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Trevor

You asked two questions about RHI – please see responses below.

Kind regards

Michelle

1. What is the risk on RDEL in the current financial year

*We have not been notified of an AME control total in 2015-16 for RHI, the control totals as set out within the CST letter apply from 2016-17. Therefore all RHI expenditure in this financial year can be classified as AME.*

2. When DFP first engaged with HMT

*Following DETI and DECC's engagement over the Summer, DFP engaged with HMT at the beginning of October. The message from HMT at that stage was that AME forecasts for RHI should not include provision for any new installations beyond 31 March 2016 as the future of the RHI scheme would be determined as part of the November Spending Review (as per email to DETI 9 October 2015). At that time, while DFP was aware there had been increased uptake of the scheme, we did not have knowledge of the significant spike in applications which was reported to DFP in December 2015.*