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Dear Ms Hepper,

Further to my letter earlier today, I wish to clarify further what we intend to report.

- 1) We understand that you were at a meeting with the whistleblower in autumn 2013 outlined in my earlier letter and we intend to report this.

Would you please confirm that this is correct?

Would you please confirm that you attended the meeting as the director of energy in the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment?

What is your response to the allegation, outlined by Dr McCormick at the PAC hearing, that the whistleblower felt she wasn't believed at the meeting?

I understand from the department's previous communication on your behalf that you do not feel you can make a contribution to the programme at this time. However, if you want to respond to these questions, please do so before 1700 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you need any clarification, please contact me on Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry or email me on [conor.spackman@bbc.co.uk](mailto:conor.spackman@bbc.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Conor Spackman

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