<u>Guidance: Contracts for Difference and renewables obligation: electricity supply estimates, 2018</u>

This note sets out the latest estimates of electricity supplied to Energy Intensive Industries (EIIs) who are eligible for the exemption from the indirect costs of Contracts for Difference (CfD) and the Renewables Obligation (RO).

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Guidance: HAIRS Report 2017

The Human Animal Infections and Risk Surveillance (HAIRS) group continued to meet monthly during 2017 in order to discuss emerging issues affecting human and animal health in the UK and internationally.

During 2017, vector-borne diseases continue to be discussed and assessed by the group. There was another identification of Aedes albopictus mosquito by PHE's active mosquito surveillance. This again demonstrates the risk of invasive mosquitoes becoming established in England, and the importance of an

active mosquito surveillance programme for the early detection and management to prevent this from happening.

In addition, the further spread of Culex modestus in the Thames Estuary and along the Essex coast resulted in enhanced human and animal surveillance for West Nile Virus infections in those areas.

The public health threat from Mycobacterium bovis in animals continues to be discussed by the group, as new gaps in guidance and policy emerge.

News story: DECA WINS £4.8 M SUPPORT WORK CONTRACT



Special Projects Communications and Force Protection Delivery Team meet with DECA Chief Executive Geraint Spearing, Business Development Director, Ian Cole and members of the Managed Services Team

DECA will provide managed services and undertake the maintenance, repairs and operation of SPCFP's Electronic Countermeasure (ECM) equipment until 2023, securing a range of specialist technical skills in the region, and saving the taxpayer £3.2M in the overall cost of support.

This is the first task placed under the new DECA Tasking Agreement (DTA) of this magnitude, enabling DECA to manage the extensive supply chain on behalf of DE&S which in turn will provide greater confidence to their military customers in the provision of this vital equipment.

Geraint Spearing, CE of DECA stated,

We are delighted that we are able to deliver critical support to our military colleagues on this life saving equipment, whilst demonstrating our value to Defence. The solution we have agreed is testament to the excellent joint working between SPCFP DT and DECA teams.