

**From:** [Wightman, Stuart](#)  
**To:** [McCormick, Andrew \(DFE\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Stewart, Chris \(DFE\)](#); [McCann, Brendan](#); [Marten, Lucy](#)  
**Subject:** ETI Committee Consideration RHI Scheme Design  
**Date:** 14 December 2016 12:43:15  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.gif](#)  
[ETI Committee Query - Renewable Heat Incentive - March 10.tr5](#)  
[Ministerial Submission ETI Committee query re inclusion of RHI in Energy Bill, August 2010 DRAFT.tr5](#)  
[ETI Committee Query regarding inclusion of Renewable Heat Incentive Provisions in Energy Bill.tr5](#)  
[DETI SUB 1148 2011 re ETI Committee Queries - Inquiry into Renewable Heat.tr5](#)  
[Min submission RHI consultation overview and paper to ETI Committee - Final.tr5](#)  
[LMU 11 42 ETI Committee Question on RHI - Issued to ETI Comm Clerk 16 Jan 12.tr5](#)

---

Andrew

I attach TRIM links to a number of Submissions / Correspondence between the Minister/Officials and the Committee on RHI. I could not find anything highlighting the differences between the NI and the GB scheme in terms of tiered tariffs. The only references are to lower tariffs for NI compared to GB because an oil counterfactual was selected. However, this information will no doubt have been based on a 17% load factor (and 12% rate of return). We now know that because of the lack of tiering, despite the lower headline tariff rates, the NI scheme was more generous than GB. This means the information provided to the Committee was inaccurate.

What I did find was that the ETI Committee's third Recommendation from is Inquiry into Renewable Energy reads:

*The Executive must provide more resources and technical expertise to those responsible for developing energy policy and proactively drive the renewable energy agenda and enable the development of policies and strategies to help Northern Ireland progress in those renewable energy areas such as anaerobic digestion, energy from waste, geothermal energy and renewable heat which are underdeveloped in relation to other regions.*

This might be relevant given the criticisms about not have relevant expertise in the Dept at the time .

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Stuart

## **Stuart Wightman**

Energy Efficiency  
Department for the Economy  
Netherleigh  
Massey Avenue  
Belfast, BT4 2JP

Tel: 028 9052 9425 (ext: 29425)

Mob: Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry

TextRelay: 18001 028 9052 9425

Web: [www.economy-ni.gov.uk](http://www.economy-ni.gov.uk)

