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To: [Wightman, Stuart](#)
Cc: [Vaughan, Helen](#)
Subject: FW: Urgent cost control and administrative changes to the NI Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Schemes
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Stuart

Helen mention that at the SMT meeting when talking about RHI Chris Stewart wondered if there were any other agricultural sectors could pose a potential spike in RHI applications like poultry has, (pigs and mushrooms specifically mentioned). I have spoken to Cathal Ellis in DARD and I have outlined his assessment below in case the matter should be raised with you over the coming days:-

Mushrooms

- No surge of applications. There are a very small number of growers in the sector now, (30-35 main players) and the sector was an early adopter of biomass and most have been using it for several years.

Pigs

- Some possible interest but again numbers would be small. The sector has a low heat requirement so any boilers would be small in size.

Diary

- Again possible but heat demand in this sector is low and boilers would also be small in size. Uptake is thought very unlikely given the current economic climate within the diary sector.

Regards

Seamus

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To note – this came up at SMT this morning (I have already spoken to Seamus about it).

Helen

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Tim

Grateful for an update on the position in relation to this submission. You will appreciate that it deals with some very significant financial and Accounting Officer matters, and Andrew is keen to have an early decision.

Happy to discuss in person if helpful.

Chris

From: Wightman, Stuart
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Please see attached Submission (and annexes) for clearance by the Special Advisor and the Minister.

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