

**Christopher Osborne**

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**From:** Tom Forgrave [Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry]  
**Sent:** 06 March 2015 14:35  
**To:** Christopher Osborne  
**Subject:** RE: RHI

Thanks Chris

I'm glad that UFU are fully behind the RHI. It really is a huge boost for the sector.

The reason I asked last night was that some personal opinions were coming to the fore and conversations were being had with those in authority undermining the whole RHI scheme.

I just wanted clarification that office bearers representing UFU policy didn't let personal opinion lead them when in discussions with policy makers.

Regards

Tom

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**From:** christopher@ufuhq.com  
**To:** [Tom Forgrave email redacted by the RHI Inquiry]  
**Subject:** RHI  
**Date:** Fri, 6 Mar 2015 13:57:59 +0000

Good afternoon Tom,

I gather from Ivor Ferguson there was a discussion last night surrounding the UFU position on Biomass boilers. The UFU are fully supportive of the RHI and we are aware of the positive impact upon the heating of poultry houses.

Please refer below to the UFU submission to DETI on 3 October 2011, when responding to Development of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive.

**Q3.7 – Do you agree with the proposed tariff level and standards?**

As far as biomass boilers are concerned, the NI non-domestic tariff is out of line with GB. Not just the tariff values but also the break even points. The UFU wishes to know why several technologies have differing levels of break support in NI compared to GB.

Anytime we have met DETI since we have said that NI should be in line with GB in terms of RHI support, however, our hands are tied to a certain extent by the small amount of money available compared to GB, £25m in NI compared to £898m in GB.

Feel free to give me a ring if you have any questions.

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