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Attached correspondence refers.

Many thanks

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10 January 2017

Dear Stephen

### **NON-DOMESTIC RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE**

At DfE's request, DoF officials met with a delegation from Moy Park yesterday. At this meeting, Moy Park officials provided a condensed version of the presentation which was provided to DfE officials on Thursday 5 January 2017.

While you will have your own departmental view of the information provided to you, from a DoF perspective the engagement has raised three key issues which we believe require further and immediate investigation or action by DfE:

1. The Moy Park team expressed a concern that one of the large combined heat and power plants with preliminary accreditation may not meet the eligibility criteria due planning permission being granted 25 days after the scheme closed.

I would be grateful if DfE could follow up on this point and, subject to DfE's consideration of Moy Park's concerns, bring this to C&AG's attention as appropriate.

2. The Moy Park team commented that their data did not support the assumption that the Poultry Industry had driven the spike in applications experienced in Autumn 2015.

As you will be aware, DoF's letter of 21 December 2015 to DfE on this issue referred to the significant increase in applications and commented that this situation '*clearly warrants further investigation to test both the origin and authenticity of the additional applications*'. There has been ongoing engagement between our departments since that date on the pressing need to audit the applications received during the application

spikes. Therefore and as previously requested, I should be grateful if you would provide DoF with an assessment of the origin and eligibility of the additional applications received during this period.

3. The Moy Park team highlighted the need for robust auditing of the scheme and recommended that the team tasked with the audits should be multi-disciplinary and include engineers, energy specialists and accountants.

The Moy Park team agreed to follow up with a list of the skills and competencies which they believe are essential for a robust audit of the scheme. DoF will forward this list to you for information once received.

A significant part of the Moy Park assessment was based on their interpretation of the C&AG's July 2016 report. It was suggested that Moy Park's assessment could be usefully provided to C&AG, should C&AG undertake a more substantive Value for Money Review of the Renewable Heat Scheme. DoF has advised C&AG that this suggestion was made in the course of the meeting with Moy Park.

Yours sincerely

A photograph of a handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Emer Morelli'.

**EMER MORELLI**

cc **David Sterling**  
**Andrew McCormick**  
**Mike Brennan**  
**Heather Cousins**  
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