

**From:** [Mills, John \(DETI\)](#)  
**To:** [Rooney, Eugene](#); [Wightman, Stuart](#); [Cooper, Trevor](#)  
**Cc:** [Murphy, Shane](#); [McFarlane, Iain](#); [Brankin, Bernie](#); [McCormick, Andrew \(DFE\)](#); [Stewart, Chris \(DFE\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Non-Domestic RHI  
**Date:** 19 June 2015 15:52:23

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Eugene/Trevor,

Sorry not to get back sooner, EMR & future of renewables - - -Anyway, following the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> and Eugene's note can I clarify what's to be in this letter now. 1) There's what Trevor's set out and this just needs some recasting to reflect the approach Andrew set out to highlight the inescapable nature of the commitments. 2) There's notification of the request for approvals 3) There's the budgetary position and the issues around DECC/HMT.

So, purpose is to say to DFP, 1) notifying you of problem –(regularity and spend), 2) will be seeking retrospective an prospective approval, 3)spend inescapable 4) taking action to regularise (i.e. business case) 5) taking action to reduce spend and ensure more future controls, 6) have contacted DECC but need you to contact HMT, 7) Anything else you think we should be doing?

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**From:** Rooney, Eugene  
**Sent:** 19 June 2015 11:54  
**To:** Mills, John (DETI); Wightman, Stuart; Cooper, Trevor  
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Can I ask about the position on this draft minute? I haven't seen any responses to it but I may not have been copied. As discussed on Wednesday we need to use this note to seek approval now and include actions we propose to take and any assurances we can give at this point.

Eugene

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**From:** Cooper, Trevor  
**Sent:** 16 June 2015 13:55  
**To:** Mills, John (DETI); Wightman, Stuart  
**Cc:** Rooney, Eugene; Murphy, Shane; McFarlane, Iain; Brankin, Bernie  
**Subject:** Non-Domestic RHI

John, Stuart

At meeting with DFP ref approvals for RHI it was confirmed that best approach around initial formal contact ref approvals would be note which set out position and proactive actions dept is taking in terms of exploration of options to minimise additional commitments during period within which approval is being sought plus period during which tariffs cannot be amended.

I have drafted note which provides assurance DFP wanted in note around exploration of legal

position around suspension of scheme, legal position around slowing down accreditation, action on suspension of promotion of scheme, and an affirmation that appropriate approvals are in place for all other projects/programmes on which involve spend/forward commitments to spend.

Can you confirm that these actions are accurately described and also affirm the position around other approvals.

Trevor