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Keith,

Our Head of Internal Audit has considered the responses you kindly provided. However, they would like further detail on your own internal audit processes (through Deloitte) that would carry out assurance checks on your processes and procedures for the administration of the RHI and checks on the payments being made.

For our own assurance purposes we would be requiring information on the Deloitte audits of your RHI team, the processes, the payments etc. In regards to those audits, would you be willing to share the scope of how Deloitte audit your internal processes re RHI? How often would Deloitte carry out such audits and what sort of information would be gathered and detailed in the report produced? Assuming Deloitte would be auditing your entire RHI team (both GB and NI) how would the NI payment processes be considered (a separate report or section in overall report?) and could this be shared with us for our own assurance purposes?

Grateful if you would consider the questions above and provide some information on the role of Deloitte and how their audit function might be able to provide the necessary assurances for our own audit team.

Note that Fiona is out of the office today but I spoke to her last evening regards being available for a conversation with Matthew tomorrow before he goes on leave so outstanding issues and be considered and next steps agreed re signing the agreement. The current issues surrounding audit are somewhat out of our hands but we are continuing to liaise with Audit/Finance staff to move this issue forward.

Thanks in advance for your help.

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