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INCLUSION OF ENERGY DIVISION'S PROJECTS IN THE EUROPEAN SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAMME FOR NORTHERN IRELAND 2007-2013

1. Further to my letter of 10 October 2012, I confirm the addition of the following to Energy Division's list of schemes / operations, currently approved for inclusion in the European Sustainable Competitiveness Programme:

the appointment of external consultants to carry out studies in relation to (i) the development of a small scale Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) for Northern Ireland; and (ii) the development of Phase 2 of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

2. The updated list of Energy Division's current schemes/operations, and the amounts awarded, is therefore now as follows:

Project	Value
Action Renewables	£913,537
Common Arrangements for Gas	£40,000
Development of Renewable Energy Targets to 2020	£49,990
Development of an Appropriate Support Mechanism for Renewable Energy Development (NIRO)	£40,060
Development of a Renewable Heat Strategy and Associated Actions	£250,000
Offshore Wind and Marine Renewable Energy Strategic	£400,000



Environmental Assessment; consideration of “Resource Zones” and; the development of “Regional Locational Guidance”

A Study into Public Attitudes to Energy Consumption and Supply	£60,000
Sustainable Energy Communications Audit	£80,000
Uniting Sustainable Energy Communications in Northern Ireland	£36,000
Renewable Electricity Study into Electricity Market Reform (EMR) Proposals	£45,000
Energy Supplier Obligation Study	£83,448
Appointment of a Marketing Agency	£400,000
Appointment of external consultants to assist in the Development of long-term vision to 2050 for energy in NI	£65,000
Communities and renewable Energy Study	£50,000
Development of small scale Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) for NI	£60,000
Development of Phase 2 Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)	£85,000

3. I would emphasise Energy Division’s responsibility, as Intermediate Body, for ensuring expenditure against agreed profiles and ensuring that the necessary match funding is available and in line with allocations under the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) and the current Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland (ISNI), if relevant. Where changes are proposed these must be addressed through the normal Departmental processes such as Monitoring Rounds. Energy Division is responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of Managing Public Money Northern Ireland.
4. I should be grateful if you would continue to keep European Support Unit apprised of any proposed alterations (including financial allocations) to the above projects. If you have any questions, please contact Nuala Crossin.

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