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**To:** [Marten, Lucy](#); [McMurray, Stephen](#); [McCormick, Andrew \(DFE\)](#); [McCann, Brendan](#); [Coyne, Terence](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: Newsletter: RHI PRESS QUERY  
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I have drafted the following line in regards these queries – grateful for advice as not sure if working along the right lines.

**“The total spend on RHI to date is £61,976,898.**

**The Department could not comment in regards possible costs to the scheme in the event of different criteria being implemented as this would mean speculating in regards variables such as the number of potential applicants and take up of the scheme.”**

Thanks  
Leander

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**From:** Harding, Leander  
**Sent:** 12 January 2017 11:43  
**To:** Marten, Lucy; McMurray, Stephen; McCormick, Andrew (DFE); McCann, Brendan; Coyne, Terence  
**Cc:** All DFE Branches Press Office  
**Subject:** FW: Newsletter: RHI PRESS QUERY

Dear All,

Philip has added an additional query

3) How much of the RHI pay outs to date have been an overspend due to the lack of checks and balances?

Grateful for your advice.

Best wishes  
Leander

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**From:** Harding, Leander  
**Sent:** 11 January 2017 17:55  
**To:** Marten, Lucy; McMurray, Stephen; McCormick, Andrew (DFE); Stewart, Chris (DFE); McCann, Brendan; Coyne, Terence  
**Cc:** All DFE Branches Press Office  
**Subject:** Newsletter: RHI PRESS QUERY

Dear All,

Philip Bradfield from the Newsletter has submitted additional queries in regards RHI. Full list of questions is now:

Please advise how much has been spent on RHI to date.

How much have RHI payouts been to date?

Please can you give some guidance as to what the total cost of the payments over 20 years would have been if the scheme had followed GP checks and balances?

Philip has asked for a deadline of Thursday morning and as always grateful for your advice.

Many thanks  
Leander