing up letters, application forms etc.
- Preparatory work for developing the administrative system being taken forward with IT colleagues –good progress being made.
- Trading Standards Case against Greenhouse Renewables adjourned 7 July – meeting with Trading Standards on 28 July and arranging meeting with MCS/DECC to discuss how affected households might be included in NI domestic RHI scheme.

Energy Efficiency

- Review of work needed to finalise policy on Energy Efficiency Obligation has indicated that it cannot be included in proposed Energy Bill due to timescale.
- Work underway to establish next steps in development of Obligation, including review of studies and legal advice to date.
- Stuart and Alison to discuss transfer of residual EED work/actions.

2015/16 Budgets

- DECC received budget of £430m for 2015/16, a DETI share of this would be the order of £10-12m, however no confirmation has been forthcoming.

Communications

- Meeting to be arranged with new G7/DP and Navigator Blue to discuss 2013/14 research findings and potential activity for 2014/15.