

Andrew McCormick

From: Richard Bullick Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry
Sent: 30 December, 2016 8:50 AM
To: S Hamilton
Cc: John Robinson; Andrew McCormick; David
Subject: Re: RE:

Moving forward I think that everything that can go from the dept should. Releasing stuff from party has not proven to be an unqualified success.

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On 30 Dec 2016, at 08:46, S Hamilton <shamilton@dup.org.uk> wrote:

Yes. Sorry. That should be included.

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On 30 Dec 2016, at 08:45, John Robinson <johnrobinson@dup.org.uk> wrote:

Not sure Andrew's change is reflected in this. May need updated.

"Whilst the flaws in the initial scheme are now well documented, this was not the case in January 2013. Indeed the subsequent reporting of this matter has demonstrated the impact of the tariff and the rate of return are complex and technical issues.

When the then DETI Minister briefed lending institutions in January 2013 about renewable supports, the statement about the non-domestic RHI was entirely consistent with the department's then understanding i.e. that the rate of return was set at a level of 12%.

At that time, the Department had not recognised the much higher rate of return due to a misunderstanding that the tariff was lower than the market price. Indeed, action to encourage uptake was being considered as there was an underspend.

The scheme, as set out in the letter would not have given rise to the problems about cost controls which were later experienced. Unfortunately this was not how