

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
UFU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2016**

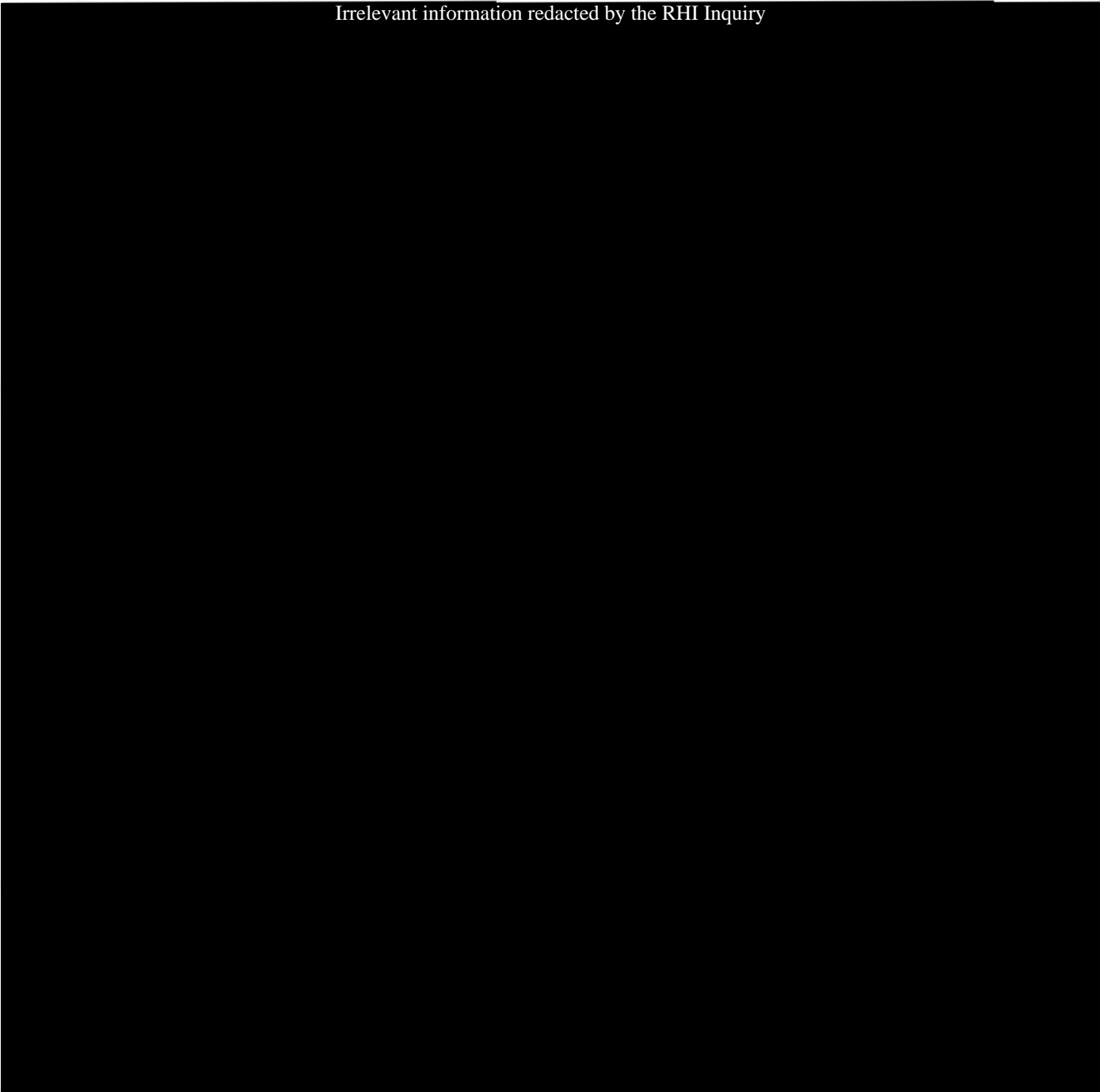


While it has only been four weeks since our last Executive meeting, the Union has been involved in many and wide ranging issues.

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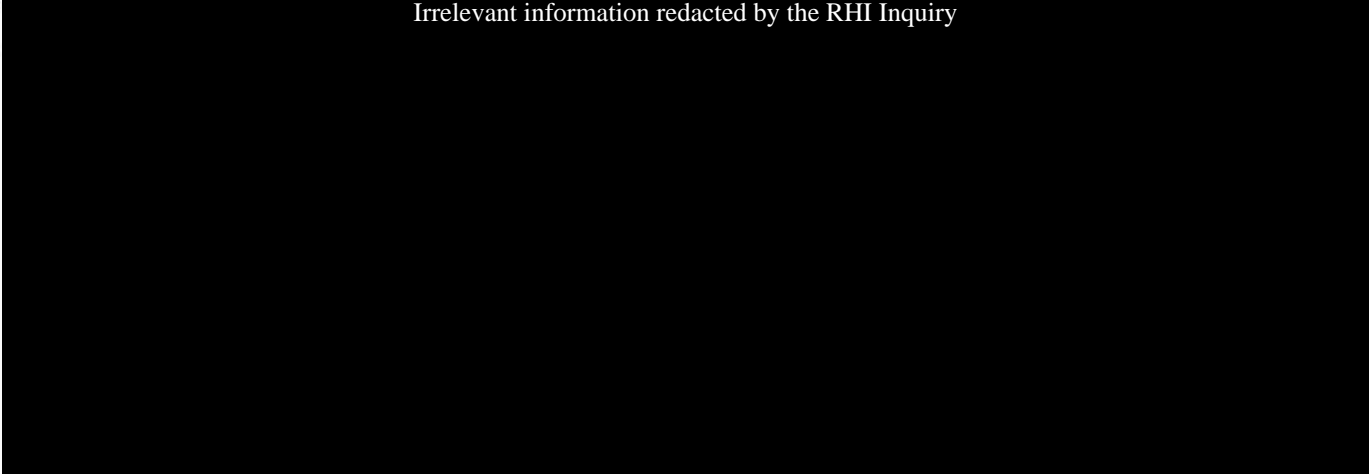
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RENEWABLES

- **Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)**
 - The DETI Minister's announcement a few weeks ago to suspend the RHI was based on a 'flawed' consultation process and its imminent closure left the plans and considerable resource commitments already made by many farmers who were expecting support in disarray.
 - During last summer, the Union proposed that a limit should be placed on the RHI budget and DETI has had two opportunities to introduce a phased closure which would have avoided a sudden ending of the scheme.
 - The Union recognised that it was fair to close the RHI scheme to new projects, but those already commenced should be allowed to complete their projects before the scheme ended.
 - The subsequent decision last week by the NI Assembly to provide for a brief extension until 29 February was a reasonably practical outcome under the circumstances.