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Trevor

When we met yesterday to discuss the RHI budget pressures, you mentioned a ROCs issue which we also briefly touched on in our phone conversation earlier today.

While from a DFP perspective we were aware of changes in ROCs via the implications for SUPL projects, we had not previously engaged from a DETI energy policy perspective.

I am now trying to get a high level understanding of the issues, and from a DFP perspective to answer the key question - **are there any budgetary implications to the NI Block of any of the policy decisions being considered?**

As I understand it, there are no costs to the NI Block (DEL or AME) arising from the current operation of NIRO.

The proposal is to close the NIRO to all non-wind technologies from 31 March 2017. This proposal is inline with changes in GB, as are the grace period proposals.

Your Minister announced in June 2015 that he would not follow the Westminster policy to close the Renewables Obligation across Great Britain to new onshore wind projects only from 1 April 2016.

Clearly I am at a distance from this, however I would be grateful if you could confirm how any deviations from GB policy iro the renewable obligations will be funded.

Many thanks

Michelle