

**From:** [Fergal Hegarty](#)  
**To:** [Hughes, Seamus](#)  
**Cc:** [connelmcmullan@alternativeheat.co.uk](mailto:connelmcmullan@alternativeheat.co.uk); [brendancrawley@alternativeheat.co.uk](mailto:brendancrawley@alternativeheat.co.uk)  
**Subject:** Re: RHI  
**Date:** 08 February 2016 13:23:48  
**Importance:** High

---

Hi Seamus,

I would say we have close to 500-600k of boilers and kit in stock that will not be sold after the closure of the RHI. Has the minister considered this and how this will affect companies. This will have huge implications for companies holding stock (not to mention the effect on jobs) and without doubt will be enough to put many companies into administration, which is a harrowing prospect.

This is not dissimilar to the almost overnight closure of the FIT in GB a few years ago for PV which was subsequently brought to the courts and deemed to be unlawful as there was not sufficient warning/lead time before closure.

Surely there must be at least 6-8 weeks lead time before closure. Yes we appreciate there is overexpenditure on the scheme but the Minister and Department CANNOT leave the hundreds of companies and thousands of employees involved directly and indirect in this industry out to dry with a basic overnight closure of the scheme.

I welcome your prompt thoughts on this, an awful lot of peoples' livelihoods will be severely severely affect by this!!

Regards,

Fergal

---

**From:** Hughes, Seamus <Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 08 February 2016 13:06:43  
**To:** Fergal Hegarty  
**Subject:** RE: RHI

Hi Fergal

A dire situation I'm afraid. The minister put a Press Release out late on Friday about imminent closure of both RHI schemes subject to clearance of the legislation by the Assembly.

<https://www.detini.gov.uk/news/proposals-close-northern-ireland-renewable-heat-incentive-announced>

The earliest possible date for closure is 16 February and this is what I have been advising callers today. I was speaking to both Conal and Brendan in your office earlier today.

Regards

Seamus

**Seamus Hughes**

Energy Efficiency Branch  
Department of Enterprise, Trade & Investment  
Netherleigh  
Massey Avenue  
Belfast, BT4 2JP  
Tel: 028 9052 9532 (ext: 29532)  
TextRelay: 18001 028 9052 9532  
Web: [www.detini.gov.uk](http://www.detini.gov.uk)



[NI Year of Food & Drink 2016](#)

**Please consider the environment - do you really need to print this e-mail?**

**From:** Fergal Hegarty [mailto:Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry]  
**Sent:** 08 February 2016 12:57  
**To:** Hughes, Seamus  
**Subject:** RHI

Hi Seamus,

Still in NY but bits and pieces are filtering in from the office. Is it true that rhi will be pulled from next week?! What about the companies, including Alternative Heat that have hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of boilers, buffers etc. in stock. This would have very very serious implications for these companies as they will not be able to move any of this stock, surely the Minister must consider this and cannot introduce a closure so imminently!? Can you please provide me with an update.

Regards,

Fergal