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**To:** [Briggs, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** FW: TRIM: Closing AQW 54075/11-16 : To ask the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for his assessment of the renewables industr...  
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Peter

For info.

Regards

Seamus

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From: Dolaghan, Paul  
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To: Wightman, Stuart; Hughes, Seamus  
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Stuart, Seamus,

To note.

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From: [alu@detini.gov.uk](mailto:alu@detini.gov.uk) [<mailto:alu@detini.gov.uk>]  
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CLOSING - AQ

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER ON 24/02/2016

Tabled by: Fearghal McKinney MLA  
Constituency: South Belfast  
Political Party: Social Democratic and Labour Party

Reference: AQW 54075/11-16

Question: To ask the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for his assessment of the renewables industry's estimate that 2000 jobs are at risk as a result of the closure of the Renewables Heat Incentive Scheme.

Referred to: JOHN MILLS

Date: 19/02/2016

## ACTION REQUIRED

Please see final response as issued

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**ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS WRITTEN (AQW)**

**Due for answer on:** Wednesday 24 February 2016

**AQW No:** 54075/11-16

**Put Down By:** Mr F McKinney

**Political Party:** SDLP

**Constituency:** South Belfast

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**Question:**

To ask the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for his assessment of the renewables industry's estimate that 2000 jobs are at risk as a result of the closure of the Renewables Heat Incentive Scheme.

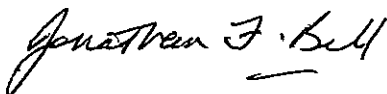
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**Answer:**

As I set out in the plenary debate on The Renewable Heat Incentive Schemes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016, keeping the Renewable Heat Incentive open to new applications would place additional pressure on the Executive's budget from 2016/17.

Assessment of the impact on jobs in the renewable heat sector can only be estimated roughly. However, developing new installations creates more employment than ongoing maintenance so closure can be expected to have a negative impact in that sector. However, keeping open the scheme would consume more of the Executive's resources which could lead to job losses in other sectors.

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**Jonathan Bell MLA**  
Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

Date: 19.2.16