

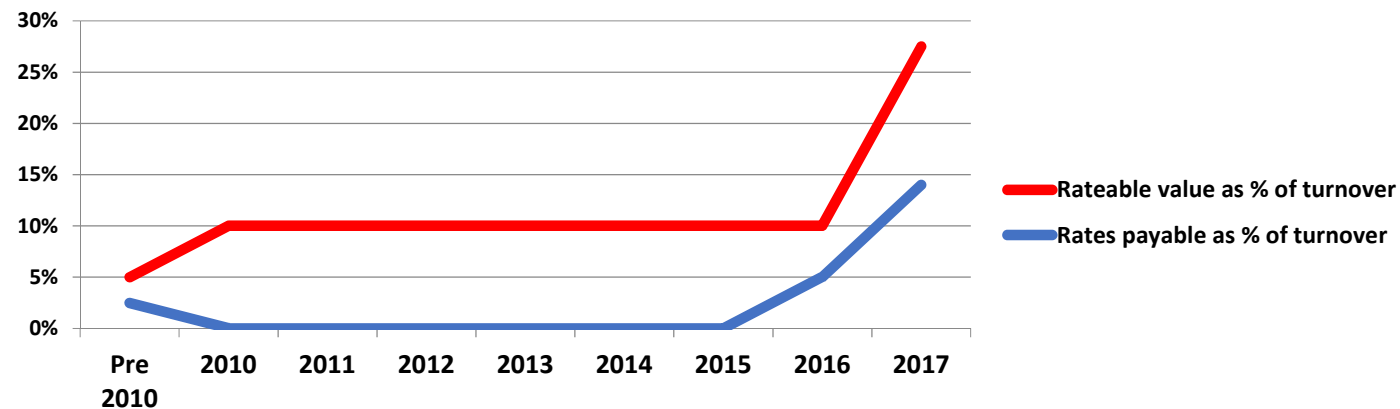
# Business rates: the #1 challenge facing hydro

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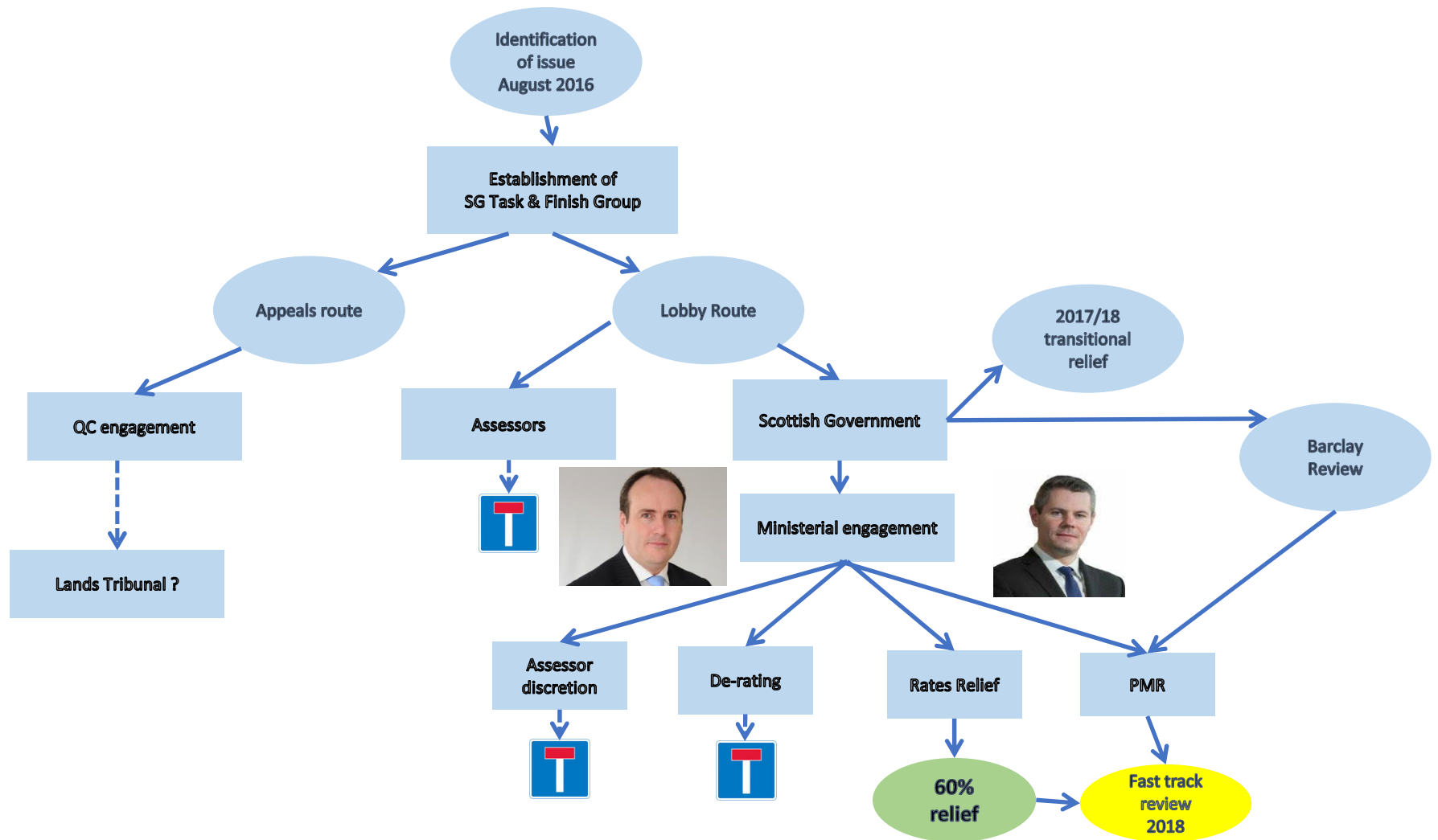
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# Hydro business rates – a recent history

