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Rural Enterprise Policy Committee

The UFU Rural Enterprise Committee met on two occasions since the last AGM.

The main issues addressed: Renewable Heat Incentive

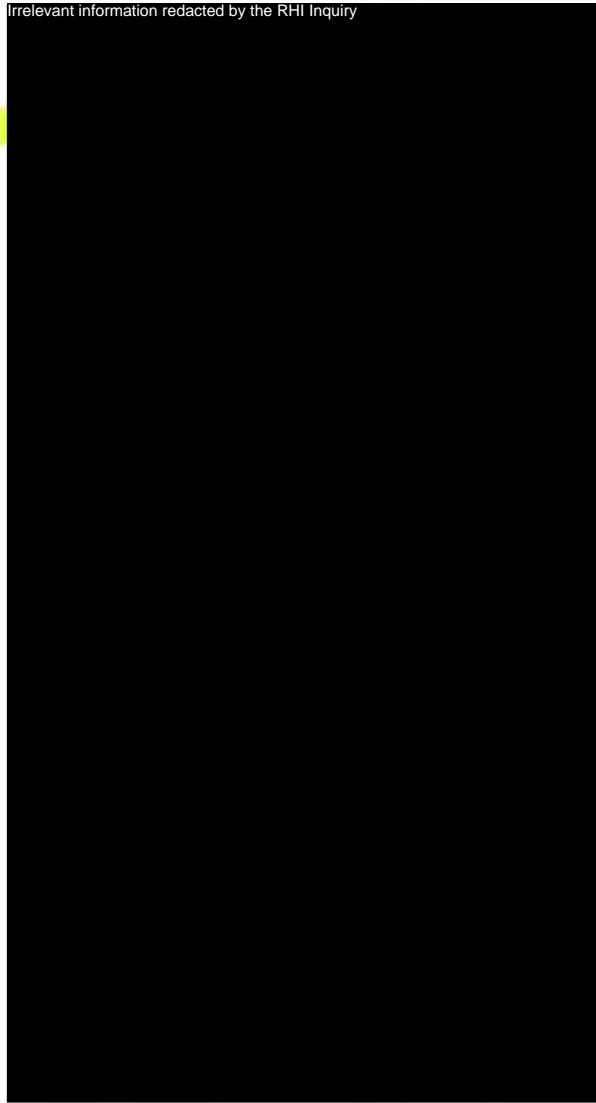
Prior to the launch of the non-domestic RHI, the UFU participated in the formal consultation process and we warned that the scheme should not be overly generous or it would be unaffordable. Furthermore, in July 2015, we met with DETI officials to warn them that there was a spike in applications pending.

In December 2016, we stressed that the focus of any review of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) must remain on the failings of others to deliver a scheme with adequate safeguards and that those using the scheme legitimately to reduce energy bills/reduce fossil fuel use should not be made scapegoats or treated unfairly for the failures of the scheme. We advised our members who availed of the scheme not to give permission for their names to be disclosed, unless audits have been carried out of their installation.

