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**Attachments:** [NIAO Information sent to DETI - 12 April 16.tr5](#)  
[RHI Forecast 2016-17 - Banded Averages.xlsx](#)  
[RHI Monthly Drawdowns by Ofgem - trial 1516 banded averages.xlsx](#)  
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Hi Trevor,

Hope you are settling into Adelaide House. I'm just following up on this email from John to you last week.

I'm going to be involved in RHI for the next 6 months or so and am meeting with external audit this afternoon so I was just wanting to check a couple of things ahead of that meeting :

- (i) Are you content with the forecasts provided and have you forwarded them to NIAO already and;
- (ii) Are still dealing with this in your new role – if not can you advise who is.

I would be keen to explore with finance colleagues how best and how often to provide this information – it may be that we might need to provide something additional to the normal routine financial profiling exercises but happy to discuss with whoever will be looking at this going forward.

Best Regards

Alison

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**From:** McCoy, Laura **On Behalf Of** Mills, John (DETI)  
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Trevor

As requested, we've completed a further forecasting exercise for Non Domestic RHI expenditure in 2015/16 (second attachment) and 2016/17 (last attachment) using 'banded averages' for all installations including those installations that have received payments. The table below summarises the results of the two different forecast methodologies. In 2015/16, the revised forecast is only £51k lower. However, for 2016/17 our revised forecast is £1.1m lower.

Forecast	2015/16	2016/17
Original Forecast (using payment data and banded averages for installations with no payments)	£33.04m	£50.68m
Revised Forecast (using banded averages for all installations)	£32.99m	£49.58m
Difference	£0.05m	£1.1m

Given the large number of installations awaiting accreditation and first payments, I would recommend we proceed on the basis of the higher 'original' forecast for both 15/16 and 16/17. Subject to your agreement, I also propose that we include an additional £2.06m of accrual in 2015/16 to allow for seasonality. Input of the Feb and March 2016 payment data has seen an increase in the outturn for those months of 18.6% of the amount paid. The first pay run in April 2016 has already increased the 2016/17 profile by £350,381. The draft response to NIAO (first attachment) is based on our original forecast together with the £2.06m accrual. If you are content with this, can you please forward this response to Brian O'Neill in NIAO.

As ever the caveat needs to be added that however much time we spend, the outcome will still be an estimate, based on relatively little data. Approx 45% of the 2,000+ applications still have not received any payment and a further 30% have payment data for only 3-9 months.

Happy to discuss tomorrow.

Thanks

John