SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 8

VENTURE CAPITAL SCHEMES

Subsidised generation or export of electricity

12 After section 309 insert—

"309A Excluded activities: subsidised generation or export of electricity

- (1) This section supplements section 303(1)(ka).
- (2) Electricity is exported if it is exported onto a distribution system or transmission system (within the meaning of section 4 of the Electricity Act 1989).
- (3) The generation of electricity is "subsidised" if a person receives a FIT subsidy in respect of the electricity generated.
- (4) The export of electricity is "subsidised" if a person receives a FIT subsidy in respect of the electricity exported.
- (5) But the generation or export of electricity is not to be taken to fall within section 303(1)(ka) if Condition A, B or C is met.
- (6) Condition A is that the generation or export is carried on by-
 - (a) a community interest company,
 - (b) a co-operative society,
 - (c) a community benefit society, or
 - (d) a NI industrial and provident society.
- (7) Condition B is that the plant used to generate the electricity relies wholly or mainly on anaerobic digestion.
- (8) Condition C is that the electricity is hydroelectric power.
- (9) For the purposes of this section—
 - "anaerobic digestion" means the bacterial fermentation of organic material in the absence of free oxygen (excluding anaerobic digestion of sewage or material in a landfill);
 - "community benefit society" means—
 - (a) a society registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies and Credit Unions Act 1965 as a community benefit society, or
 - (b) a pre-2010 Act society (as defined at section 4A(1) of that Act) which meets the condition in section 1(3) of that Act;

"co-operative society" means-

- (a) a society registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies and Credit Unions Act 1965 as a co-operative society, or
- (b) a pre-2010 Act society (as defined at section 4A(1) of that Act) which meets the condition in section 1(2) of that Act;

"FIT subsidy" means-

- (a) a financial incentive under a scheme established by virtue of section 41 of the Energy Act 2008 (powers to amend licence conditions etc: feed-in tariffs) to encourage small-scale lowcarbon generation of electricity, or
- (b) a financial incentive under a similar scheme established in a territory outside the United Kingdom to encourage small-scale low-carbon generation of electricity;

"NI industrial and provident society" means a society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (c. 24 (N.I.));

"small-scale low-carbon generation" has the meaning given by section 41(4) of the Energy Act 2008."

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Finance Act 2012, Paragraph 12.