

Christopher Osborne

From: Rodney Corrigan <Rodney.Corrigan@uup.org>
Sent: 13 November 2015 17:58
To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: RE: UFU seeking urgent meeting with DECC

Chris,

Any response to the FOI request out of interest? Also give me a shout Monday to discuss you Bell meeting – that was me phoning your mobile!

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Rodney

From: Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]
Sent: 04 November 2015 13:11

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To: Rodney Corrigan
Subject: FW: UFU seeking urgent meeting with DECC

Hello Rodney,

Sorry I missed your call, was planning to ring back once we met DETI Minister.

Yes, Tom has made a request to meet Amber Rudd...in the email below the meeting between her and Margaret was in the chamber, not a formal meeting as what we had requested.

Speak soon.

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From: SoS Rudd [mailto:sos.rudd@decc.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 30 October 2015 15:46
To: Christopher Osborne
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Subject: RE: UFU seeking urgent meeting with DECC

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Inquiry

Dear Chris,

Thank you for your email.

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As you know, FITs is a GB-only scheme. The primary focus of the current FIT review is to ensure generators are incentivised appropriately and to seek views on how to control future costs. We therefore do not consider it appropriate at this moment to extend the scope and cost of the scheme.

We conducted an extensive programme of workshops during the consultation period to explain our policy proposals and gather the views of stakeholders. Our Ministers also held a number of meetings. Given scope of the scheme and the devolved nature of energy policy, we think it is right that the focus was on GB stakeholders. I do note, however, that the Secretary of State met with Margaret Ritchie to discuss your concerns.

As energy policy is devolved in Northern Ireland, it is for DETI to consider how best to incentive small-scale renewables.

Best,

Tom Barrett
Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change

From: Christopher Osborne [<mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com>]

Sent: 28 October 2015 08:03

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Subject: UFU seeking urgent meeting with DECC

Importance: High

Good morning Darwin,

My name is Chris Osborne and I am the Senior Policy Officer with the Ulster Farmers Union (UFU).

The Ulster Farmers Union have been lobbying local MPs (Margaret Ritchie, Tom Elliott) seeking a meeting with DECC to discuss the early close of the Northern Ireland Renewable Obligation (NIRO), such is the impact upon many of members as small scale wind energy generators. In addition, DECC have recently announced their intention not to extend the FIT TO Northern Ireland for small scale energy generation. I have attached both UFU responses for your attention.

The UFU wish to know why DECC are not prepared to meet with ourselves, yet DECC (Andrea Lansom MP) met with a delegation (including the ADBA) to discuss the future of Feed in Tariffs in GB? You can imagine how this looks from our perspective when have hundreds of members standing to lose large sums of money due to the early closure of the NIRO and also the fact that the refusal to extend the FIT to NI will spell the end for the small scale renewables sector in NI.

I look forward to hearing from you with the reasons as to why this meeting has still not been actioned despite our requests.

Many thanks

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Dairy and Rural Enterprise

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