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Hi Clive,

I'm going to call you about this.

Sam

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Good afternoon,

I will call to confirm that this has been received.

I have just received copies of emails between several individuals within the renewables industry in July 2015.

These emails show discussion of the impending cost controls, and, according to these emails, the information came after detailed conversations with DETI officials

The individuals within the renewables industry knew:

- 1) The proposed date of the changes (at that point October);
- 2) The proposal for tiering;
- 3) The proposal for degression;
- 4) The fact that DETI was already overspent on its budget over the last 7-8 months;
- 5) That a grace period was not likely because it would leave the RHI "open to further