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Subject: FW: RHI
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Dear Mr Cupples

Stuart Wightman has asked me to respond to your query below about the closure of the RHI

Increased demand for both RHI schemes, together with reductions in available funding means the budget for new applications has been exhausted. To meet RHI commitments for existing installations, significant levels of additional funding will have to be found from within the NI Executive's budget for the next five years.

In the circumstances the Minister had no choice but to close both RHI schemes. Following approval of the legislation by the Assembly on the 15 February 2016, a Notice was published closing both RHI schemes from midnight on 29 February 2016. Any renewable heating systems installed, commissioned and applied for on or before this date are eligible for RHI payments

The decision to close the RHI is not something that the Minister took lightly and he fully recognises the impact that this will have on businesses and households . However, the immediate priority is to prevent further financial pressures in the short term. Once this is achieved the Minister will consider wider proposals on the scheme's long term future.

The Department will also be carrying out a comprehensive review and audit to ensure that the operation of the schemes is in compliance with the scheme requirements and the underpinning legislation.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Regards

Seamus

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From: Stevenson, Bill
Sent: 09 March 2016 09:14
To: Cupples Ben
Cc: Wightman, Stuart
Subject: RE: RHI

Ben

Thanks for your e-mail. I have copied my colleague Stuart Wightman into this as he leads on RHI. Stuart, or one of his team, will be in touch.

Regards

Bill Stevenson

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From: Cupples Ben [<mailto:Ben.Cupples@nienetworks.co.uk>]
Sent: 09 March 2016 08:54
To: Stevenson, Bill
Subject: RHI

Hi Bill,

Just wondering if you know anything about the RHI suspension: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-35531434>

We are doing some projections on expected uptake levels for heat pumps during RP6 as this will drive investment in the network and I am keen to understand a little more about whether this is expected to open up again or is it closed for good? Appreciate that there is an investigation underway but maybe we could have a quick chat about this?

Thanks

Ben

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