

**From:** John Murray

**cc:** see below

**Date:** 2 February 2016

**To:** John Mills

**Ref No:** LMU 6/16

## **QUERY FROM THE ETI COMMITTEE**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this note is to ask you to consider a request for information from the ETI Committee.

### **Background**

2. At its meeting on 2 February 2016 the Committee was made aware that there are proposals to close the RHI due to an over spend.

### **Information requested by the Committee**

3. The Committee asked the Department to clarify:
  - a. whether there has been an over spend;
  - b. what is the current funding arrangement for any overspend: and
  - c. whether there was an option to continue and if so why it was not continued.

I attach an answer template for completion at Annex A.

### **Reply to the Committee Request**

4. The DETI Minister has asked to clear **all** information, e.g., policy or factual information requested by the Committee.
5. The reply to this is due with the ETI Committee Clerk by **Tuesday 16 February 2016 at the latest. (Note: This should be quoted at the "Timing" section of your Ministerial submission).**
6. **Please send your response to the Private Office (cc: [lm@detini.gov.uk](mailto:lm@detini.gov.uk), and [rod.robson@detini.gov.uk](mailto:rod.robson@detini.gov.uk)), for Minister's consideration and clearance) on or before **Tuesday 9 February 2016**. When cleared, by the Minister, DETI LMU will arrange for this to be issued to the ETI Committee Clerk.**
7. **If you believe you will be unable to meet this deadline please discuss with me as soon as possible. I will try to negotiate a revised deadline with the Committee Clerk.**

### **FOI Implications**

8. **Please advise the FOI Status of your response.** When considering the FOI implications of the submission to the Minister you should be aware that the

Committee may also be asked, under FOI, to release any information received by it from the Department. We will advise the Committee Clerk of any exemptions you consider relevant when we submit the briefing. Please note, however, that the final decision on release of information rests with the Committee.

**Queries**

9. If you have any queries about this request contact me on ext 29637.

**JOHN MURRAY**

cc: PS/DETI Minister  
Andrew McCormick  
Eugene Rooney  
Chris Stewart  
Rod Robson  
Paul Dolaghan  
Stuart Wightman  
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**ANNEX A**

**REQUEST TO DETI FROM THE ETI COMMITTEE**

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**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE**

**Reply prepared by:**  
**Date:**

**Division**