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See attached correspondence from Andrew McCormick, Permanent Secretary, Department for the Economy.

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**9 May 2016**

Dear Chris

**DELOITTE REVIEW OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND NON – DOMESTIC RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE SCHEME (RHI)**

I am writing with regard to allegations previously shared with OfGem in relation to the NI Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme (NIRHI). These allegations raised concerns of potential abuse, fraud or gaming of the NIRHI Scheme. You will of course appreciate that ensuring the full and rigours investigation of these allegations are of the utmost concern to me as Accounting Officer for the expenditure concerned.

In response to the allegations, it was agreed that Ofgem's Internal Auditors would undertake a two Phased review, Phase 1 being a review of the current system of control over the scheme and Phase 2 including a programme of onsite inspections, undertaken by a Third Party of a sample of installations. I am very grateful for Ofgem's cooperation with this important process.

The draft report on Phase 1 of this review has now been received and my colleagues have responded with their detailed comments on the report. My purpose in writing to you is to emphasise that as Accounting Officer I take the allegations that have been received very seriously and there continues to be a high level of concern regarding the issues raised.

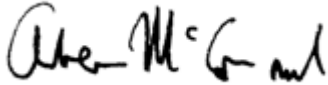
While I appreciate that the draft report received represents only Phase 1 of a two Phase review, I do need to emphasise that it is essential that the scope and scale of the second Phase is such that it provides a robust investigation of the allegations.

Could I ask you to ensure that in taking forward Phase 2 of the review, that your Internal Auditors investigation fully addresses and concludes on the allegations received, that the associated programme of onsite inspections is sufficiently robust and that this programme

inspections commences as soon as possible. I would stress that financial resource is not an issue and I will make available whatever resources are required and agreed by my HIA.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew McCormick'.

**ANDREW McCORMICK**  
Permanent Secretary

cc Stuart Wightman  
Michael Woods  
Edmund Ward - Ofgem