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Dear Edmund

RHI INSPECTION VISITS/AUDITS

Previous correspondence and our recent discussions around this issue refer.

I am writing now to confirm the extra £25k funding for additional site visits/audits as previously discussed and I would ask that arrangements are put in place for these to be carried out this financial year.

Going forward DETI would be keen to progress an external provider to provide for additional audits over and above those conducted by Ofgem. With that in mind it would be helpful if Ofgem could share the audit specification that is used so that we can ensure the same criteria is used for all audits going forward. We will have to consider how we identify which installations to audit and how we share the addresses, etc.

In our last teleconference meeting we mentioned that DETI Internal Audit intended to commence an audit of the non domestic RHI in January 2016. This work is now being brought forward and our Department's Internal Audit Branch will attend our next teleconference meeting now scheduled for 18 December. Our audit team will be interested in the application and accreditation process and what systems and checks are in place to ensure an eligible heat use.

In discussions around future funding for the NI RHI, Treasury officials have already questioned the scale of the spike in demand which effectively seen installation numbers double in the 6 weeks leading up to our legislative changes. We therefore need to try and understand where these applications came from. Could I therefore please ask for Ofgem to complete some analysis of the applications received from 1 August to 17 November

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setting out the geographical location, sector, and heat usage? Alternatively, to ease pressures on your team, if the information can be provided, we can conduct an analysis ourselves.

Thanks again for all your help.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Wightman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

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