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From: Richard Browne
Sent: 14 January 2008 13:50
To: 'Halpin Tom'
Subject: RE: Expenditure Profile; D1 Energy Conservation Sub Head; SEI

Tom,

Sara and I met with David earlier – you can expect email incoming shortly on the subject

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Sent: 14 January 2008 13:50
To: Richard Browne
Cc: Sara White; Martin Finucane; Maria Scully; Taylor David; Maguire Josephine; Kelleher Majella; Kennedy Matthew
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Richard,

Many thanks for the response and I know that you were in contact with Josephine this AM (unfortunately I am in meetings all day today).

We acknowledge the concerns of DCENR but reiterate that the great difficulty we have remains, and at present believe it to be imprudent, to submit a profile to DCENR which contradicts what we believe to be the likely outturn. It's important to point out that the intelligence engaged applies to behaviours witnessed within the scheme in the final quarter of 2007 and relates to both Phase I and II (much of 2008 spend is based upon commitments made under Phase I)

We have received your request, but need to now consider with the CEO and management team what the possible resolution of this matter is and this may require further dialogue with you and your colleagues.

We will revert at the earliest opportunity.

Regards

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Tom,

Thanks for the detailed profiles.

As we discussed previously, the Department feels that it is far too soon to reallocate the 26m from GHS. We understand your position completely as to your current evaluation of likely spend, however, as previously indicated we feel that it is premature to take a decision on this in the light of the relatively limited experience of Phase II to date. On that basis, we would prefer to wait until the end of Q1 to take any decision on this reallocation in order to allow a full and comprehensive analysis of likely demand to take place.

The fact that much of the reallocation you have proposed falls towards the end of 08 will of course assist in any re-allocation of funding at a later stage.

On that basis, I suggest that a revised profile would be appropriate, allocating the entire 26m to GHS. It can, of course, be accompanied by a note to the effect that the GHS will be subject to an evaluation before end Q1.

We're going to be under a significant amount of time pressure today to get these figures (for D1 and D3) to Finance Unit by the end of the day. We're meeting internally to discuss these figures at 14:00, hence it would be most helpful if we could resolve any outstanding issues over this element of this divisions spend before then.

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Attachments: Profile 2008 Template- summary-3 lines.xls

Dear Richard,

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In the light of all of the issues which you rightly point out need to be resolved before detailed programme budget allocations and profiles can be finalised and given your indicated requirement for profiles this afternoon, we believe it prudent to provide you with monthly profiles based on the 4 lines as set out in the official "Profile Template" provided by Finance for completion, namely Pay, Non Pay, D1 capital and D3 capital.

We trust you will find this in order and we look forward to working with you in the coming weeks to finalise detailed profiles by programme

Best Regards
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Attachments: Alternate High Level Profile RB 17108.xls; Alternate Profile RB 17108.xls

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With respect to your draft detailed profiles we can work to these on a monthly progress basis for final review not later than 31st March.

You should expect to receive a drawdown request for January this PM and we would ask that it be processed at your earliest convenience in order that we can discharge payment requests / invoices and effect payments / spend for the month.

Thanks and regards

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