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Since the interview given by Mr Jonathan Bell MLA my name has been liberally reported in connection with the Renewable Heat Incentive. On one level this is not unexpected given my position as a Special Adviser to the then First Minister Rt Hon Peter Robinson and my continued role as Special Adviser to First Minister Arlene Foster MLA from January 2016.

I have already indicated that I did not seek to delay the introduction of cost controls to the RHI scheme in the Summer of 2015, nor did I influence the then Minister, not least because during the period in question in July and August 2015 I was either on leave or working on other issues. The then First Minister Rt Hon Peter Robinson has also indicated that these issues were not brought to him in either his capacity as First Minister or Party Leader.

[In light of the further claims made today suggesting that a senior civil servant in the then Department for Enterprise, Trade and Investment believed that I was influentially involved at that time,] (need to see details of allegations) I very strongly reject such claims. Such a suggestion has never been put to me by any civil servant.

I am also aware of scurrilous rumours in circulation, attempting to damage my reputation and that of my family, suggesting that I and or members of my family are beneficiaries from the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme. I wish to make clear that this is not and never was the case.

In light of the ongoing commentary on all these issues I would remind anyone who is considering making, or transmitting, allegations that they will need to be in possession of evidence to support such claims.

I look forward to giving evidence as soon as possible to any independent investigation established, where based on impartial evidence, I and others will set out the facts and will demonstrate that the allegations made are without any basis in fact.

Until then I will be making no further public comment on these matters.

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