

**From:** Wightman, Stuart [Stuart.Wightman@detini.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 28 May 2015 13:15  
**Subject:** FW: DECC Meeting

John,

It might be useful to engage with Clive Maxwell at your level initially. To date, DECC officials have simply referred us to HMT.

Happy to discuss.

Thx, Stuart

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**From:** Clydesdale, Alison  
**Sent:** 28 May 2015 12:40  
**To:** Wightman, Stuart  
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To see re RHI

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**From:** McCormick, Andrew (DETI)  
**Sent:** 28 May 2015 12:25  
**To:** Mills, John (DETI)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Chris (DETI); Hill, Janice; Clydesdale, Alison; Cairns, Timothy  
**Subject:** DECC Meeting

No surprises. Declan was with Jeremy.

They are not yet clear on how the Conservatives' commitments on onshore wind will be taken forward and what implications could arise from political tactics re Scotland. They acknowledged the urgency of decisions and appeared sympathetic to the request for a Ministerial meeting asap.

They indicated that any pressure at Ministerial level with them was for a tight attitude to Grace Periods. Also some respondents had raised the infraction risk if we opt out so that is maybe more of a worry though they saw reasonable defence if we move slowly towards a non-UK renewables scheme in due course if we opt out of EMR.

They said it was right and valid for us to raise the range of requests we had discussed so no reason to hold anything back in our briefing for Minister Bell.

On RHI the steer was that as an AME issue it should not be limited by Barnett and the key was to give HMT early warning of the increased demand - but JP deferred to Clive Maxwell's side for authoritative advice - suggest you speak to them.

Hope this helps.

Many thanks.