

From: [Cairns, Timothy](#)
To: [McCormick, Andrew \(DFE\)](#)
Subject: RE: PS DETI 021 16 - Perm Sec - HOCS - RHI
Date: 18 February 2016 16:52:00

Andrew

My concerns as to why the documents were not attached and not shared with me prior to this going out the door (despite me asking for them to be furnished) were certainly not without foundation. I had been told verbally that the email was just one email (document 2) rather than a paper trail. I can only say I am suspicious as to why my email account had privileges changed and these documents were not furnished, especially as I had expressly asked for sight of them. I was told that the email was just a response to my FIR on price controls.

I can't let John's first email of 11th August go unchallenged. The delay in any paper being cleared was due to ministerial absence (it was the summer afterall). I needed to talk to the minister and explain the position before any clearance could be given, further consideration needed to be given to the paper which was subsequently cleared by the Minister.

Chris sent a reminder about the paper on 7th August (although I am unable to verify that as my email privileges were changed by someone 2 weeks ago without my knowledge) and I met with him on the first opportunity on 10th/11th August. He then relayed that conversation to John so that more information could be provided before I spoke to the Minister. I assume he sent me an email on 11th August but again I am unable to verify as my email privileges were suddenly changed without my knowledge. I'm actually at a loss to understand why that email (document 2) was included. It seems strange indeed, indeed out of kilter with the rest of the timeline documents. I do have my suspicions. I am also at a loss to understand why these were not shared with me prior to this memo being sent?

Further I would point out that when the memo was handed to the Minister you stated that "one or two more minor amendments needed to be made before it went" you then stated when I asked if the memo had been sent that it had been as there were no changes to the document that was shown to the Minister.

From: McCormick, Andrew (DETI)

Sent: 15 February 2016 13:26

To: Hill, Janice

Cc: Mills, John (DETI); Stewart, Chris (DETI); Wightman, Stuart; Rooney, Eugene; Cooper, Trevor; Cairns, Timothy

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Final form and issue to cc list on addressee only basis.

Many thanks.