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The Minister is content. Response issued.

Regards,
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Dear Simon,

DOMESTIC RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE

Thank you for your correspondence dated 13 August 2015 about the operation of the Northern Ireland Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

The domestic RHI provides for an upfront payment and 7 years of support payments depending on technology employed. These payments are based on the household's annual heating requirements which are calculated using information in the property's Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). The heating requirement for each property is different and the EPC provides the relevant energy efficiency information for all property types. Newer and more energy efficient properties will have lower heat requirements and lower fuel costs. This is therefore reflected in the level of RHI payments.

However, an issue has arisen with RHI payments for properties with either Solar PV or heat pumps, as is the case of your constituent. I can confirm that annual payments for all domestic RHI customers affected by the solar PV/heat pump issue will be recalculated to remove these anomalies. Annual payments for domestic RHI customers will begin in December 2015.

I hope that this is helpful to you and your constituent.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan F. Bell

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