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**Subject:** FW: poultry housesPersonal information redacted by the RHI  
Inquiry**From:** Aaron Connolly**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 February 2016 11:32**To:** Kerr, Sean**Subject:** poultry houses

Hello just looking information regarding the rhi payments for biomass boilers.

We put in for planning permission a year ago to go ahead with this project on the basis that this scheme would still be running.

If the planning permission has still not come through but if it had come through when it should have we would be entitled to these payments and now leaves us in the position of whether to go ahead or not considering a cousin if mine was in for planning 2 months before us and is up and running from summer time last year.

Is there anyway you could argue because we were in for planning that we could still get this as the planning has taken a lot longer to come through than what it should have. Planning reference is la07/2015/0061/f

Aaron Connolly

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Dear Mr Connolly

Please see attached in relation to your correspondence about the NI RHI.

Regards

Seamus

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16 February 2016

Aaron Connolly

By email

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Dear Mr Connolly

### **NORTHERN IRELAND RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE SCHEMES (RHI)**

Thank you for your email of 16 February to the Minister about the closure of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive, (RHI). The Minister has read your correspondence and he has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Both, (RHI), schemes have been very successful with the non domestic scheme in particular seeing significant uptake during the last 12 months and more so in the run up to the recent scheme changes introduced in November 2015. It is estimated that around 6% of NI's heating needs are now provided through renewable technologies. The Executive's target to achieve 4% renewable heat has been exceeded.

The budget for 2016/17 is already committed to existing RHI recipients. Further funding is not available for new applications. Even meeting existing RHI commitments will require additional funding to be found from the resources available to the Executive.

To help manage these budgetary pressures, the Minister has decided to close both schemes to new applications from 29 February 2016. The legislation to enable closure of the RHI by notice was approved by the Assembly on 15 February 2016.

All installations must be completed and commissioned and applications submitted before midnight 29 February 2016 to be eligible for RHI payments.

Yours sincerely

*S. Wightman*

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