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Hi Jane

Good to talk to you yesterday. As discussed we met with our perm sec and PAC preparation team yesterday afternoon. We are still working our way through our general approach which remains as we discussed yesterday. We don't plan to provide the committee with any documents in advance – they already have the NIAO report which sets out the situation. However at yesterday's initial PAC briefing preparation the Permanent Secretary has specifically asked for:

- (i) Ofgem to urgently provide an opinion on whether the evidence provided for the three specific sites referred by DfE (via the PWC work) is non compliant (or potentially fraudulent) and confirmation of what action / sanctions is being taken – we would need this at the latest for the meeting next Thursday – but if you could provide even an initial indication ahead of the meeting that would be very helpful.
- (ii) An initial Ofgem view on whether the observations / evidence collected by PWC for all the sites visits are in fact 'gaming' or non-compliant and what further action will be being taken by Ofgem at this point ? It would also be useful to understand the prevalence of gaming in GB – we will no doubt be asked for a comparison – and how Ofgem deal with it.
- (iii) Information (numbers / %s) from Ofgem on the actual / potential incidences of fraud that have been identified in the GB scheme for comparison purposes? In addition, how many installations are now on the GB scheme.

It would be very helpful if you could provide us with top line stats on the GB scheme – e.g number of installations, no inspected, % of issues found, number of potential frauds detected in GB etc. The perm sec is keen that we set the context around the allegations relevant to GB in any discussions and particularly in his opening remarks to the committee – so this information is needed urgently as we are preparing his speaking notes.

You mentioned yesterday that Chris Poulton is planning to attend next week as well – I think it would be useful if he could meet separately with our perm sec either before or after next Thursdays session – would the timing allow for that ? We could find half an hour during the meeting slot also if required – could I ask you to check if he would wish to do that and I will ask Andrew's PS to get in contact to sort out a time.

As I said I am between buildings at present – my desk phone is 028 9127 9420 but when I am in dept of economy (which will be Wed-Fri next week) it's best to use my mobile number as I am hot desking – it's Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry. It would be great if you could give me your mobile as I suspect when we get closer to the hearing we might need to check things at short notice.

We have another internal PAC briefing session pencilled in for 22nd September – you might want to give consideration to coming across for that – we can discuss further on Thursday.

Best Regards

Alison

Alison Clydesdale

From: Jane Pierce [mailto:Jane.Pierce@ofgem.gov.uk]

Sent: 07 September 2016 18:19

To: Clydesdale, Alison

Subject: RE: PAC briefing [OFFICIAL]

Hi Alison,

Dial in details below:

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That would be really helpful – I;; send round dial in details later today.
 Thanks.
 Jane

From: Clydesdale, Alison [<mailto:Alison.Clydesdale@education-ni.gov.uk>]
Sent: 07 September 2016 13:18
To: Jane Pierce
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Hi Jane

I'm in meetings today but could do a call in the morning if that suited?

I'm between buildings at present so could we set up a conference call tomorrow - what about 10 am?

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Jane Pierce
Sent: Wednesday, 7 September 2016 09:00
To: Clydesdale, Alison
Cc: Edmund Ward
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Hi Alison,

I hope that you are well. I understand that you are co-ordinating the briefing for the PAC session.

It would be really helpful to have a quick chat, but I don't have your direct phone number.

Very many thanks.

Jane

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