

**From:** [Wightman, Stuart](#)  
**To:** [Mills, John \(DETI\)](#)  
**Cc:** [McCormick, Andrew \(DETI\)](#); [Hughes, Seamus](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Delegation from Biomass Industry requesting urgent Meeting with Minister Bell  
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John

Mr McCracken was at both the Committee Meeting and Assembly Debate. He is the Areas Sales Manager in NI for Innasol which a UK-wide provider of renewable heating technologies (and training) including both biomass and heat pumps. I understand he is in the process of trying to establish an industry group for the NI biomass sector.

He is concerned that the RHI pot has all been used by poultry farmers. But I think he accepts the financial position and wants to discuss how renewable heating will be promoted in the longer term following the decision to close both schemes. Our lines on the future of renewable heat are probably:

- *The Minister still believes that the renewable sector can play a part in helping to reduce our CO2 emissions and bring investment to our economy.*
- *We are therefore open to suggestions on how we might engage with developers and installers and others to see where we might go in the future on renewable heat. This might involve consulting on the long term position, looking at developments in other jurisdictions or considering options.*

Happy to discuss.

Stuart

**From:** Terence McCracken [<mailto:Terence.McCracken@INNASOL.COM>]  
**Sent:** 15 February 2016 08:32  
**To:** Wightman, Stuart  
**Subject:** RHI NI and other matters

Stuart,

Thank you for taking the time to call me on Friday following my request to the Minister. While I am disappointed that I cannot meet the Minister at what I appreciate was short notice I am pleased on behalf of my delegation to accept a meeting with Departmental Officials most closely associated with this legislation.

With time extremely short to work on these matters could you please propose some dates for us to meet with you?

Please free to call me at any time to update me on matters with regard to the above.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

**Terence McCracken**

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**From:** Terence McCracken [<mailto:Terence.McCracken@INNASOL.COM>]

**Sent:** 10 February 2016 17:18**To:** [privateoffice@detini.gov.uk](mailto:privateoffice@detini.gov.uk); Private Office DETI**Subject:** Delegation from Biomass Industry requesting urgent Meeting with Minister Bell**Importance:** High

To whom it may concern,

Following the sudden announcement of the cessation of the Renewable Heat Incentive (NI) without consultation or recourse a delegation of representatives from the industry seek an urgent meeting with the Minister to outline and highlight the following:

- Likely closure of a number of businesses
- Job losses particularly in rural and disadvantaged areas
- Transitional or mitigation provisions if any
- Plans (if any) to have a follow-up scheme in order to achieve 10% Renewable Heat requirement by 2020
- Legislative process
- To reassure DETI as to the compliance of the industry to all aspects of the RHI procedures

We appreciate the Ministers diary is very busy but the future livelihoods of hundreds of families are at stake.

A delegation of 4-5 representatives, names to be confirmed, would seek a 30-45 minute meeting tomorrow (Thursday) PM or at any stage on Friday.

Please revert to me soonest on this most important of matters.

Feel free to call me on Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry at any time.

Regards,

Terence