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To: [McCormick, Andrew \(DFE\)](#)
Cc: [Stewart, Chris \(DFE\)](#); [Wightman, Stuart](#); [Hill, Janice](#); [Rooney, Eugene](#); [Cooper, Trevor](#)
Subject: RE: Renewable Heat Incentive
Date: 08 February 2016 17:57:10

My instant reaction is that these are proposals that could be followed up and that we could consult on [after closure](#).

I think we know that Moy Park has encouraged (pushed?) its suppliers hard on this. There was a BBC programme last summer on the poultry industry which included highlighting the importance of renewable heat for animal welfare and production. We also know that big companies keen to present “green” credentials. Not entirely sure what the units are.

From: McCormick, Andrew (DETI)
Sent: 08 February 2016 17:46
To: Mills, John (DETI)
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This email is raising issues re a closure date of 31 March...

But the question I have is what insight if any do you have into the relationship between Moy Park and its suppliers – there are hints in John McCallister’s email that are of interest (highlighted below – and emphasis added by me).

Glad of any thoughts re what this means. Many thanks.

From: Private Office DETI
Sent: 08 February 2016 15:42
To: Hegarty, Damien
Cc: Kerr, Sean; Stevenson, Valerie (DETI Private Office)
Subject: FW: Renewable Heat Incentive

From: McCallister, John [<mailto:john.mccallister@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>]
Sent: 08 February 2016 15:15
To: Private Office DETI
Subject: Renewable Heat Incentive

Dear Jonathan

I am writing on behalf of a number of constituents in relation to the announced closer of the Renewable Heat Incentive scheme as of the 31 March 2016.

I currently have a number of constituents who are in the process of applying to the enter the scheme, some of this driven by the **insistence of Moy Park in relation to animal welfare and animal performance issues**.

Is there likely to be any leeway on the 31 March date for those who have already entered the application process, but are unsure as to whether they will gain approval by the closure date or indeed have the commissioning process completed (I believe there was some leeway for the last round of applications)?

In Northern Ireland we are facing a situation of continued demand with regards the Renewable Heat Incentive scheme, however, in England an equivalent scheme has seen very disappointing uptake. Have any representations been made to Westminster with a view to accessing additional funding for the Northern Ireland scheme, which will be helping the UK’s renewable energy targets?

I understand that **Moy Park is writing in a limit of approximately 1,300 -1,400 units within their own contracts**. Given the importance of the Agri-food sector and in particular the poultry sector to the NI economy, if further funding was made available - to maintain the sustainability of the scheme - would you consider introducing a unit limit?

Kind regards

John