

To: Committee Members

From: Jim McManus, Committee Clerk

Date: 21st November 2011

Subject: Oral Briefing – Renewable Heat Incentive

Purpose

1. The purpose of this session is for the Committee to consider the outcomes of the Department's consultation on the Renewable Heat Incentive.

Background

2. In 2010 the coalition government offered £25m to NI to implement a renewable heat incentive (RHI). In light of this, the DETI Minister tabled a legislative consent motion in March 2011 that would allow Northern Ireland to legislate for and create an RHI. The Department launched a public consultation over the summer to receive views on the proposals. It is envisaged that an appropriate scheme will be in place starting April 2012.

Summary of Content/Clerk's Analysis

3. Papers for this oral briefing did not arrive in the Committee Office on time to be included in members' papers. If papers are issued by the Department before Thursday's meeting, they will be tabled at the meeting along with a suggested line of questions.
4. Included in members' papers are responses to the consultation from Manufacturing NI and from a member of the public.