- Prior to 2010 – few schemes; low RV's
- 2010 Revaluation – factoring in ROCs
- 2010 – 2016 – renewable energy relief
- 2016/17 – withdrawal of 100% relief
- 2017 Revaluation – factoring in FITs
- 2017/18 – (based on 2017 Revaluation)



# The sector's response to the 2017 Revaluation



# Tretton Review 2018



‘to consider the present law governing rating valuation of plant and machinery for hydropower schemes in Scotland’

‘to recommend any legislative changes required in respect of the extent of rateable property for such schemes, having regard to the financial, technical and other considerations involved’

# Tretton Review: Current situation

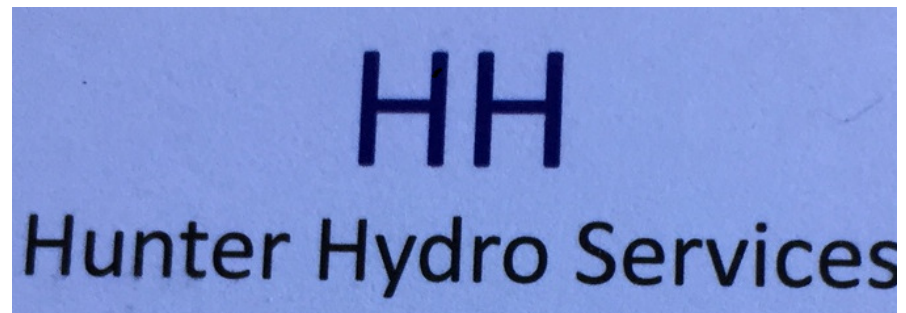
- PMR exemption – ruled out?
- Changes to primary legislation – no appetite
- Continuing relief – preferred option of Government (and Assessors?)
- Our objection to reliefs
- Revisions to valuation methodology?
- Next meeting – 9 November

# Summary

- Situation less encouraging than 12 months ago
- Next 2-3 months will be critical
- Old Faskally outcome could be significant
- Need for hydro champions at Cabinet level



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