

From: Yim, Sohui

Sent: 01 July 2011 12:01

To: McCune, David <David.McCune@detini.gov.uk>

Cc: McManus, Jim <Jim.McManus@niassembly.gov.uk>; McKee, David <David.McKee@niassembly.gov.uk>; McDowell, Michelle <Michelle.McDowell@niassembly.gov.uk>; 'Murray, John' <John.Murray@detini.gov.uk>; Haughan, Anthony <Anthony.Haughan@detini.gov.uk>; 'Clarke, Rosie' <Rosie.Clarke@detini.gov.uk>

Subject: Issues arising from ETI Committee meeting on 30 June

David

Please see below the issues arising from the ETI Committee meeting on 30 June:

NITB

- Members agreed to receive the contact details of the 3 witnesses (I believe Jim is liaising with you on this).

SR 2011/209 Tourist Establishments (Notices, Certificates and Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

- Members were content and the question was read.

SL1: The Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 and Office Shop Premises Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

- Content and no comment.

SL1 The Petroleum (Consolidation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1929 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

- Content and no comment.

SL1 Proposed Electricity (Published Criteria for Generating Station) Regulations (NI) 2011

- Content and no comment.

Renewable Heat Incentive

- Members agreed to receive the outcomes of the consultation when they become available, before the final scheme is developed and finalised by the Department.

Social Economy Enterprise Strategy

- Members agreed to receive a written briefing after the independent review of the social economy sector with a view to considering an oral briefing from the Department and the Social Economy Network (SEN) on the report findings.
- Members agreed to forward the annual report to the relevant statutory Committees for information.

Consultation on the potential for extending the natural gas network in Northern Ireland

- Members agreed to receive a summary of consultation responses from the Department.

2011

Consultation on the Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations (Northern Ireland)

- Members agreed to receive a summary of consultation responses from the Department.

Renewable Energy Inquiry

- Members agreed to receive additional information on the Department's response by 31 August.
- **Jim will send you a separate email on this.**
- Members agreed to forward to the relevant committees for information.

Correspondence

- In relation to the Letter from the Minister to the Chair regarding Electricity Market Reform (EMR); members agreed to receive the outcomes of DETI's review on the potential impact of the EMR proposals on NI when they become available.
- In relation to a letter from the Committee for Social Development regarding DETI's involvement in fuel poverty; members agreed to forward to the Department for comment (**please see attached**).

Outstanding requests**From 23 June meeting:**

- In relation to 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.
- In relation to 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.

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.

- 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 2 June meeting

- 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.

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.

Sohui Yim
Assistant Assembly Clerk
Committee for Enterprise, Trade & Investment
Room 375
Parliament Buildings
Ballymiscaw
Stormont, Belfast BT4 3XX
Tel: (028)90 521623
email: sohui.yim@niassembly.gov.uk