

Thanks,  
Edmund

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**To:** Edmund Ward  
**Cc:** Wightman, Stuart; McCay, Davina; Sinton, Dan  
**Subject:** RE: NI RHI Carbon Trust and other matters - possible points for an SRO exchange of letters

Edmund

In terms of the data transfer issue I can advise that DETI IT met yesterday, (Wednesday), with the overarching NICS IT Group to further consider the secure file transfer system for which RHI will be a pilot project for DETI. It is looking like it will go ahead but our IT colleagues will require more detail on who will be transferring the data and the types of data involved. In this regard it would be helpful if Ofgem could provide detail on the nature of the data held and also a relevant IT contact within Ofgem who can liaise with DETI IT on the technical detail.

Regarding the timetable for scheme changes it is still early in our internal consideration at this point so there is nothing definitive to advise at this juncture. However, we are fully aware of the need to keep everyone in the loop as the matter is progressed and we certainly be liaising closely with you and your colleagues on the matter over the coming time.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Regards

Seamus

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Seamus, [Stuart, Davina]

Further to my previous, in preparing for any response from Chris to Stuart on the Carbon Trust matter, I just wanted to clarify where we are at a working level on the other matters that Chris and Gareth John previously discussed with John Mills.

Some of this is set out in the wider issue summary below - please do let me know if any of these are not in line with your understanding.

Picking up a couple of specifics:

-on data sharing I wondered if there'd been any update from your IT colleagues on the data transfer protocol?  
-on regulatory/scheme changes, I wondered if your plans were any further advanced with respect to changes to the scheme and if, for example, you are yet considering a timetable over which regulatory change might occur? If so, we'd be happy to discuss the appropriate timescale for the feasibility study Ofgem would expect to conduct.

Thanks again for your input on these matters.

Kind regards,  
Edmund

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### **Budgets**

We have agreed a budget for 2014/15. In line with our agreed approach to review volumes on a quarterly basis, we look forward to providing an update following the recent completion of the first period April-June 2014. [I'm currently checking with colleagues here but I believe there is a timetable for this]

### **Data sharing**

I understand our teams have reached a common view on the practical measures to be put in place to facilitate the secure sharing of data. In line with that, I understand that you will be providing a short note summarising how your data storage and secure transfer system will enable the data to be . Our teams will continue to progress this at a working level.

### **Future changes to the Non-Domestic RHI scheme**

We will be happy to engage on further intended policy changes. We note that, in order to assess the scope of administrative and IT system changes, our normal expectation would be to complete a feasibility study at the stage you have a firm view of policy intentions. This would enable us to provide you with an assessment of costings and operational impacts of the proposal, and to indicate the likely implementation time once arrangements (including funding) were agreed.

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Thanks Seamus for the extra time to comment.

I've now had a chance to discuss this within Ofgem and can confirm that, if you are to send this through in its current form, we will be well placed to consider a constructive response that should enable us to progress this matter.

Kind regards,

Edmund

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Edmund

Thanks for the prompt response. Tomorrow morning will be fine for comment.

Regards

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Seamus,

Thanks for sending this through. I'm unexpectedly out of the office today, but have asked colleagues to provide any comment – I'd hope to get back to you by 10am tomorrow with further comment. However, if you do prefer to send today my initial response would be that this appears to cover the appropriate issues and should enable us to provide a response that would enable us to move forward.

Kind regards,  
Edmund

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Dear Edmund

If was good to have the call last Wednesday which was helpful in getting myself and Stuart up to speed on the issues. Attached please find a draft letter which we would propose to issue to Chris but I wanted to share with you to make sure you are content before doing so. We have kept the draft succinct and focused on the main issue, the other areas can be addressed in due course.

We would hope to issue the letter today if at all possible.

Many thanks

Regards

Seamus

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