

**From:** [Morelli, Emer](#)  
**To:** [Scott, Michelle](#)  
**Subject:** Re: RHI  
**Date:** 27 October 2015 21:46:02

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Thanks Michelle

Given the timetable all we can offer at this time is prospective approval as discussed.

Many thanks

Emer

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Scott, Michelle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 October 2015 16:43  
**To:** Morelli, Emer; Millar, Angela (DFP); Finlay, Christine  
**Subject:** FW: RHI

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Just for info in relation to the statutory rule timetable.

Michelle

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**From:** Cooper, Trevor  
**Sent:** 27 October 2015 16:12  
**To:** Scott, Michelle  
**Cc:** Rooney, Eugene; Mills, John (DETI); McFarlane, Iain; Hutchinson, Lee-Anne; Wightman, Stuart  
**Subject:** FW: RHI  
**Importance:** High

Michelle

Statutory Rule scheduled to go to Assembly debate either 9 or 10 November. If approved changes would apply from following day. To meet the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> we would need to lay the Draft legislation no later than this Friday (30 October). So afraid consideration still needed in advance **(ie. Before Friday)**.

Happy to discuss.

Trevor

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**From:** Cooper, Trevor  
**Sent:** 27 October 2015 16:00  
**To:** Wightman, Stuart  
**Cc:** Rooney, Eugene; Mills, John (DETI); McFarlane, Iain; Hutchinson, Lee-Anne  
**Subject:** RHI

Stuart

DFP has asked when tariff changes would actually apply from – if changes were approved by Assembly on 11 November?

Trevor

**Scott, Michelle**

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**From:** Finlay, Christine  
**Sent:** 27 October 2015 09:45  
**To:** Scott, Michelle  
**Cc:** Millar, Angela (DFP)  
**Subject:** FW: NI Renewable Heat Incentive

Michelle,

I had a really quick look through this the morning of the casework committee and sent these very rough initial comments on the first half of the business case. Will take another look at the revised version and send you any thoughts.

Regards,

Christine

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**From:** Finlay, Christine  
**Sent:** 21 October 2015 10:48  
**To:** Houston, Michael  
**Subject:** FW: NI Renewable Heat Incentive

I had a ...  
 FYI ...  
 thought

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**From:** Finlay, Christine  
**Sent:** 21 October 2015 10:17  
**To:** McNally, Noel  
**Subject:** NI Renewable Heat Incentive

Noel,

I haven't had a chance to look into the Renewable Heat Business case in much detail but here is a few thoughts:

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- I thought we were meeting our renewable heat targets already?
- If oil prices etc are more expensive here you would assume we could have offered lower renewable heat tariffs than GB as it wouldn't take as much to incentivise NI households.
- Para 3.12 notes if the scheme is to be closed early the target won't be made. With the high rise in applications will the target not be met earlier than planned anyway?
  - Table 3.19 – The cost of the new commitments are huge.
  - There has been a big increase in applications since March 2015, does this coincide with the tariff being reduced in GB – would it be people trying to get on the schemes before the tariff drops here? Is it realistic to forecast applications based on these figures?

The Risks section in the original OBC looked at: risk of incorrect subsidy level and the risk of insufficient budget for administration or future payments. These must not have been mitigated well.

Going to look through the other half of the addendum now and let you know if I find anything else. Sorry about these being rough but thought it was better to get you something before the casework committee.

Think you are right the big issues involved are to do with affordability and funding.

Regards,

Christine