



# Northern Ireland (Regional Rates and Energy) Act 2019

## 2019 CHAPTER 13

### *Renewable heat incentive scheme*

#### **5 Duty to report on operation of buy-out arrangements**

- (1) The Department must, after the end of each financial year for which buy-out arrangements are published by it, prepare a report on the operation of the arrangements in that year.
- (2) A report under this section in respect of a financial year must, in particular, set out—
  - (a) the number of participants who have received a buy-out payment in that year, and
  - (b) the total amount of the buy-out payments made by the Department in that year.
- (3) In the period while there is no Executive—
  - (a) the Department must send a report under this section to the Secretary of State, and
  - (b) the Secretary of State must lay the report before Parliament.
- (4) At any other time, the Department must lay a report under this section before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- (5) In this section “the Department”, “buy-out arrangements”, “buy-out payment” and “the period while there is no Executive” have the same meaning as in regulation 23B of the 2012 Regulations (inserted by section 4).