

From: [Wightman, Stuart](#)
To: [Stewart, Chris \(DFE\)](#)
Subject: Re: COR-0047-2016 : Update on Proposed Reform of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Schemes
Date: 04 February 2016 20:21:59

Chris

I agree that we should explore the possibility of joining the GB scheme. I've always questioned why NI had separate scheme as there are parts of GB heavily reliant on oil just like NI so the 'different heating market' argument never quite made sense. We could use the response to DECC as opportunity to provide update on NI issues and seek agreement for officials to explore options for extending GB scheme to NI in future.

Moving this forward could however depend on who our next Minister is.

Stuart

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Original Message

From: Stewart, Chris (DETI)
Sent: Thursday, 4 February 2016 19:22
To: McCormick, Andrew (DETI)
Cc: Hill, Janice; Mills, John (DETI); Wightman, Stuart; McIlwrath, Linda
Subject: Re: COR-0047-2016 : Update on Proposed Reform of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Schemes

Andrew

At first glance, no (but we will need to digest the detail).

Ironically, DECC plans to take suspension powers to be used if spending limits are reached. I assume that DECC feels that, as RHI ramps up, the 'graduated response' of tariff degression may not be enough.

Looking ahead, I think we ought to consider whether NI's needs could be met by joining the national scheme. The current heat market is very different here, but is the desired end state hugely different? John and Stuart will have a more informed view, but I doubt whether the factors which mean that EMR and FIT are not right for NI have any parallel in RHI.

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To: Stewart, Chris (DETI)
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Interesting timing. Any immediate implications for what we are doing?

Many thanks.

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Original Message

From: private.office@detini.gov.uk
Sent: Thursday, 4 February 2016 17:43
To: Mills, John (DETI)
Cc: McLaughlin, Christine (DETI); Hegarty, Damien; Stevenson, Valerie (DETI Private Office); Dolaghan, Paul; McCormick, Andrew (DETI); Kerr, Sean; Rooney, Eugene; Stewart, Chris (DETI); DG_DETI Press Office; DETI Energy Mailbox
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Raised By: The Rt Hon Amber Rudd
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Referred To: JOHN MILLS
Date referred: 04/02/2016

ACTION REQUIRED

Please see attached correspondence from Amber Rudd MP. We are unable to open the RHI Impact Assessment word document within the email from DECC but have put a call in with irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry to see if we can get a different version but Jack has gone for the day. DETI Private office will forward this on once we get a copy.

Please provide advice and a draft reply for signature by the Minister

To be with private.office@detini.gov.uk not later than 11/02/2016

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