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Subject: Re: 27-01-16 HCS-018-16 HOCS Memo to Andrew McCormick re RHI
Date: 27 January 2016 18:33:45

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Kind Regards

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Date: 01 February 2016 15:27:52

Andrew etc

Apologies I am only replying now. There appears to be some confusion in that you state in your email of 27th January "...the approval was recalled by the party officers." I assume from this that you are referring to the officers of the Democratic Unionist Party. For absolute clarity and the avoidance of any doubt no such discussions took place at any time regarding RHI or any associated matters with the party officers. Therefore the POs did not recall approval. As a matter of course these types of issues are not brought to the attention of officers.

I also indicated the above to HOCS.

I trust this clarifies any confusion.

Regards

Tim

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