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Fri 09/12/2016 16:09

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The DUP is not privy to the list of those who applied for and are in receipt of monies from the renewable heat incentive, nor would it be appropriate for the DUP or any political party to have access to such information. We are however able to confirm that none of the Special Advisors employed by our Ministers are applicants to the scheme and for the avoidance of doubt are not benefitting in any way from this scheme.

In the interests of transparency Dr Crawford has asked us to inform you that while his family farm is not in receipt of RHI, his brother is a director of a poultry business which successfully applied to the scheme.

Dr Andrew Crawford was Special Advisor in the then Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment during the period 2011 to May 2015. Dr Crawford did not meet the whistleblower nor has he any record of these issues having been raised with him at that time.

**From:** Clive McFarland  
**Sent:** 09 December 2016 09:59  
**To:** Timothy Johnston  
**Subject:** Fwd: Sunday Life

Sent from my iphone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ciaran Barnes <[cbarnes@Sundaylife.co.uk](mailto:cbarnes@Sundaylife.co.uk)>  
**Date:** 9 December 2016 at 09:54:15 GMT  
**To:** "[clivemcfarland@dup.org.uk](mailto:clivemcfarland@dup.org.uk)" <[clivemcfarland@dup.org.uk](mailto:clivemcfarland@dup.org.uk)>  
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My deadline on this is 5pm Clive, I'd appreciate a response before then.

Best wishes,

Ciaran Barnes  
Chief Reporter  
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## Re: Sunday Life

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Fri 09/12/2016 15:35

To:timothyjohnston@dup.org.uk &lt;timothyjohnston@dup.org.uk&gt;;

Tim,

Key points-

The home (family) farm does not receive any receipts from the rhi scheme.

A family member is a sole director in a poultry business which has constructed two new poultry sheds in the spring of 2015 on a site purchased separately from the home farm.

There are two boilers associated with heating the two poultry sheds. A deal was done for the two boilers at the end of May 2015 and they were installed during June/July 2015. The first boiler was first commissioned on the 15 August, the rhi was applied for on the 30th September and accredited on the 21 October. The 2nd boiler was first commissioned on the 16th August, applied for on the 23 September and accredited on the 21 October.

The first crop of chickens went into the houses on the 19th August 2015.

Not sure if I was cc'ed into the paperwork relating to the whistleblower. I don't remember hearing about the correspondence coming into the department or any follow up briefings.

Andrew

Sent from my iPad

> On 9 Dec 2016, at 10:09, Clive McFarland <clivemcfarland@dup.org.uk> wrote:

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