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From:

Sent: 10 October 2013 16:25

To:

Subject: Department of Finance staff working paper 'The impact of the patent cliff on pharma-chem output in Ireland' now available

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For information;

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NTMA T-Bills

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Sent: 01 October 2013 13:41

To:

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Please note the following announcement from the NTMA;

"1 October 2013 – The National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) announced today that in view of its relatively strong funding position it has decided to suspend its monthly Treasury Bill auctions for the final quarter of 2013.

The NTMA has also decided to defer consideration of any further medium/long-term bond issuance until early 2014."

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Importance: High

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