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Subject: Fw: 27-01-16 HCS-018-16 HOCS Memo to Andrew McCormick re RHI
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Private Office will confirm approval of RHI closure submission now.

Many thanks.

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From: McCormick, Andrew (DETI)
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Sorry touched send prematurely.

Malcolm,

I share all the concerns that are expressed in your note.

Dealing with the immediate issue first, the facts are that the DETI Minister approved our proposals for urgent action to close the RHI scheme last Friday afternoon bit before we could act on that, the approval was recalled by the Party Officers. There were several discussions yesterday and that position could not be changed, and the information I have is as in my email of yesterday to John Mills.

DETI cannot act to bear down on this cost pressure without Ministerial authority. The steps needed are a formal public notification or consultation on the basis for closure, to be followed by the progression of legislation to put that into effect. Given the policy and financial issues involved, we have been of the view that the formal steps to closure require Executive approval.

I will respond to the rest of your minute shortly but wanted to come back to you quickly on the main immediate point.

Many thanks,

Andrew

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Andrew

Please see attached from Malcolm McKibbin.

Kind Regards

Stephen

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