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Thanks for giving Joanne a ring. We've offered to speak to DETI procurement directly to get over the issue (which still seems to be an understanding of the capacity outsourced legal advise would work under).

Kind regards  
David

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**From:** Matthew Harnack  
**Sent:** 01 March 2012 15:08  
**To:** Robert Hull; Stuart Cook; Catherine McArthur; David Fletcher; Luis Castro  
**Subject:** NI RHI update

Hi all,

I've just spoken to Joanne McKutcheon of DETI to get an update on the approvals of NI RHI. She has said that it will go to their Casework Committee for formal endorsement on Friday next week, which is the final step before the Minister approves it. Subject to a yes at that Committee, they expect the Minister to approve it the following week (they have already written the submission for the Minister and have briefed her to get her comfortable with the decision).

She says that as far as she is aware there are no more issues/queries to resolve around the use of Ofgem. She has had to work to convince the procurement team to endorse a single source approach, particularly where we outsource legal advice, but with our help has put the best case forward she can. She says that the procurement team are unlikely to give unqualified endorsement, but I get the feeling that they should on the whole endorse the approach of using us. Ultimately the decision is for the Minister of course. Again I get the feeling that it is likely the answer will be a yes.

I finished the call by noting we will need to rebaseline the delivery timeline, and may need to work around the Olympics.

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