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Subject: Re: Irish News Comment
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First question is to see if we can find these warnings in our files.....

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Gaughran, Aine
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Please see enquiry below from the Irish News.

Regards,

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From: Andrew Madden [<mailto:Madden-A7@email.ulster.ac.uk>]
Sent: 29 December 2016 10:50
To: All DFE Branches Press Office
Subject: Irish News Comment

Hi, Andrew Madden from the Irish News here.

I was hoping to get a comment from the department in relation to our front page story today about the RHI scheme.

Here's the link: <http://www.irishnews.com/news/2016/12/29/news/department-warned-of-rhi-flaws-a-year-before-its-launch-854637/>



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MORE than a dozen companies and other bodies warned about the need for cost controls in the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) more than a year before its launch. "Fundamental flaws" in the design of the green energy scheme have left the taxpayer facing a bill of up to £490 million over the next 20 years.

Primarily, I want to ask why these concerns the stakeholders raised were not heeded in relation to the development of the scheme.

Many thanks,
Andrew Madden
Irish News

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the RHI Inquiry