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**From:** Roy Beggs, Office [mailto:roybeggs.office@btopenworld.com]  
**Sent:** 10 February 2016 16:14  
**To:** Private Office DETI  
**Subject:** Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme

Dear Minister Bell,

Please find below a copy of correspondence that I received regarding the changes in the Renewable Heat Incentive scheme. As you will see, concern has been raised “that the scheme is being cut at such short notice without any consultation, or mechanism in place for those already in contracts to fulfil their obligations”.

Furthermore there is concern that there is not a “plan or phased approach to this major policy change”. They have also indicated that they have make a major investment, entered into contracts and are within 6-8 weeks of being able to commission.

I would ask that consideration should be given to such individuals who have made the investment because of the RHI and will face finance difficulties due to the lack of warning of the changes.

Kind regards,

Roy Beggs MLA

**From:** Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry  
**Sent:** 10 February 2016 09:18  
**To:** Beggs, Roy <[roy.beggs@mla.niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:roy.beggs@mla.niassembly.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** FW: RHI scheme cuts

Dear Roy,

Further to the announcement yesterday, I am writing to seek your help in connection with the RHI Scheme which is to be voted on in the assembly on Monday 16th February 2016. Our situation is that we have borrowed money and entered into a £29,700 contract to install renewable energy in our new home. We are a young professional couple in our twenties and are building our first home. As we wanted try and do our bit for the environment and build an energy efficient home, we made the decision on the understanding that we would receive RHI amounting to £6950 through the scheme. We are therefore really concerned and distressed to find that the scheme is being cut at such short notice without any consultation, or mechanism in place for those already in contracts to fulfil their obligations.

I understand budgetary pressures are largely responsible for this decision, however our

assembly should also think about budgetary implications for local tax-payers already in contracts and depending on the scheme.

I am therefore writing to ask for your assistance to ensure that there is a more reasonable plan or phased approach to this major policy change. We are within 6-8 weeks of being able to commission and therefore fulfil the criteria for the scheme.

Thanking you in advance of your response.

Yours sincerely

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