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Dear

BARONESS NEVILLE-ROLFE

Thank you for your letter of 4 November providing an update on reform of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) schemes.

You may be aware that the Northern Ireland RHI schemes had to be suspended in February after an unprecedented spike in demand caused significant budgetary pressures for the Executive with the Northern Ireland AME allocations being exceeded.

A number of concerns about the non domestic RHI scheme have since been raised in a Northern Ireland Audit Office Report and an ongoing Public Accounts Committee Inquiry. The immediate priority is to address the affordability, value for money and governance issues that have been raised.

I will write to you in due course to provide an update on any planned changes to the Northern Ireland Schemes going forward.

Yours sincerely

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