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Chris

In terms of the first point, the industry knows that tariff changes are likely to happen in the autumn so installations are already being accelerated to beat the deadline. We reckon that between 60-70% of all poultry houses for instance have already switched to biomass. If we delay the tariff changes, the remaining 30-40% might get through at the current (higher) rates. If Tim is worried about a the potential negative press with doing RHI tariff changes so close to all the issues with NIRO, I can confirm that we're seeking legal advice on whether we can accommodate a finite number of RHI applicants who are at an advanced stage of the process but who may not install by October. This will help reduce the risk of legal challenge.

On the second point, it would take both primary legislation and resources to try and outsource Domestic RHI administration. As you are aware, we're proposing to outsource this as part of EnergyWise.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks

Stuart

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Stuart

Tim Cairns spoke to me about the recent submission on the RHI (8 July). He is concerned that the adoption of tariff control legislation in October may lead to a further spike in demand, and suggested that it might be delayed (I countered that we already have a spike in demand, and a well-informed industry will keep demand high until controls are in place). He also suggested that, rather than delay the processing of RHI applications, that we consider outsourcing the work. I should be grateful for advice on both points, particularly the latter which strikes me as impractical.

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