

David

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

- In relation to the Go for It Programme the Committee welcomed the progress and wants to receive any revised Terms of Reference.
- In relation to Northern Ireland Credit Unions is a letter from the Chair to the Minister regarding outstanding recommendations from the previous Committee's inquiry. (see attached)
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Outstanding Requests

- In relation to draft planning policy statement PPS16: Committee is content not to invite the Department of Environment as previous concerns seem to have been addressed.
- In relation to the draft Tourism Strategy for NI: It was agreed by the Committee to ask the Department to identify the 9 proposed key tourism areas.
- In Relation to FSA Regulations of Credit Unions written brief: It was agreed by the Committee to write to the Minister in relation to a number of issues arising from the research paper. (Copy Attached)
- In relation to SL1 Renewable Heat Regulations: The Committee have asked the Department for more details on:
 - incentives for domestic installations (Regulation 15 (1))
 - 15 (2) payment to participants, levels of tariffs and how these will be calculated (Regulation 37)
 - the timeline
 - a summary of the consultation responses
- In relation to SL1 Control of Asbestos Regulations: The Committee is content.
- In relation to Draft DETI Research Agenda 2012-15: The Committee agreed to ask the Department for the number of tourism visits to the RoI and its contribution to the economy since 2008 in comparison to NI.
- Funding for National Museums NI: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister to bring to this issue attention of the Executive.
- The Committee's agreed to receive an oral briefing from Trading Standards Service regarding its survey into the lending practices of payday loan businesses and action it is taking as a result of the findings.
- The Committee is content to receive an oral briefing from Invest NI on the 31 May.

Correspondence

- Attached is correspondence received from the Environment Committee on scrutiny of the Marine Bill. The Committee is seeking a response from the Department. (Attached).

Proposed Amendments to Insolvency Law

- Members agreed to request an oral briefing on the proposals following consultation.

16 February

- Regarding a letter from the Mount Conference Centre on Civil Service use of non-public sector premises. The Committee agreed to ask the Department if officials are aware of the policy and are implementing it and what they understand the rationale for the policy to be.

From 2 February

- In relation to the infraction proceedings by the European Commission on CAG; members note that the Minister's officials will contact the Clerk to arrange a suitable time to brief the Committee (would be grateful if you would follow this up and let Jim know the suitable dates).
- Also in relation to the CAG project; members agreed to obtain information on the latest date that the arrangements can be in place in order to avoid the possibility of a fine being imposed and how soon the legislation is expected to come into effect.

From 26 January

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

From 24 November

- In relation to the update on progress of the recommendations in the Renewable Energy Inquiry report; members agreed:
 1. 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.

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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