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Subject: Issues arising from the ETI Committee meeting on 26 January

David,

Please see below issues arising from the ETI Committee meeting on 26 January:

Matters Arising

- In relation to a letter from GT Energy regarding the RHI and geothermal energy; members agreed to forward the letter to the Department for its views and comment on GT Energy's suggestions (please see attached).

NITB: Oral briefing

- In relation to targets for number of tourists and tourism spend in 2012; members agreed to receive the anticipated figures when they become available.

Forward work programme

- In relation to an oral briefing on the Renewable Heat Incentive and gas network extension project; members agreed to defer this briefing on the 22 March, as requested by the Department.
- In relation to scheduling of oral evidence sessions for the Research & Development Inquiry; members were content with the Department's proposals in relation to the sequence of sessions for DETI, Invest NI and InterTradeIreland (Could you please confirm if DETI officials are available on 22 March and Invest NI and InterTradeIreland officials on 29 March).

AOB

- In relation to correspondence to Invest NI from a member of the public; members agreed to forward the correspondence to the Department for confirmation that Invest NI follows the appropriate procedures in the recruitment process (a brief outline of requirements would be helpful – please see attached).

Outstanding requests

From 19 January

- In relation to the SEF; members agreed to receive the detailed implementation plan for the years 2012-2015 to ensure that Northern Ireland is compliant with EU electricity model by 2016.
- In relation to correspondence from the Committee for Environment on Renewable Fuel Targets; members agreed to forward to the Department for a direct response to the Committee for Environment, copied to this Committee.

- In relation to a query from member of the public regarding the Renewable Heat Incentive; members agreed to forward the query to the Department for a direct response to the inquirer.
- In relation to the research and development inquiry; members agreed to provide InterTradeIreland, Invest NI and DETI with details of emerging issues before they give evidence.

From 12 January

- In relation to the US Open in San Francisco; members agreed to seek whether Tourism Ireland will have a presence during the event.
- In relation to the January Monitoring Round:
 1. to the Jobs Fund; members agreed to receive information on how much of the fund that has been spent to date and the number of jobs that it has created.
 2. to the £5.6m; members agreed to ask that the Committee be informed if/when the money can be used by Invest NI.
- In relation to the Draft Comprehensive Action Plan for Draft Economic Strategy; members agreed to await submissions and consider the issue again at the meeting of 9 February.

From 15 December

- In relation to better access to finance for businesses; members agreed to receive information on whether there is a role for credit unions to lend to businesses.

From 8 December

- In relation to the Department leading a working group to consider a support model for Northern Ireland companies to better access FP7 and to consider the approach to Horizon 2020; members agreed to ask the Department to provide the Committee with details of the outcomes of the working group to date and any recommendations the Group has brought forward.

From 24 November

- In relation to the update on progress of the recommendations in the Renewable Energy Inquiry report; members agreed:
 1. To ask that the Department forward a copy of the cost benefit analysis paper on energy vires and the roadmap for the long-term vision for renewable energy to the Committee following the SEIDWG meeting on 30th November.
 2. To receive more detail on the proposal to organise a seminar on educating the financial sector on the long-term security of renewable energy and to obtain the Department's views on the impact of a Feed-in Tariff on lender confidence in renewable energy projects.
 3. To ask that the Department inform the Committee as soon as the outcome of consideration of the Green New Deal business proposal by the interdepartmental working group is known.

From 15 September meeting:

- In relation to the Renewable Energy Inquiry:
 1. In relation to DETI's planned study into best options for the introduction of a form of "energy supplier obligation" in NI; members agreed to receive this from the Department and forward it to the Committee for Social Development when the reply is received.
- In relation to the Committee for Finance and Personnel's letter on the end year flexibility scheme; members agreed to forward this letter to the Department to ask how the budget exchange scheme will impact on its work and how the proposal for the Minister for DFP would impact on its work.

From 23 June meeting:

- 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.

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ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM MEETING ON THE 26 JANUARY 2012

ACTION	MEETING	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS
POST MEETING				
Update Committee Database and check Database entry		MD	M/D	
Forward tabled/additional papers to absent members		MD	M	
Arrange for agreed minutes of last meeting to be signed & posted on the Internet. Copy to DETI Press Office and email to +website assist update		MD	M	
Ensure full copy of pack/tabled papers held in cabinet		MD	M	
DALO's email		Thursday	S/K	
Draft minutes		Friday	D/S/K	
Update FWP and post to website		Friday	M	
Update Progress Diaries with Minute extracts		Wednesday	D	
PRE MEETING				
Draft Agenda	Previous week	Wednesday	D/S/K	
Add meeting details to Committee database (i.e. agenda items, witnesses etc, Hansard & Doorkeepers required).	Previous week	Wednesday	M	
Prepare meeting pack (photocopy papers, compile folders and tabs)		Friday	M	
Issue meeting pack		Monday	M/D	
First Draft of Chair's Brief		Monday	D	
Send any relevant papers and business diary to Hansard		Monday	D	
Email members re attendance at Committee meeting		Monday	M	
Draft Chair's Brief		Tuesday	S/K	
Previous week's minutes printed on Ivory paper, give to Asst. Clerk		Tuesday	M	
Respond to Notice of Forthcoming Business		Tuesday	D/J	
Tabled papers and nameplates		Wednesday	M	
Email MA + Correspondence Indices to DALO and cc.JMM and SY		Wednesday	M	
Copy agenda & Chair's brief to Damien Martin and John Stewart (agenda only)		Wednesday	D	
Advise MMD of informal meetings to keep database updated			All	

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ACTION	MEETING	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS
Forward Green New Deal to Environment Committee	19/1	26/1	S	
Follow up Bombardier invitation for Alban and Robin - register	26/1	27/1	D	
Letter to Sue Ramsey re thanks	26/1	27/1	D	
Forward memo and letter to OFMDFM	26/1	26/1	D	
Forward response to ARD committee re draft business plan	26/1	26/1	M	
Contact Greg Irwin re oral briefing	26/1	30/1	S	
Contact John Simpson re oral briefing	26/1	27/1	J	
Get report on NS Interconnector for Members' Info	26/1	27/1	M/D	
Email members re NIABT briefing on social media	26/1	27/1	M	
Senate Chamber meeting on 9 Feb – let Pi, Eurest and Doorkeepers know	26/1	1/2	M/D	
Briefing paper for Smart Grid Ireland	26/1	30/1	J	
Research and Development Inquiry	MEETING	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS
Contact SEMTA re written evidence to inquiry	19/1	26/1	F	
Follow up with InterTradeIreland and Invest NI Business by telephone re written evidence	19/1	27/1	F	
Enquire to councils re companies they requested feedback from	19/1	1/2	F	
Follow up Uni of Ulster re written evidence	26/1	1/2	S	
Number 10 in rapporteur – sort out	19/1	2/2	S	
Speak to Robin re interviews and his availability then contact organisations	19/1	2/2	F	
Follow up with UCD re written evidence	19/1	1/2	F	
Complete inquiry evidence spreadsheets	19/1	2/2	F	
Update members' inquiry folders	26/1	30/1	M	
Visits	MEETING	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS
Organise Almac Visit	26/1	8/2	D/M	
Organise SERC visit	26/1	15/2	D/M	
Organise NISP visit	26/1	7/3	D/M	

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