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ENERGY CONSULTATION

ENERGY INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES (EIIs)

Relief for EIIs from the Indirect Costs of the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation (NIRO)

QUESTION AND ANSWER TEMPLATE

LAUNCH DATE: 10 FEBRUARY 2022

RESPOND BY: 07 APRIL 2022

How to Respond

The consultation will be open for 8 weeks and close at **5.00pm on 07 April 2022**. All responses, marked 'Energy Intensive Industries Consultation' should reach the Department on or before that date and should be forwarded by email to: energyintensive@economy-ni.gov.uk

While general views are welcome we would, in particular, appreciate views from businesses that are active in one of the classification codes set out in Tables 1 and 2 at Annex A of the consultation.

Personal Details

Name:

Email Address:

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide the name of your organisation/company.

- 1)** Have you any evidence to suggest that DfE's estimate of additional costs to other consumers may be incorrect?

- 2) If DfE was to proceed with an Exemption Scheme, how might it ensure that the fuel poor are protected from additional hardship?

- 3)** Do you agree that EIIs in Northern Ireland should continue to receive relief from the costs of the NIRO?

Select only one item

Yes

No

Please state the reasons for your answer?

4) Do you agree with the options considered by DfE for continuing to offer relief to EIIs from the indirect costs of the NIRO?

Select only one item

Yes

No

Please state the reasons for your answer?

If you do agree, which is your preferred option and why?

If you do not agree, are there other options that DfE should have considered?

- 5) For non-exempt businesses, to what extent do you think the estimated increase in electricity bills will affect competitiveness and decisions regarding output, employment and investment? Please provide evidence and a quantification of the impact.

- 6) If the UK Government decides to widen eligibility for EII Relief from renewable support schemes, do you agree that a similar arrangement should be made in relation to any Northern Ireland scheme?

Select only one item

Yes

No

Please state the reasons for your answer?

Draft Impact Assessments

Draft impact assessments (IAs) have been published alongside this consultation document. The IAs provide estimates of the benefits and costs of the proposed options.

Consultation Questions

- 7) Are there other impacts that DfE has failed to take into account when considering this matter and which would have a material effect on the way forward?

Select only one item

Yes

No

- (a) What are they and how do you think they will impact?
(b) Please provide evidence to support that view?

Thank you for taking the time to read and respond to this consultation document. The Department appreciates your responses.

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Following the end of the consultation, the Department will publish a consultation report summarising responses received in an aggregated format. This report may include anonymised direct quotes from your response. Personal information that you provide in your response will not be published in the consultation report.

However any information provided in responses, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 or the Data Protection Act 2018 if the Department receives such a request for information.

Please note that the response boxes are expandable to allow you to provide as much evidence as possible.

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