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Cc: [Scott, Michelle](#); [Sterling, David](#)
Subject: RE: RHI Regs State Aid
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Emer – thanks. This is helpful. Lets hope this and the conversation with Collette F will give the Minister sufficient comfort

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From: Morelli, Emer
Sent: 23 January 2017 12:17
To: Brennan, Mike
Cc: Scott, Michelle; Sterling, David
Subject: FW: RHI Regs State Aid

Mike

For info only on the State Aid renotification risk profile, I will now reflect DfE's advice to Private Office.

Many thanks
Emer

From: Moore, Stephen (DfE)
Sent: 23 January 2017 12:06
To: Morelli, Emer
Cc: Scott, Michelle; McMurray, Stephen; McCormick, Andrew (DFE); McCann, Brendan; Marten, Lucy; Murphy, Shane
Subject: RE: RHI Regs State Aid

Emer

We are very confident we can secure agreement.

When the Commission wants to, it can adopt decisions very quickly.

In this case, they are aware of the urgency from the meeting they had with Andrew.

UKREP are also keeping the Commission up to speed with developments in NI.

I was also hoping to discuss the RHI notification with BEIS and UKRep today at a State aid meeting in London, but due to fog, I will be doing this by phone rather than in person.

The view from UKRep last week was that the Commission will be robust but should give this approval, as we are essentially making a minor revision to the original State aid approval and are committing to re-notify the longer term plan after the planned review and consultation.

Happy to discuss further as necessary.

Stephen

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From: Morelli, Emer
Sent: 23 January 2017 10:36
To: McMurray, Stephen
Cc: Scott, Michelle; Moore, Stephen (DfE)
Subject: RHI Regs State Aid

Stephen

I have a further query on the State Aid re-notification process. Grateful if DfE could advise to any assurances that could be provided in respect of the re-notification process timeline ie can the Commission provide an assurance that the scheme re-notification will be considered with this 2 month period? If not what is the assessed level of risk of any delay in the EU process as flagged at para 6.23 of the business case, "the new tariffs also involve aid, albeit much reduced, but this will require a fresh notification to the European Commission. This is currently being taken forward urgently and within the timescale planned for the commencement of the new regulations. However, navigation of the EU process cannot and should not be taken for granted".

Many thanks and happy to discuss

Emer