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Updated RHI timeline attached.
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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).
19 May 2015	Jeff – contact DFP costs on spend etc
20 May 2015	??? May
22 May 2015	Alerted Eugene Rooney
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
29 May 2015	Meeting David Conliffe, Jeff Partridge
29 May 2015	Briefed D. Beck, C. Hughes verbally
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.
3 June 2015	Andrew McCormick, E. Rooney, Trevor Cooper, John Mills and Stuart Wightman (background where we are at)
5 June 2015	Trevor Cooper, David Conliffe, Jeff Partridge meeting re late accrual
12 June 2015	Trevor Cooper, Stuart Wightman, Iain McFarlane met ref business case approvals
16 June 2015	RHI meeting with Andrew McCormick, Eugene Rooney, Trevor Cooper, John Mills, Shane Murphy and Stuart Wightman
16 June 2015 to 19 June 2015	Draft note to DFP to provide assurance prepared by Finance, Energy to review

16 June 2015	Confirmation that DFP meeting suggested note setting out position etc
17 June 2015	E-mail from Trevor Cooper to Michelle Scott on need for DFP to engage with HMT
17 June 2015	Audit meeting with NIAO
23 June 2015	Departmental Board – Statement Internal Control discussed
24 June 2015	Audit Committee
25 June 2015	Finance seeking forecast budget information from Energy
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)
8 July 2015	Energy submission to Minister – Introduction of cost control measures
9 July 2015 to 10 July 2015	Correspondence Finance and Energy re approvals required
27 July 2015	Meeting ref draft business case
28 July 2015	Energy provide Finance with draft forecast budget information for Domestic and Non-Domestic as well as drafting changes to DFP note.
29 July 2015	Energy provide latest draft of Business Case
5 August 2015	Response from DECC (see attached document 5)
20 August 2015	Finance request update from Energy (final figures and further text)
24 August 2015	Met DFP RHI 12 -1
September 2015	RHI position reported in September Board paper - additional AME funding secured for 2015-16 and ongoing discussions with DECC.
10 September 2015	Met S. Wightman ref draft business case
16 September 2015	Audit committee pre-meet
29 September 2015	DAC is confirmed
30 September 2015	Finance meet with DFP to discuss approvals required. Information shared with Energy. Discuss handling with CED.
7 October 2015	Meeting ref RHI business case – John Mills, Trevor Cooper, Shane Murphy, Alan Smith, Stuart Wightman, Seamus Hughes, I. McFarlane and Bernie Brankin
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
13 October 2015	Finance provides DFP with the latest draft Business Case ahead of casework
19 October 2015	Energy share casework papers
20 October 2015	Pre meeting for casework
21 October 2015	Casework Committee meeting held
26 October 2015	Finance provides DFP with an updated Business Case to reflect amendments made following Casework meeting
27 October 2015	Finance provides further information to DFP and requests urgent consideration
28 October 2015	Energy and Finance answer DFP queries
29 October 2015	DFP Approval granted for new installations until 31 March 2016 due to the uncertainty around future funding of the scheme. “DFP approval is therefore granted for the payments arising from new installations between 29 October 2015 and 31 March 2016”

29 October 2015	Finance provides a copy of the latest Business Case to C Hughes and D Beck
November 2015	RHI position reported in November Board paper – spike in 15-16 applications and increased expenditure in future years.
13 November 2015	Energy to C Stewart re delay in amendment regulations
30 November 2015	Energy to Finance with information for DAC
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.
2 December	Audit committee
3 December 2015	DFP to Finance requesting update
7 December 2015	Finance to DFP with updated position on RHI
7 December 2015	DFP – CST letter expected covering RHI capped 16/17 18.3, 17/18 22.3, 18/19 25.7, 19/20 28.9.
8 December 2015	Correspondence Energy and A McCormick re suspending the scheme
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 2016	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).