

McNaught, Jonathan

From: Crawford, Andrew
Sent: 06 November 2014 17:56
To: Mills, John (DETI)
Cc: Hughes, Seamus; Wightman, Stuart
Subject: Re: Domestic RHI scheme

John

Pushing will only save a week or 2 so there is not much point. Content to proceed with timetable outlined below. Let me know if there is any further slippage

Thanks for the update

Andrew

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Mills, John (DETI)
Sent: Thursday, 6 November 2014 17:13
To: Crawford, Andrew
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Subject: Domestic RHI scheme

Andrew,

I wanted to keep you updated you on introducing the proposed Domestic RHI Scheme.

All the relevant policy and business case approvals for the scheme have been received from the Minister, the ETI Committee and DFP.

However the new scheme cannot be launched until the proposed Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations have been passed by the Assembly. These Regulations must be cleared by DSO before being laid before the Assembly.

Unfortunately due to current DSO workloads the draft Regulations have not yet been cleared. DSO has however provided assurances to DETI officials that the draft Regulations will be reviewed by the 14 November. This is frustrating as engagement with legal advisers over the last couple of weeks means the draft regs are largely agreed with only a couple of relatively minor issues outstanding.

We can try to escalate with DSO if you wish. I don't think this will get us very far. We've already asked our principal adviser to prioritise this above any other energy division issues and any new advisor would need time to get up to speed.

Subject to DSO clearance, we would hope to lay the regulations before the Assembly during w/c 24/11/14. A Motion to pass the draft Regulations will have to be tabled by the Minister and debated in Plenary. A Submission and briefing on this will follow – we would anticipate this being the 1 or 2 December. If the Motion is passed, the Regulations come into force that day and the Domestic RHI scheme goes live.