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To: [Cairns, Timothy](#)
Cc: [Stewart, Chris \(DFE\)](#)
Subject: NIRO Closure and RHI
Date: 19 January 2016 13:48:48

Tim,

Am sending up two largish subs today – RHI and NIRO (latter just dependent on responses from DECC/OFGEM on points of detail).

Both processes now both under considerable time pressure given limited time left to enact legislation in this Assembly. Serious consequences will ensue if those pieces of legislation do not proceed.

Realistically, they both need clearance before Minister is away (from Thursday I understand) if they are to proceed.

In both cases, the policy is already cleared – close RHI; Close NIRO for large scale: consult further on small scale. Both submissions concern the process of taking forward (RHI: write to Executive, Committee and issue consultation paper; NIRO: write to Committee, publish response to previous consultation, write back to SofS.)

Grateful if these issues could be prioritised for clearance. Happy to discuss.

From: [McCormick, Andrew \(DFE\)](#)
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Subject: Fw: DESK IMMEDIATE: Submission - Consultation on Closure of the RHI
Date: 19 January 2016 14:46:03
Attachments: [Submission Consultation on Closure of to RHI Schemes - Annex C - Draft Executive Paper.tr5](#)
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[Submission Consultation on Closure of to RHI Schemes - Annex A - Draft Consultation Paper.tr5](#)
[Submission Consultation on Closure of to RHI Schemes - Annex A - Draft Consultation Paper.DOCX](#)
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Importance: High

You know well how pressing this is, and the Accounting Officer issues can only be managed well. (not eliminated as it's too far gone) on the timetable in the attached.

Many thanks.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Mills, John (DETI)
Sent: Tuesday, 19 January 2016 14:09
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Cc: McCormick, Andrew (DETI); Stewart, Chris (DETI); Rooney, Eugene; Cooper, Trevor; Wightman, Stuart; Vaughan, Helen; Robson, Rod; McCrea, Ian; Kerr, Sean; DG_DETI Press Office; DETI Energy Mailbox
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Private Office

Please find attached submission seeking urgent approval to launch public consultation on the RHI schemes. Public consultation must be launched on 20 January 2016 (by cop tomorrow) to enable policies to be finalised, approved and legislation progressed before Assembly rises in March.

A copy of the Consultation paper (Annex A) should accompany the letter to the Chair of the ETI Committee (Annex B).