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Dear Mark

**Public Accounts Committee Evidence Session**

At its meeting on 7 December 2016, the Committee considered your correspondence following your attendance at the meeting on 23 November 2016; the Committee agreed that I should write to you with a number of additional questions relating to the RHI Scheme. They are as follows:

1. In your evidence you said that your Engineers advised that it would be representative for tariffs to be calculated based on a 50 kw boiler which was being used for 17% of the time. Can you provide any evidence to show where this advice came from?
2. When you calculated the suggested tariffs did you do any sensitivity analysis to look at what returns might be if a boiler at the high end of your range (99kw) was used or more hours were actually used. If you had done these calculations might it have led you to identify the need for tiering?
3. In your evidence to the Committee you said that the marginal cost of fuel for the wood pellet boilers was 5.2pence per kwh. Your own figures in table 3.3 page 13 of your addendum in February 2013 show the cost per kwh of wood pellets for a small/medium commercial operation to be 3.37 pence. Please can you explain the difference in cost between the 3.37 pence per kwh and the 5.2 pence you quoted?