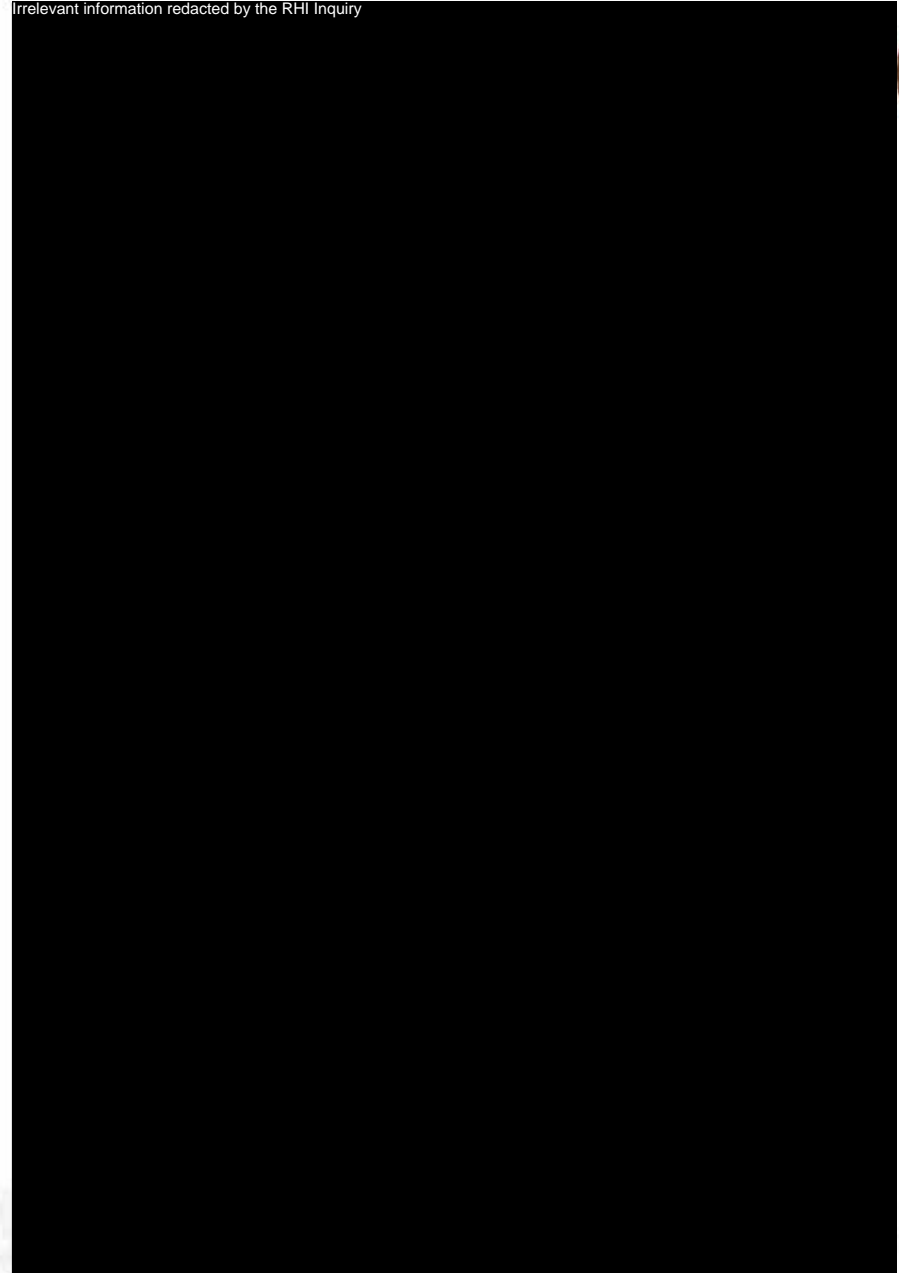
In the New Year, the Renewable Heat Association (NI) was formed, involving Action Renewables, UFU, poultry and mushroom grower associations, biomass representatives and boiler installers. It was agreed that an industry collaborative group would be set up to represent the interests of those who had entered the scheme for legitimate reasons and who were using the boilers legitimately.

The latest position (correct whilst going to Press) was that there are two Judicial Reviews (JR) ongoing. The first one is the JR to prevent the naming of RHA (NI) members names being published. RHA (NI) was granted leave to seek a review of the publishing of names. The second JR will be to challenge the ETI Minister decision to change RHI Tariff legislation.

