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Lawrence

I can confirm that Energy Renewables Division **doesn't have approval** for current and future RHI expenditure associated with payments to 788 installations completed between 1 April 2015 and 29 October 2015. For 2016/17, £19.4m of irregular expenditure is forecast against these installations.

I can confirm that appropriate business case approvals are either in place or being sought for all other ongoing or planning expenditure within Energy Renewables Division during 2016/17. None of these approvals are time-bound.

Please contact if you have any queries.

Thanks,

Stuart

## Stuart Wightman

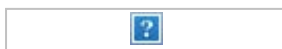
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**From:** McCormick, Andrew (DFE)

**Sent:** 22 September 2016 17:59

**To:** Baker, Derek; Cousins, Heather; Rooney, Eugene

**Cc:** Ingram, June; Johnston, Wendy; Jack, Colin; Monds, Richard; Wightman, Stuart; McEvoy, Colette; McCann, Brendan; Stewart, Chris (DFE); McIlwrath, Linda

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Just underlining that the request below came from the PAC Preparation meeting today and needs urgent thought and attention (copying to Chris' direct reports in his absence).

Happy to discuss.

Many thanks.

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**From:** Gaw, Lawrence  
**Sent:** 22 September 2016 14:58  
**To:** McLean, Diarmuid; Harrison, Beverley; Wightman, Stuart; Cooper, Trevor; McIvor, Mary; Wilkinson, Jim; Ingram, June; McMurray, Stephen; Dukelow, Victor; Thompson, Mike; Jack, Colin; Hamilton, Maeve; Johnston, Wendy; Monds, Richard  
**Cc:** Baker, Derek; Rooney, Eugene; Stewart, Chris (DFE); Cousins, Heather; McCormick, Andrew (DFE)  
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All

We are preparing lines to take for the PAC hearing next Wednesday on Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI). Can you please provide me with confirmation of the following:

1. That you have all the necessary approvals ( including DoF approval where required) in place for expenditure in your area for the 2016/17 year:
2. That where approvals , such as DoF approvals, have been time bound (eg approval up to end of March 17) that controls are in place to ensure that necessary action is taken to secure the approvals required for future years and that this will be done in advance of expenditure being incurred.

A response by noon tomorrow 23 September is required

Many thanks for your assistance

Brendan McCann

**Lawrence Gaw**

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