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Dear all,

Luca, the case handler for the RHI scheme, just rang me. He asked about timing and I said ideally by April, but if it slipped a bit it would be manageable. Luca thought April was doable if there were no emergencies so that's good news.

He is currently working on the case, and we can expect some questions shortly. I said you were currently finalising tariff levels, and he advised us to get these in to the Commission ASAP because they will undoubtedly ask questions about tariff levels in any case, and they'd need details of the levels when drafting the decision. He said at this stage we look to have avoided some of the small problems we encountered later on with the UK RHI scheme. He said our papers provided quite a lot of information – so well done for the level of detail!

It would be helpful to get those tariff levels in as soon as you can, and think if we do this it could help move the process along.

Best wishes,

Rebecca

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Rebecca

I've just had a chat with Peter Hutchinson in Energy Division.

### 1. Re timing

Because the GB scheme started at the end of November, we are under pressure to get the NI scheme up and running. The longer we lag behind GB the greater the criticism. Publicly we have said we are aiming to commence the scheme in April 2012.

### 2. Re final tariff values

In the notification we said that there was some further analysis work on the tariffs and the assumptions contained within the methodology. This work is almost complete and by next Wednesday, I would hope to be in a position that we could tell the Commission (albeit subject to Ministerial approval) what the final tariff rates would be. I understand that whilst these are likely to be slightly more generous, they will still be well less than the GB rates.

### 3. Re legislation

The primary legislation was Westminster legislation, so all we need in NI is secondary legislation via an 'affirmative resolution'. Whilst this would require a vote in the NI Assembly, this shouldn't take too long, but this will not be arranged until we have State aid clearance.

So, the sooner we can get State aid approval the better.

Happy to discuss.

Stephen

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Stephen,

No response as yet on the RHI (NI). I am chasing again this week. Is this one for implementation in April? I can remind the Commission of the particular timing constraints when I speak to them.

Rebecca

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Rebecca

I understand from Kate that you are looking after our Renewable Heat Initiative notification.

Colleagues in Energy Division are getting a bit anxious as we haven't heard anything back yet from the Commission.

Its been a month now since we submitted the pre-notification, could you make a few enquiries please?

Many Thanks

Stephen

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Gemma

I appreciate that the UK has a lot of environmental cases in the system at present, but we would be keen to get build up some momentum on our Renewable Heat Initiative notification.

Any word yet?

If it would help, I will be over in Brussels on Wed 8th and Thur 9th Feb for the Regional Aid multilateral and I might be able to fit in a short meeting with the casehandlers.

Happy to discuss.

Stephen

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Kate

Many thanks

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Gemma's validated these now, so we should get an acknowledgement soon.

She informs me that there was an "invest NI development fund" GBER form which has also been done now.

Kate

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