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**To:** [Wightman, Stuart](#)  
**Cc:** [Stewart, Chris \(DETI\)](#); [Hughes, Seamus](#); [McIlwrath, Linda](#); [Hill, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY: UTV - RHI  
**Date:** 01 February 2016 13:08:00

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Happy with this - please send to Private Office.

Many thanks.

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**From:** Wightman, Stuart  
**Sent:** 01 February 2016 13:07  
**To:** McCormick, Andrew (DETI)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Chris (DETI); Hughes, Seamus; McIlwrath, Linda; Hill, Janice  
**Subject:** FW: MEDIA ENQUIRY: UTV - RHI  
 Andrew

Please see draft response to UTV press query on RHI.

If you are content, I'll arrange to issue.

Thanks, Stuart

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**From:** Mills, John (DETI)  
**Sent:** 01 February 2016 13:05  
**To:** Wightman, Stuart  
**Cc:** Stewart, Chris (DETI); Hughes, Seamus  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY: UTV - RHI  
 Stuart

See minor changes below. Assume Andrew will want to see?

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**From:** Wightman, Stuart  
**Sent:** 01 February 2016 12:42  
**To:** Mills, John (DETI)  
**Cc:** Stewart, Chris (DETI); Hughes, Seamus  
**Subject:** FW: MEDIA ENQUIRY: UTV - RHI  
**Importance:** High

John

Draft response to Press Query below.

Happy to discuss,

Thanks, Stuart

**Has the target for RHI 10% by 2020 been met?**

- *The Non Domestic and Domestic RHI schemes were introduced in November 2012 and December 2014 respectively in pursuit of the Executive's Strategic Energy Framework to have 10% of NI's heating needs provided by renewable heating technologies by 2020. The Programme for Government included an interim target of 4% renewable heat by 2015. Current estimates suggest around 6% of our total heating needs in Northern Ireland are now met through renewable heating technologies.*

**Has the funding for RHI (from DECC?) ended or (in his words), 'is the pot still available?'**

- *An unprecedented increase in demand together with changes to how both RHI schemes are funded now means the NI RHI budget is under significant pressure. The Minister is currently considering options. An announcement is expected shortly*

**What is the breakdown between Domestic/Non-domestic RHI by installation?**

- *The non domestic scheme has received 1810 applications. Some 700 applications have been received under the domestic RHI since its launch in December 2014 and a further 1200 transferred across from the interim Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme, (RHPP).*
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**From:** Bruce, Iain

**Sent:** 01 February 2016 11:26

**To:** Mills, John (DETI)

**Cc:** Clydesdale, Alison; Fullerton, Karen; Harding, Leander; Cooke, Alexie; Kingsbury, Gail; Faulkner, Carol; McManus, John (DETI); Sames, David

**Subject:** MEDIA ENQUIRY: UTV - RHI

John,

Jamie Delargey, UTV, has submitted the following media enquiry:

- Has the target for RHI 10% by 2020 been met?
- Has the funding for RHI (from DECC?) ended or (in his words), 'is the pot still available?'
- What is the breakdown between Domestic/Non-domestic RHI by installation?

Could you advise?

Deadline 'asap'.

Thanks,

Iain.

**Iain Bruce**

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