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Re: need your views on this

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Sent: 20 December 2016 14:00

To: Irwin, William [william.irwin@mla.niassembly.gov.uk]

Cc: Clive McFarland; Richard Bullick [richardbullick@mla.niassembly.gov.uk]; John Robinson

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Sent from my iPhone

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Looks like the best and only response that can be sent.

They'll write what they're doing to write anyway. It's a wonder there hasn't been a query along with it as to whether any family members etc have a boiler installed.

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Thanks guys

Let me know your collective thoughts before I respond...

Your sincerely,

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