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QUESTION**

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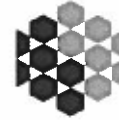
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Background

1. The Department for the Economy (DfE) has projected a funding deficit of circa £30 million for the Renewable Heat Incentive scheme in this financial year. The Department registered an inescapable pressure of £20 million as part of the 2016-17 June Monitoring exercise.
2. No allocation was made to DfE for RHI against this pressure, reflecting the Executive's position that every effort should be made to reduce this pressure.
3. As part of October Monitoring, DfE reallocated £5.6 million of departmental funds towards the RHI pressure.
4. Taking account of the £20 million set aside for RHI, the Executive concluded the October Monitoring round with an overcommitment on Resource DEL of £27.4 million. It is anticipated the Executive will revisit the RHI pressure in the January Monitoring round.

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