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TOPIC: RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE

LINES TO TAKE:

- The Renewable Heat Incentive is the responsibility of the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, and therefore the future operation of the scheme is a matter for Minister Bell.

IF PRESSED ON BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

- It will be for the Enterprise Minister in the first instance to consider how the financial implications of the increased uptake of RHI can be addressed.

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LINES TO TAKE:

- While the uptake of Renewable Heat Incentive schemes has been very successful this demand means we now face significant budgetary pressures.
- With over 4,700 renewable heating installations incentivised to date, uptake has been higher than Great Britain in percentage terms. We have exceeded the Executive's 2015 target of 4%, with around 6% of Northern Ireland's heating needs now provided through renewable heating technologies, though this has now led to a significant overspend.
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- In the circumstances there was no choice but to close the scheme to prevent further overspend. Regulations to facilitate closure of the scheme were approved by the Assembly on 15 February and the scheme closed to new applications at 11.59 pm on Monday, 29 February.
- The immediate priority was to prevent further financial pressures in the short term. Now that this has been achieved, consideration will be given to wider proposals on the scheme's long term future.