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Subject: Issues arising from ETI Committee meeting on 23 June

David

Please see below the issues arising from the ETI Committee meeting on 23 June:

Chairperson's business

- In relation to the meeting of 30 June; members agreed to start at 10am rather than 10.30am.

Invest NI

- Members agreed to receive a written briefing on the end year flexibility for Invest NI's budget.
- Members agreed to receive information on how the Committee can help support the continuation of SFA.
- Members agreed to receive information on Invest NI's views on the EU consultation for venture capitalism.

DETI Energy

- In relation to the letter from the Minister regarding IME3; members agreed for the Chair to respond (**please see attached letter, hard copy to follow**).

SL1: Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (NI) 2011

- Content and no comment.

Role of Tourism as an Economic Driver

- Members agreed to address this at next week's meeting.

PSA Monitoring Framework

- Members agreed to address the red ratings for tourism at next week's meeting.

Proposals to Amend the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (NI) 1997 (RIDDOR)

- Members noted and agreed to receive a summary of responses from the Department when they become available.

Correspondence

- In relation to the briefing for APD; members agreed to ask which governmental body(ies) responded to the consultation.

Outstanding requests

From 16 June meeting:

- In relation to the DETI Research Agenda; members agreed to receive information from the Department on how the findings from the research will be integrated into the economic strategy. In particular, in relation to the findings regarding encouraging business growth in small economies and developing competitive indigenous companies in conjunction with FDI; how the new economic strategy will encourage growth for SMEs and indigenous businesses.
- In relation to a letter from the PAC regarding the funding of £4.8m towards a new film studio beside the Paint Hall; members agreed to write to the Minister to receive information on why the Accounting Officer was unable to support the project on the grounds of value for money and uncertainty as to viability (**letter attached, hard copy to follow**).
- In relation to the request for information regarding petroleum exploration in West Fermanagh, I understand that DETI is working on a query regarding this already through a request by Assembly Research. However, there are some additional things that the Committee agreed to seek as well in relation to the licence, relating to that research request. Those are: What consultation took place with the public, NIEA, DOE and DARD? What are the financial terms of the agreement/licence (with the company or Treasury, etc.)

From 9 June meeting:

- In relation to correspondence received from the Committee for OFMDFM regarding the Review of Arm's Length Bodies, members agreed to forward the letter to the Department for comment.

From 2 June meeting

- In relation to the estimated cost of cutting corporation tax and the cut to the block grant; members agreed to receive information on how long it would take to recover that "real money" from a loss to point of breaking even/gain.
- Members agreed to receive details of substantive reduced requirements from the Department on an on-going basis as and when they inform DFP.
- Members agreed that papers for future monitoring rounds may be at the Committee Office on the Monday prior to the meeting at which they will be considered rather than having to adhere to the 5-day requirement agreed in the Executive's Departmental Guidance on Assembly Committees – with assurances from the Department that they will adhere to this deadline.
- In relation to correspondence regarding the Foyle Cup; members agreed to receive information on the funding for the Foyle and Milk Cup: what the criteria is for receiving funding; how the Foyle Cup did not meet the criteria and what will be done to ensure that they get help to get funding.
- In relation to FITs; members agreed to receive more information on the possible reform of FITs and Electricity Market Reform (EMR).

From 26 May

- In relation to credit unions; members agreed to receive a written briefing with an update on credit union reform in NI.
- In relation to air passenger duty; the Minister indicated that she would want to come back to the Committee to provide an oral briefing to members when more is known.

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