

Ade, Rob,

Can you?

Regards

Morag

From: Peter Rice
Sent: 15 May 2012 11:38
To: Morag Drummond
Subject: RE: RHI Auditing - sample sizes

Gee thanks

The last bit I would like to know is the volume to date and the number checked and the number of errors. That way we can come up with the overall solution in terms of what the results so far tell us. I get the feeling it may be something like.....'we are 86% certain that the number of incorrect applications is between 70% and 90% of the total but we can't give any indication of the potential over or underspend this would have resulted in if we hadn't done the audits' [apologies for pulling numbers out of the air].

The more I think about this the more I feel the whole sampling methodology route is just pointless with the level of errors and the inability to estimate the value errors.

As feedback I would also be tempted now to question the use of monetary unit sampling (if we do want to stand behind any sample testing methodology anyway) just because we are not talking about a whole value being wrong verses being right we are talking about errors that would result in an undefined level of incorrect payment if not identified.

The whole thing is a mess and it seems we are trying to bring in a level of sophistication that the results just don't warrant and that would not stand up to informed review.

AAAAAAGGGGGHHHHH!!! My head hurts.

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From: Morag Drummond
Sent: 15 May 2012 08:54
To: Peter Rice
Cc: Ade Obaye; Robert Reid; Jacqueline Balian
Subject: RHI Auditing - sample sizes

Peter,

As discussed yesterday morning, we would be very grateful if you could look over the info on the enclosed email and links below and let us have your thoughts on what we could do to establish a methodology to help us move forward with the RHI audit programme, in particular to allow us to