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Hi Ruth,

I understand Jonah has had some problems getting your time in order to finalise figures for the legal resources needed for the NI RHI Feasibility and Development phases (or conversely to agree the restrictions we'd need to put on our legal support activities to be able to limit consulting spend in order to keep 2012/13 consulting spend below £100k). As the Feasibility Study has to go to Bob for approval this Friday followed by submission to DETI the following Friday, we really need to reach a conclusion on this as soon as possible.

Obviously we don't want to create the figures in a vacuum and thereby sign up to something unachievable, and at the same time we really need to try and contain the costs so that we can deliver this for a cost that's acceptable to DETI (i.e. keep 2012/13 consultancy to £100k max.). So I'd be really grateful if you could find some time between now and COP Thursday to work with Jonah to finalise the figures. Jonah is acting in a Band D position in taking forward this study, so Bob and I are relying on him to resolve most of the issues directly without referring to us. As I'm on leave from Friday (inclusive) it also makes it harder for me to find time to help out. Grateful if you could find time before the end of the week to work with Jonah to reach a conclusion on the numbers to submit and the conditions, at a cost acceptable to DETI.

Thanks

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