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See time line. I will get Jeff to forward separately papers to support this timeline.

I am still checking how RHI AME forecasts went from 16-17 £34.3m; 17-18 £40.0m; 18-19 £47.5m; 19-20 £52.8m; 20-21 £51m; 21-22 £51m reported on the 8 October 2015 to £30m pa from 2016-17 onwards. I will come back to you on this.

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RHI TIMELINE

April 2011 – July 2013	The RHI scheme was initially profiled over the 4-year period 2011-12 to 2014-15, and there was significant release of budget over this period.
30 August 2013	The first profile beyond 2014-15 occurred in the return from Energy Branch, where the profile steadily increased up to 2019-20 to £31M (see attached document 1). This profile was confirmed by DFP in a budget control annex in October 2013. 13-14 £2.5m; 14-15 £5.5m; 15-16 £9.5m; 16-17 13.5m; 17-18 24.5m; 19-20 £31m
1 September 2014	The next significant change to the RHI profile occurred on 1-9-14 when Energy Branch reduced the profile to around £17M for each year from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (see attached document 2). This was subsequently revised upwards again to a budget of £29.4M by 2020-21 as set out in the end of year DFP control annex dated 9-3-15 (see attached document 3). 16-17 £17.1m; 17-18 £21.5m; 18-19 £25.2m; 19-20 £28.4m; 20-21 £29.4
26 March 2015	Energy Branch wrote to Finance Branch as they were unable to get advice from DECC on budgets for future years with an increasing profile of expenditure.
April 2015	There was an issue at the end of 2014-15 regarding an end year accrual. Due to the method by which Energy Division calculated/estimates the end year accrual, this was increased by £2.35M resulting in outturn of £2.16M above final AME budget of £5.768M.
May 2015	Finance Branch responded on 19 May advising Energy Branch to take steps to curtail spending in 2015-16 to keep within a likely ceiling of £12.8M until clarification is sought from DFP, and Bernie Brankin wrote to Stuart Wightman on 20 May 2015 advising Energy Branch to stop entering into commitments immediately to ensure that monthly cumulative expenditure does not increase (see attached document 4).
26 May 2015	Finance Branch submitted AME profiles to CED copied to DFP Supply which included significant forecast budget increases in forward years from 2016-17 onwards (see emails entitled document 6). 16-17 £32.4m; 17-18 £38.3m; 18-19 £44.8m; 19-20-£49.1m; 20-21 £47.3m
June 2015	The 2015-16 RHI Opening Budget was £11.6M. This increased to £23.2M in June Monitoring.
3 June 2015	RHI budget position was raised with DFP at stocktaking meeting.
July 2015	RHI position reported in July Board paper - DFP approval required for new commitments in 2015-16 for non domestic scheme, additional AME funding required in 2015-16 and need for affordable levels of demand for future years.
7 July 2015	John Mills wrote to DECC (see attached document 5)
5 August 2015	Response from DECC (see attached document 5)
September 2015	RHI position reported in September Board paper - additional AME funding secured for 2015-16 and ongoing discussions with DECC.
8 October 2015	Finance Branch submitted AME profiles to CED copied to DFP Supply which included significant forecast budget increases in forward years from 2016-17 onwards (see emails entitled document 7). 16-17 £34.3m; 17-18 £40.0m; 18-19 £47.5m; 19-20 £52.8m; 20-21 £51m; 21-22 £51m
November 2015	RHI position reported in November Board paper – spike in 15-16

	applications and increased expenditure in future years.
December	DFP indicates there is likely to be capped AME amount of £18.3M in 2016-17, £22.3M in 2017-18, £25.7M in 2018-19 and £28.9M in 2019-20. Any difference between actual spend in any of these years and the capped AME amount would in terms of the position presented fall as a call on NI Block Resource DEL.
21 December 2015	DFP writes to advise that it is very likely that future AME RHI budgets will be capped and shortfall will fall to Resource DEL.
January 2016	The 2015-16 RHI AME budget is increased to £30.4M in January Monitoring.
January 2016	RHI position reported in January Board paper - AME RHI budgets will be capped and shortfall will fall to Resource DEL. Options on future of RHI Scheme put to the Minister.
27 January 2016	DFP confirms cap on future AME RHI budget
28 January 2106	The latest profile from Energy Branch looking forward was received on 28-1-16 and shows forecast expenditure of £45.2M p.a. up to 2021-12 against previous forecasts of £30m pa for future years(see email entitled document 8).