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Subject: RE: Renewable Heating
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Mr Dawson

Please find attached reply.

Regards

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Subject: Renewable Heating

Mr Bell,

While I understand your decision on the RHI I would like an explanation on the extremely short notice of withdrawal. I have spent significant time money and effort on my new build over the last 6 months and took the very expensive step (around 20k not counting design) of going for a ground source heat pump, designing the build around it. I have laid the pipework, bought the pump through an approved supplier and am on the very of fitting it over the next 6 weeks. While I understand your reasoning would it not be more sensible to allow those who have already significantly invested and committed to the technology to avail of the incentive that first persuaded them to invest so heavily or at least offer us some form of help be it either the initial grant or the promised payment? Such a rush decision without any notice is an unfair knee jerk reaction to a successful scheme and I would urge you to consider those like myself caught in the crossfire

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04 March 2016

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Increased demand for both RHI schemes, together with reductions in available funding means the available 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 to address the current deficit.

In the circumstances the Minister felt he 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 to close both RHI schemes from 29 February 2016. Any renewable heating systems installed, commissioned and applied for on or before this date will be eligible for RHI payments.

I must emphasise that this is not a decision that the Minister has taken lightly. He recognises the impact that this will have on homeowners such as yourself who may not be able to complete their installations on time. 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.

Yours sincerely

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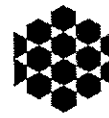
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COR 0053 2016 NI RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE – SCHEME CLOSURE

Issue: Correspondence from Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry and Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry on RHI closure.

Timing: Due for reply 17 February.

Need for referral to the Executive: N/A

Presentational Issues: High interest from stakeholders and the media in relation to closure of the RHI schemes.

Freedom of Information: Not disclosable.

Financial Implications: Closure required to prevent further pressure on budgets.

Statutory Equality Obligations: N/A.

PFG/PSA implications: NI Renewable Heat Incentive supports the PFG interim target of 4% renewable heat by 2015 and the SEF 10% target by 2020.

Legislation Implications: Closure to take effect from 29 February.

Recommendation: That the P/S Minister responds to Mr Dawson and Mrs Smith using the draft letters provided at Annex A.

Background

1. Mr Dawson and Mrs Smith have written to express concern at the proposed closure of the RHI at short notice and the financial impact that this will have for them.

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Recommendation

2. That the P/S/Minister responds to Mr Dawson and Mrs Smith using the draft letter provided at Annex A.



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