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Hi All

Updates from Stuart (not relevant to our decision on this case, but for handling purposes):

- Stephen Brimstone (DUP spad) stepped down a couple of weeks ago to pursue own business interest
- See for example <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/controversial-stormont-aide-stephen-brimstone-quits-92000-post-for-job-in-private-sector-35245598.html>
- DfE suspect whistleblower is UUP – so suspect the PAC already know about this – strong likelihood of this becoming public
- Andrew McCormick's chief concern is on the farm not having a farm number – so 'how can it be eligible for the scheme' – i.e. in my terms – can we support 'agricultural use' if this is broadly 'domestic agricultural use'

I gave an update on the case, and confirmed that we wouldn't expect any ongoing investigation to be closed until we had considered the 'domestic agricultural use' point.

→ Teri suggest we discuss and then review whether this is reflected in any CF recommendations/case summary

A few facts relating to the case below for info.

Edmund

SB RHI appl no update:

- Audit and compliance activity completed
- No grounds to suspend payments at this stage
- Further engagement with other parties (PSNI) but understand this is unlikely to be taken further
- Probably 1-2 weeks before we've received confirmations/reviews and this would cease to be an active investigation

Installation:

32kW boiler

6 August 2016 – installed/commissioned

18 August 2016 – MCS installation certificate

28 August 2016 – submitted

Total payments to date:

£3,178.36 paid for periods up to 27 Aug 2016 [a further payment possible before New Year]

Latest period paid:

28 May-27 Aug

£398.78

6135/70080

8.75% load factor

Batch Actions

1. Batch Action

2.

RHI Number	Mandatory Review of Payment Required?	Adjustment applied?	Payment amount	Period	Account Name	Date periodic data was approved	Currently owned by
S Brimstone's RHI appl no redacted by the RHI Inquiry	NO	NO	932.66	Feb 2016- May 2016	Stephen Brimstone	22/07/2016 03:46	
S Brimstone's RHI appl no redacted by the RHI Inquiry	NO	NO	923.46	Nov 2016	Stephen Brimstone	22/07/2016	