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Hi Teri,

Just to confirm that as discussed, I have removed the below line from the case closure report. As mentioned, my concern with this is that it doesn't give the full picture, but legal have confirmed that the subsequent evidence was sufficient to show non-dom status.

Karen- I'll chat to you when you're back on Tuesday as it's fair to say there's been a huge amount of activity!

Thanks, Samantha

From: Samantha Turnbull
Sent: 08 December 2016 08:58
To: Teri Clifton
Cc: Karen Boyle
Subject: ACTION: NI NDRHI Cases For Closure- action from NI Board [OFFICIAL Internal Only]

Hi Teri,

Hope all's well. Michael Knight had kindly provided the below advice, which gives us the nod to share the overview of cases of DfE. To complete the action from the previous board, I wondered if you're happy to share the below wording on the Brimstone case and to provide a line to say that case [REDACTED] is under further review? Also, please let me know what you think about removing the crossed-out line.

[REDACTED]

We received an anonymous external allegation in the form of a letter with no contact details. The informant claimed that a participant had a wood pellet boiler registered for NDRHI which is installed in his shed at the rear of his house. The informant claimed that the reason the party in question is able to gain NDRHI is that they're falsely claiming that the installation is heating an agricultural shed, but that it is a domestic property.

An audit was requested for the site in question. Payments were temporarily put on hold. The auditor could find no evidence of the building described as agricultural workshop/storage being used as a workshop or for animal pens as described in the application. The participant in question was asked to provide further evidence to verify the non-domestic status and has since provided photographs of farm machinery inside his garage, stating that animal pens are only constructed during winter. It has since been determined that this site meets eligibility criteria and ongoing obligations so no further action is required.

Thanks, Sam

From: Michael Knight
Sent: 07 December 2016 17:04
To: Samantha Turnbull; Marcus Porter
Cc: Craig Johnstone
Subject: RE: ACTION: NI NDRHI Cases For Closure- action from NI Board [OFFICIAL Internal Only]

Sam, sorry for the delay in responding to you. The administrative arrangements that are in place between Ofgem and the DfE provide that Ofgem will provide DfE with such information as DfE may reasonably request and which Ofgem may hold in relation to the NI RHI functions that are conferred on it under those arrangements. Those functions include granting accreditation and making payments, and the information requested by the DfE here is relevant to those functions.

In addition, the arrangements provide that on the completion of audits Ofgem will share the outcomes of them with the DfE where they relate to the NI RHI. The summaries below describe audit outcomes that relate to the NI RHI and so are within this description.

My advice is therefore that the disclosure of the summaries would be consistent with the administrative arrangements that are in place between DfE and Ofgem.

My advice is also that once the summaries are disclosed then given recent events we should anticipate that the DfE will press us to take some action in terms of the scheme administration regarding these participants or explain why we are not. If we are not revoking accreditation or withholding payments as a result of the disclosed facts we should therefore be prepared to explain why we are not.

Best wishes Michael.

From: Samantha Turnbull
Sent: 05 December 2016 14:06
To: Marcus Porter; Michael Knight
Cc: Craig Johnstone
Subject: RE: ACTION: NI NDRHI Cases For Closure- action from NI Board [OFFICIAL Internal Only]

Hello,

Yes, we have spoken to Teri and are still keen to get a legal view too, as we have an MOU in place with BEIS for this type of thing, but not with DfE.

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Annotated by RHI Inquiry