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To: [Mills, John \(DETI\)](#)
Cc: [Cooper, Trevor](#); [Wightman, Stuart](#); [Stewart, Chris \(DETI\)](#); [McCoy, Laura](#); [Hughes, Seamus](#)
Subject: RE: Future RHI
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Noted many thanks. Please keep me in the picture.

From: Mills, John (DETI)
Sent: 04 November 2015 15:33
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After a number of unsuccessful attempts I managed to get a response from DECC on possible RHI closure. They say that there have been rumours of closure for the last year but rumours is what they are. They are not anticipating closure and it is not the main scenario they are modelling but it's up to Mr Osborne. I said Minister might need to write. They said he would need to write to HMT not DECC. I asked what happened if we needed to change legislation very quickly. DECC say they would be in the same boat and could not close the scheme without further legislation. I asked if they could include NI if necessary and was told they couldn't (though take that with a pinch of salt because the enabling legislation for the NI RHI was done by DECC). Not particularly reassuring but DECC obviously feel they're dependent on the whim of HMT.

We can get Minister to get Finance Minister to write to HMT. However, that does leave us needing to implement legislation in order to meet the terms of the DFP approval.