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Hi Aisling,

We haven't published a great deal of information in terms of uptake of the NI RHI to date, however do hope to release some figures shortly on both the RHI and the RHPP scheme for domestics. Happy to provide you with some figures or answer any queries you may have.

The big differences between the NI RHI and the GB scheme are probably that, in general, the NI tariffs are lower, installations are smaller and biomass is the technology of choice for most installers. The differences in tariffs results from DETI using a oil counterfactual in our calculations, therefore as the gap between oil and renewables is less than natural gas and renewables (and the savings for the consumer greater) the required tariff is less. The same methodology and same rate of return is used as in the GB RHI calculations.

The NI RHI has been in place since 1 November 2012 and to date has received 90 applications (all biomass), 60 have been accredited. The capacity of the applications is 12.5MW and the accredited heat capacity is 8MW. The table below shows the cumulative figures tracked against the GB figures (as per most recent stats published on DECC website). This shows that we are 2.5% of applications, 2.1% of accreditations but only 1.4% of accredited heat capacity, demonstrating that our installations tend to be smaller.

| | NI | | | GB | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| | Applications | Accreditations | Capacity | Applications | Accreditations | Capacity |
| October – December 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 407 | 398 | 68 |
| January – March 2013 | 9 | 8 | 0.617 | 962 | 874 | 168 |
| April – June 2013 | 28 | 23 | 3.928 | 1551 | 1418 | 291 |
| July – September 2013 | 50 | 35 | 5.047 | 2447 | 2061 | 424 |
| October 2013 – December 2013 | 80 | 54 | 7.464 | 3225 | 2586 | 515 |

NI is around 2.5-3% of UK heat demand and overall RHI budget so these figures are broadly in line, albeit they aren't really comparing like for like as the GB RHI launched nearly a year before the NI scheme. When looking at a very rough comparison between NI from launch to end January 2014 and GB RHI from launch to end January 2013 (i.e. a similar time period), the NI scheme performs quite favourably. In this comparison NI is 6.1% of applications, 6.9% of accreditations but only 4.6% of accredited heat capacity. These figures are in excess of the 2.5-3% that might be expected and seem to suggest that uptake in NI is happening at a faster rate compared to GB. However, given the scale of NI the numbers are still low. We are seeing an increase in applications quarter by quarter and

there is significant interest amongst stakeholders. DETI are currently running an advertising campaign to promote both the RHI and RHPP.

In terms of the RHPP, a brief overview is provided below.

| | Voucher Value | Total applications | | Total Vouchers returned for payment | |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Number | % share of technologies | Number | % share of technologies |
| ASHPs | 1700 | 172 | 11 | 83 | 10 |
| Biomass Boilers | 2500 | 752 | 50 | 377 | 44 |
| GSHPs | 3500 | 136 | 9 | 83 | 10 |
| Solar Thermal | 320 | 462 | 30 | 310 | 37 |
| | | | | | |
| Total | | 1522 | | 853 | |

This scheme started on 24 May 2012 so can't really be compared with the GB scheme. A rough comparison between the NI scheme and RHPP 2 and RHPP 2 extension in GB (similar time periods), has NI as 13.6% of applications and 11.3% of redeemed vouchers / installed technologies. The total heat capacity of the installed technologies is 12.3MW.

Hope this is helpful and provides an overview of both the NI RHI and the RHPP.

If you require anything more specific or have other questions let me know.

Thanks,

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Dear Peter

I am getting in touch with regard to the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive scheme. I am working in the RHI team at DECC and interested in finding out some of the differences between the two schemes in GB and in NI – and how the local renewable heat markets differ.

I wonder if you could direct me to some information. Also would it be possible to get recent uptake figures for the scheme? – I can't seem to find any for NI on the Ofgem site.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Aisling

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