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Subject: FW: Energy Whistle blowing
Attachments: DfE WB Register.docx; Whistleblowing Register 2016-17.XLSX; Guidance on Handling Whistleblowing Allegations.docx; AQW 8817 16-21 - Nil return ETM&PD 14 12 2016.MSG

Stuart

The DfE WB Register (see attached) maintained by Energy Division contains 6 Whistle-blowing concerns in connection with RHI. Currently the Whistle blowing Register maintained by Corporate Governance for the Department (see extract attached) includes only four Whistle blowing concerns re RHI. Can you please reconcile the two records to ensure that Corporate Governance has been informed of all Whistle blowing concerns received?

The Departmental Guidance policy for Whistle blowing is attached which states in paragraph 6.3 that: each Director will be required to advise Corporate Governance, Planning and Equality Branch immediately by completing and submitting Section A of the Public Interest Disclosure Form attached as a template at **Annex A**. Can you please complete the Annex A form in respect of any Whistle blowing concerns that have not yet been notified to us so that we can keep the Departmental Whistle blowing Register up to date and complete.

In future it is necessary that all Whistle blowing complaints are notified to us in accordance with the Departmental guidance to ensure a consistent approach is taken when FOI requests / Assembly questions are received.

Many thanks for your cooperation
Conor