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Trevor

Please consider draft email below.

Bernie

Michelle

We have been engaging from June on RHI and DFP indicated in December that it was likely that RHI AME expenditure in 2016-17 to 2019-20 would be capped with the shortfall in funding to be covered from the Resource DEL budget. This position was confirmed in January 2016. It would be helpful if you could advise of the timeline for the engagement with Treasury from initial discussions to final decision on RHI AME. May be grasping at straws here but in 2014-15 we had an overspend of £2.16m in RHI AME and this was managed within the context of the NI Block AME. Is there potential to manage future years' overspends in RHI AME in the same way?

I have been giving some thought to the 2015-16 RHI AME position. We started out with RHI AME budget cover of £11.64m and received confirmation of increased RHI AME cover to provide total funding of £23.2m in June monitoring then further confirmation of increased RHI AME cover to provide total funding of £30.4m in January monitoring. These 2015-16 AME increases are approved by DFP but are they approved by Treasury? Is there any risk around Treasury applying penalties in respect of 2015-16 against the RHI AME allocation of £12.8m as a Barnett Consequential? Would you need to engage with Treasury to pin this down?

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