Energy and Climate Change: Renewable Energy

Written Answers

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To ask the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change how much his Department invested in (a) solar, (b) wind, (c) hydro, (d) marine, (e) biomass and (f) geothermal energy in each of the last five years.

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The Department does not record its financial support for renewable technologies in the format requested. Support for renewable generation is provided under the Renewable Obligation (RO), Feed-in Tariff (FITs) scheme, Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP) and Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

The RO is administered by Ofgem and provides market based support for large scale deployment of renewable energy generation. Ofgem publishes an annual report outlining support provided under the RO, which can be viewed online at:

http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/RenewablObl/Pages/RenewablObl.aspx

Ofgem also administers the Feed-in Tariff (FITs) scheme which supports small scale low carbon generation. Details regarding the cost of the FITs scheme can be found in the FITs annual report, produced by Ofgem, which can be viewed online at:

http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/fits/ad/Pages/ad.aspx

The RHPP administered by the Energy Saving Trust (EST) provides one off payments to householders to help them buy renewable heating technologies including solar thermal panels, heat pumps and biomass boilers. Further details regarding the RHPP, including amounts paid out under the scheme, can be viewed online at:


The RHI provides support for renewable heat technologies. The RHI was launched in November 2011 with a scheme for the non-domestic sector that provides payments to industry, businesses and public sector organisations. Ofgem publishes data on the amount paid under the RHI on a daily basis, which can be viewed online at:

In addition, there are assorted grant schemes (existing and historic) that support the deployment of renewables. For example, the Low Carbon Buildings Programme, the Low Carbon Communities Challenge, the Deep Geothermal Challenge Fund, the Environmental Transformation Fund and others grants to support the development of innovative energy technologies.

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