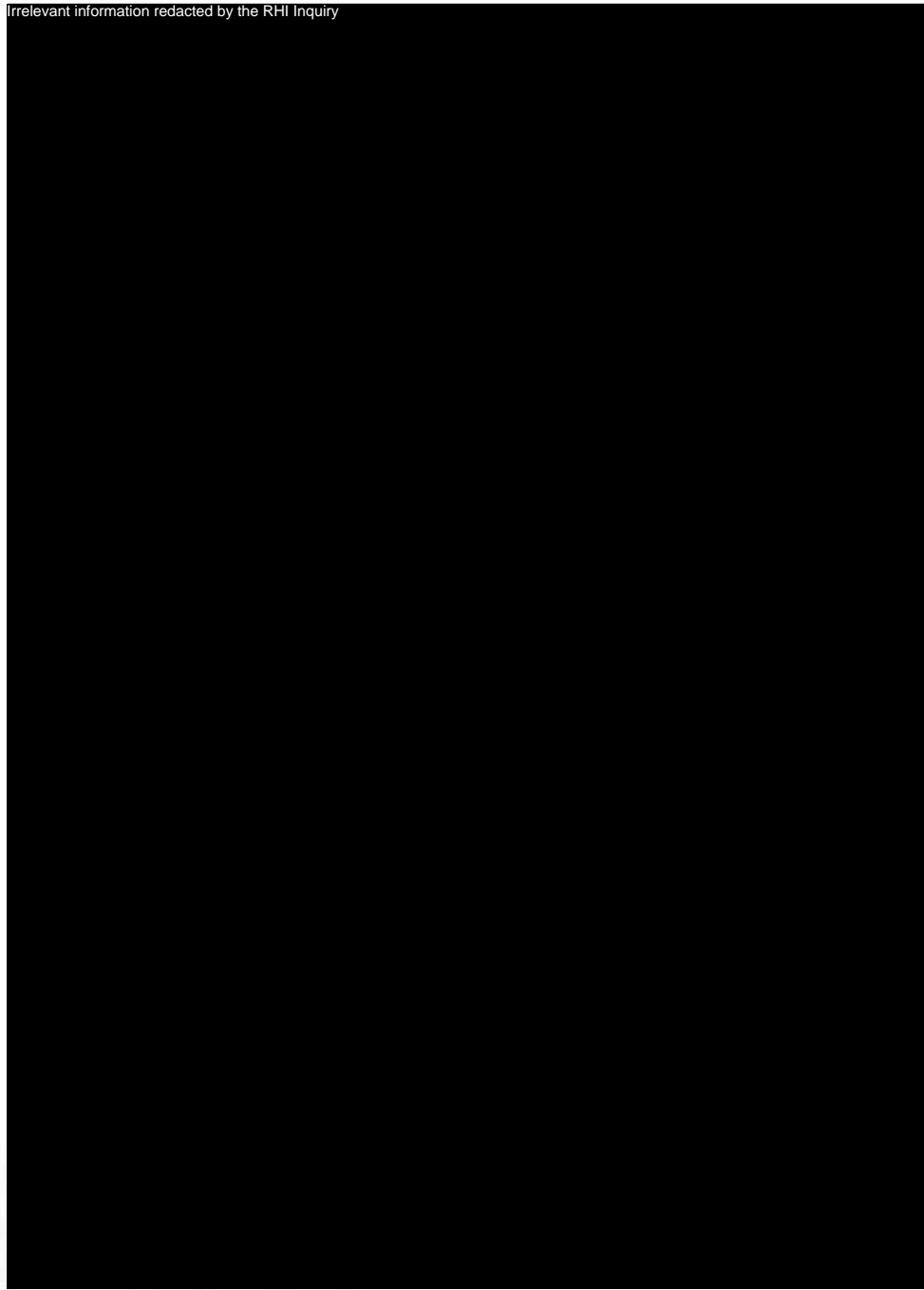
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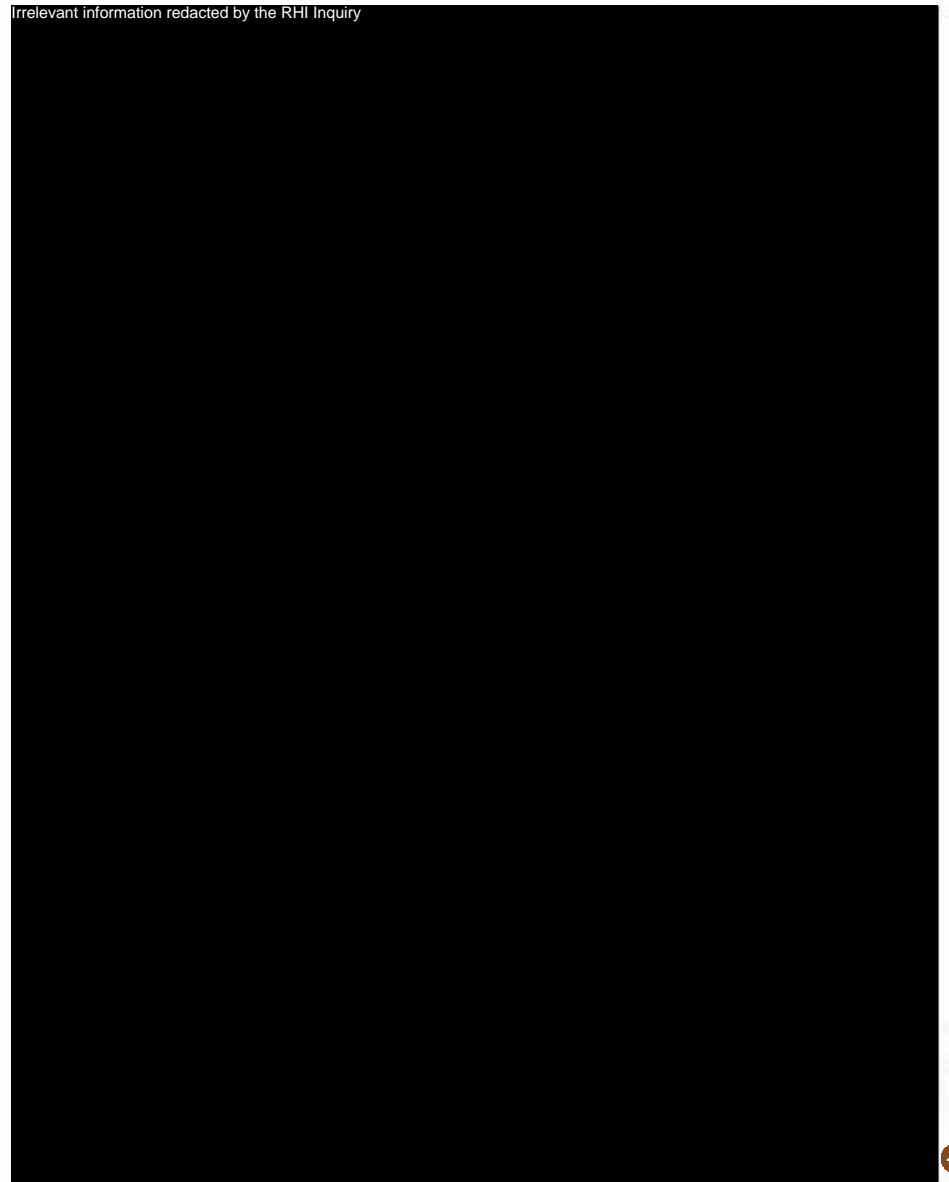


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