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Peter

Thank you very much for your informative comments by telephone earlier which were very much of assistance. As discussed, I would be most grateful if DARD could be kept involved in any policy discussions regarding the manner in which boilers which have been grant-aided by DARD will be considered for incentivisation under the RHI. As I had mentioned, the timing of this issue could become quite tricky for all parties given that your ministerial announcement is likely to take place either immediately prior to, or during, the Funds re-opening to applications. Our strident view within DARD is that the levels of fuel poverty experienced in rural NI, and the unavailability locally of alternative fuel sources such as gas, should be taken into account when considering whether it is defensible to impose the GB position of Capital grant, no RHI in NI. Our view within CCREB would be that it is entirely appropriate for a farmer to receive a capital grant solely in relation to his installation costs while still being allowed to receive an incentive in the future due to the fact that he is producing renewable heat. Our fear is that if applying for RHI payments would disqualify a farmer from the capital grant, they will simply decide not to commence the project and therefore fail to contribute to renewable energy targets. Like all such matters, if there is a particular local difficulty, then a local solution should be sought.

Grateful if you could keep myself and Peter Scott copied in on all relevant correspondence and I look forward to working with you on this issue.

Regards,

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