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**Cc:** Jacqueline Balian[Jacqueline.Balian@ofgem.gov.uk]; Claudia Cimino[Claudia.Cimino@ofgem.gov.uk]; Marcus Porter[Marcus.Porter@ofgem.gov.uk]  
**From:** Omolade Barker  
**Sent:** 2013-10-09T10:24:01Z  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** RE: NI RHI and the Carbon Trust loan  
**Received:** 2013-10-09T10:24:02Z

Hi,

I am okay for 12.15. My Tel number is

Personal information redacted  
by the RHI Inquiry

Regards

Lade

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**From:** Edmund Ward  
**Sent:** 09 October 2013 09:55  
**To:** Edmund Ward; Omolade Barker; Teri Clifton  
**Cc:** Jacqueline Balian; Claudia Cimino; Marcus Porter  
**Subject:** RE: NI RHI and the Carbon Trust loan

Lade

I understand you are working from home today – would it be possible to arrange a short call to discuss our approach to the NI grants issue?

Would 12:15 be convenient?

Many thanks

Edmund

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**From:** Edmund Ward  
**Sent:** 09 October 2013 09:43  
**To:** Marcus Porter; Omolade Barker  
**Cc:** Teri Clifton; Jacqueline Balian; Claudia Cimino  
**Subject:** FW: NI RHI and the Carbon Trust loan  
**Importance:** High

Marcus, Lade

The below from DETI suggests that our line on grants in NI has been out of line with our legal position.

I think it would be useful to meet to discuss the implications of this – I will see if I can impose on you this morning.

Thanks

Edmund

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**From:** McCutcheon, Joanne [<mailto:Joanne.McCutcheon@detini.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 09 October 2013 09:35  
**To:** Teri Clifton; Edmund Ward  
**Cc:** Hepper, Fiona; Hutchinson, Peter  
**Subject:** FW: NI RHI and the Carbon Trust loan  
**Importance:** High

Edmund/Teri

This is of great concern to me and I will need to speak to Fiona Hepper as to how we move forward as I think this has serious implications for the reputation of the NI RHI and our Department. Members of the public have gone ahead in good faith on the basis of information provided directly from Ofgem and also from ourselves (on the basis of advice Ofgem gave us) and are now considered to be ineligible for the incentive.

You will see I have attached an early draft of our Regs (July 2012).

Our original draft referred only to a grant (same as DECC) but was subsequently changed on legal advice from Ofgem (tracked comments in above document). Ofgem legal was therefore well aware of the issues pertaining to this regulation when they provided advice in January 2013; I'd be grateful if you advise, in the note you are providing, what has changed between January 2013 and now, that has altered the Ofgem position.

Please do NOT place anything in the public arena until I have discussed with Fiona (hopefully later this morning).

Regards

Joanne

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**From:** Hutchinson, Peter  
**Sent:** 08 October 2013 15:52  
**To:** Teri Clifton; [edmund.ward@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:edmund.ward@ofgem.gov.uk)  
**Cc:** McCutcheon, Joanne  
McCutcheon, Joanne on 22.05.2017  
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