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Tim/Jonathan

Suggest the following as the justification for taking exceptional action to make sure this legislation goes through:

Lines

- It is essential that legislation to close the current scheme (the NI Renewables Obligation) for subsidising renewable electricity is enacted;
- This will give certainty to developers and their investors to enable them to take firm decisions on their projects;
- If we are not able to provide this certainty swiftly we risk losing significant investment with the associated risk to jobs;
- If we do not bring subsidies to an orderly close in line with UK policy we risk the full cost of schemes falling on households and businesses in NI with significant increases in electricity bills.

Background

The legislation to close the NI Renewables Obligation is being taken forward in two stages with the first piece of legislation covering non-wind projects; a future order with cover wind projects. The reason for the two stages is to take account of delays in the finalisation of onshore wind policy in GB which could impact on the costs paid by consumers in NI.

Thanks

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