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Subject: FW: DETI - RHI
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From: Morelli, Emer
Sent: 11 January 2016 10:31
To: Scott, Michelle
Subject: RE: DETI - RHI

Thanks Michelle

Emer

From: Scott, Michelle
Sent: 11 January 2016 10:27
To: Morelli, Emer
Subject: Fw: DETI - RHI

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Sterling, David <David.Sterling@dfpni.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, 11 January 2016 09:57
To: Brennan, Mike
Cc: Scott, Michelle
Subject: RE: DETI - RHI

Mike

Thanks for this. I was speaking to Andrew on Friday but he did not mention this.

I agree it's alarming they've not yet closed down the scheme. I've to speak to Andrew or Chris Stewart on another matter – I'll raise RHI when I do and make the point that their minister should not be writing directly to Treasury.

David

From: Brennan, Mike
Sent: 11 January 2016 09:48
To: Sterling, David
Cc: Scott, Michelle
Subject: FW: DETI - RHI

David – just a 'heads up' from Supply that you might receive a call from Andrew McCormick on the RHI issue.

I have told DETI that their Minister should not be writing to HMT. It needs to be the Finance Minister if anyone from the Executive. It seems that DETI just want to write for presentational reasons so that they can deflect the blame somewhat.

I think that a ministerial letter to HMT on the RHI issue would be counterproductive at this stage – given all the turmoil there is at present with NIO / HMT on budget protocols etc. It is also alarming that DETI has not yet closed down the scheme. Writing to the Executive at this stage would also be worrying as it would try to make this an Executive budget problem rather than a DETI one. The imperative is on DETI to make in-roads into the RHI pressure. If there is a remaining problem then they will have to take their chances in June Monitoring. If they raise the issue now it could derail the Budget Motion debate.

I also wonder is DETI trying to shift attention and responsibility away from themselves so that they can still progress the Energywise initiative.

M

From: Scott, Michelle
Sent: 08 January 2016 16:32
To: Brennan, Mike; Morelli, Emer
Subject: DETI - RHI

Mike/Emer

I just took a call from DETI. It was a heads up that they are considering approaching David to ask if it would be appropriate to write at Ministerial level to Treasury about RHI funding. There is a recognition that this is unlikely to change the Treasury view.

I also understand the Ministerial sub on the future of the scheme has not yet been agreed, and consideration is being given to whether DETI should issue an Executive Paper on the issue.

Happy to discuss further on Monday

Michelle