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Subject: FW: Domestic RHI

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Dear Minister Bell,

I am writing about the recent suspension of Domestic RHI. I am disappointed with how the minister and DETI have withdrawn the scheme at such short notice. I started the rather stressful process of building my house last April and as part of the design process is to decide on a heating system for my house. I decided on a ground source heat pump. The RHI and grant available were two factor in my decision. Building a new house is a very stressful time financially. I have the house now ready for plastering however I inserted the ground loops during a recent dry spell before Christmas. I am informed by my plumber that I would not have a functioning heat pump until April-May and will not qualify for RHI or grants.

I want to know how DETI or the Minister would suggest I would get a ground source heat pump installed in a matter of 2-3 weeks?

Would DETI like to refund me the money spent on installation of the ground loops? As I now no longer likely to proceed with a ground source heat pump

I understand the budget constraints but could we not have been warned of a decreasing budget?

Regards

Peter Mc Crossan