

From: Timothy Johnston [timothyjohnston@dup.org.uk](mailto:timothyjohnston@dup.org.uk)  
Subject: RE: Advice to DETI Minister  
Date: 30 Nov 2016, 23:26:07  
To: Arlene Foster [arlene@arlenefoster.org.uk](mailto:arlene@arlenefoster.org.uk)

will chat to john but yes is my thoughts

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**From:** Arlene Foster [[arlene@arlenefoster.org.uk](mailto:arlene@arlenefoster.org.uk)]  
**Sent:** 30 November 2016 22:22  
**To:** Timothy Johnston  
**Subject:** Re: Advice to DETI Minister

Yes this is helpful. Do we send to Bbc with my letter?

Sent from my iPad

On 30 Nov 2016, at 19:42, Timothy Johnston <[timothyjohnston@dup.org.uk](mailto:timothyjohnston@dup.org.uk)> wrote:

This is helpful in the context of firming up a response to Bbc letter.

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John Robinson | M: Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry

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**From:** McCormick, Andrew (DFE)  
**Sent:** 30 November 2016 18:02  
**To:** John Robinson  
**Cc:** DfE SpAd  
**Subject:** RHI: Advice to DETI Minister

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 To: John Robinson johnrobinson@dup.org.uk  
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