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**From:** Wightman, Stuart  
**Sent:** 20 July 2015 09:47  
**To:** Stewart, Chris (DETI)  
**Cc:** Hughes, Seamus; McIlwrath, Linda; Mills, John (DETI)  
**Subject:** RE: RHI

Chris

I set out the key issues and progress below.

Please ring me if you wish to discuss.

Thanks

Stuart

- (1) **VFM** - we've completed an economic assessment to demonstrate continued value for money for new Non-domestic RHI commitments for the period April – Sep 2015.
- (2) **Proposed Tariff Changes (Oct 2015):**
  - Submission with SPAD/Minister for clearance.
  - Draft Legislation with DSO for scrutiny.
  - Ofgem preparing to make necessary changes to their IT application/payment systems
- (3) **RHI Budget Clarification from DECC** – John sent an email to Sarah Redwood in DECC seeking clarification on how DECC secure and treat AME funding for the GB RHI. We await a reply.
- (4) **Securing additional RHI Budget for 2015/16** – we submitted an increased AME profile for RHI in late May as part of the exercise to inform the July Budget – we await confirmation on this.
- (5) **Supplementary Business Case** – I'm just starting work to draft a Supplementary Business Case which will:
  - Seek retrospective scheme approval for expenditure post April 2015 until when we make tariff changes (hopefully Oct) by demonstrating continued VFM;
  - Seek prospective scheme approval from October onwards for 5 years like the Domestic Scheme (the scheme will definitely closes to new applications on 31 March 2020) including the business case / rationale behind our changes.
  - Seek approval to continue to use Ofgem to administer the scheme
  - Seek approval for a 5 year Non-domestic Expenditure profile based on our current forecasts (although I realise that RHI Budget approval/confirmation from DFP/HMT will need to be sorted out separately).

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**From:** Stewart, Chris (DETI)  
**Sent:** 20 July 2015 09:13  
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Stuart

May I have a brief update on the latest RHI position please.

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